From: Brent Sperry
To: Ben Schmidt; bcc@missoulacounty.us; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Re: 44 Ranch!!! The air out there
Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021 5:29:22 PM

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 10, 2021, at 11:18 AM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:

Ben

Are us residents asking to much of your department? Trucks coming about every 10 minutes and zero dust control.

<image.jpg>

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 9, 2021, at 8:08 AM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> Off to the usual start today.
>
> <image.jpg>
> <image.jpg>
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Sep 8, 2021, at 3:52 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
>>
>> <image.jpg>
>> <image.jpg>
>> <image.jpg>
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Sep 8, 2021, at 1:23 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>
>>> At least fall is almost here and should bring some rain so you won't actually have to ask the contractors to do their job
>>>
>>> <image.jpg>
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>
>>>> On Sep 1, 2021, at 9:57 AM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> <image.jpg>
>>>> <image.jpg>

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 31, 2021, at 12:47 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> How ironic
>
> <image.jpg>
> <image.jpg>
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Aug 25, 2021, at 6:33 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
>>
>> The smoke has cleared but you can’t see through the dust. They are doing the best they can at least that is what us homeowners are constantly told
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Aug 25, 2021, at 6:15 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>
>>> <image.jpg>
>>> <image.jpg>
>>> <image.jpg>
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>
>>>> On Aug 24, 2021, at 11:04 AM, Ben Schmidt

<bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
wrote:

I
was
on
site
yesterday
afternoon
and
this
morning.
I
sent
an
email
to
Tracy
Campbell
asking
how
often
George
Elmer
was
swept
and
I
stated
that
with
all
the
traffic
on
site,
sweeping
frequency
would
need
to
be
increased.
Tracy
has
not
gotten
back
to
me
on
this
this
yet.

Benjamin
Schmidt,
M.S.,
Q.E.P.
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W.
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Phone:
(406)258-
3369
<image002.jpg>

From:
Brent
Sperry
<brentsperry10@gmail.com>
Sent:
Tuesday,
August
24,
2021
9:58
AM
To:
Ben
Schmidt
<bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
Cc:
Sarah
Coefield
<scoefield@missoulacounty.us>
Subject:
Re:
44
Ranch!!!

And
today

George
Elmer

Blvd

<image001.jpg>

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 23, 2021, at 12:35 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> <image.jpg>
> <image.jpg>
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> > On Aug 23, 2021, at 12:14 PM, Brent Sperry <brentsperry10@gmail.com> wrote:
> >
> > Not a drop of water on the ground today, it’s

almost
like
they
could
care
less
but
then
there
are
no
consequences
so
why
bother

Sent
from
my
iPhone

> On
> Aug
> 20,
> 2021,
> at
> 8:31
> AM,
> Ben
> Schmidt
> <bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
> wrote:
>
> Brent,
>
> I
> was
> able
> to
> observe
> the
> site
> on
> 8/16/2021
> between
> 2:55
> and
> 3:28
> pm.
> Two
> out
> of
> three
> water

trucks
were
going,
but
with
the
large
acreage
under
development,
large
amounts
of
dust
were
raised
every
time
the
wind
gusted.
I
talked
with
one
of
the
water
truck
drivers,
when
he
was
heading
out
for
more
water,
and
asked
that
the
travel
lanes
near
the
homes
get
more
water.
When
I
first
arrived
on

site those travel lanes were dry and creating dust whenever a truck drove there. Before I left the travel lanes near the homes had been watered, but the wind was clearly raising dust from the entire work site.

The Air Pollution Control Program Rules states that a source must apply all reasonable precautions to

prevent
fugitive
particulate.
What
this
means
is
open
for
interpretation
to
a
degree.
Based
on
precedent,
the
Department
can
require
the
site
to
have
water
trucks
going
where
traffic
is
on
site
and
to
clean
the
access
roads
at
regular
intervals.
With
the
wind
that
was
present
on
8/16/21,
I
cannot
think
of
any
reasonable

measures
that
would
have
stopped
fugitive
dust
emissions.

J&J
construction
has
started
to
water
their
digging
piles
better,
which
does
appear
to
have
reduced
dust
emissions
from
that
operation.
I
will
continue
to
monitor
the
site
and
let
the
contractors
know
that
I
plan
to
continue
to
stop
by.

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From:
Brent
Sperry
<brentsperry10@gmail.com>
Sent:
Tuesday,
August
17,
2021
5:28
PM
To:
Ben
Schmidt
<bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
Subject:
Re:
44
Ranch!!!

Will
they
have
to
do
anything
to
mitigate
the
dust?
Do
the
residents
just

need
to
deal
with
it
every
time
the
wind
kicks
up.
I
have
also
contacted
the
State
to
see
if
they
have
any
suggestions

This
is
what
my
property
looks
like
constantly,
these
were
just
washed
yesterday

<image001.jpg>
Sent
from
my
iPhone

On
Aug
16,
2021,
at
11:19
AM,
Ben

Schmidt
<bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
wrote:

Will
visit
them
again
this
afternoon.

From:
Brent
Sperry
<brentsperry10@gmail.com>
Sent:
Monday,
August
16,
2021
11:08
AM
To:
Ben
Schmidt
<bschmidt@missoulacounty.us>
Subject:
Re:
44
Ranch!!!

Doing
the
best
they
can

The
water
truck
must
be
broke
down
again

<image001.jpg>
Sent
from
my
iPhone

On Jul 30, 2021, at 8:19 AM, Ben Schmidt <bschmidt@missoulacounty.us> wrote:

Copied below is last weeks update on this and was there again on 7/27/2021

*******,

I visited the site today (7/23/2021) between 12:35 and 1:00 pm and the interior roads were watered at the time I was there. I

did
note
some
traffic
did
go
off
the
watered
road.
At
1:00
pm
the
operation
appeared
to
be
shutting
down
for
a
time
or
for
the
day.

I
called
Jake
with
J&J
Excavating
to
discuss
the
dust
complaints
and
asked
him
to
keep
most
traffic
on
the
watered
paths.
They
are
required
to
take

reasonable
measures
to
control
dust
and
keeping
most
traffic
to
a
watered
“interior
road”
is
a
reasonable
measure
that
the
contractors
can
do.
There
will
always
be
some
dust
emissions
when
the
front
loader
digs
or
dumps
soil
into
the
dump
trucks
or
when
a
bulldozer
is
in
operation.
I
also
told
Jake
that
George

Elmer
Drive
needs
to
be
swept
clean
again.

I
called
Doug
Smith
Grading
about
the
dust
complaint
from
yesterday.
Gold
Peak
Excavating
on
site
is
subcontracted
through
Doug
Smith
and
so
Doug
Smith
is
the
responsible
party
for
Gold
Peak's
work
on
site.
The
white
pickup
traffic
is
the
responsibility
of
Doug
Smith.
Doug

Smith
stated
that
they
were
on
site
Thursday,
July
22,
2021,
and
that
they
did
not
use
their
water
truck.
I
told
Doug
that
if
he
has
traffic
on
site,
he
needs
to
use
the
water
truck
before
other
operations/traffic
start.
Doug
Smith
stated
that
he
would
do
better
with
the
water
truck
in
the

future.

I
will
continue
to
stop
by
this
site
when
I
get
a
chance.
If
mornings
tend
to
be
worse,
I
will
not
be
available
for
a
morning
visit
till
Wednesday.
I
should
have
time
on
Monday
and
Tuesday
afternoon
to
visit
the
site
if
you
or
someone
else
sees
traffic
occurring
on
dry

dirt.

I
believe
Tracy
Campbell,
Regulatory
Compliance
Manager
with
the
city,
has
also
talked
to
the
contractors
on
site.
I
will
see
if
I
can
get
any
other
information
from
her.

Sincerely,

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<image008.jpg>

Subject:
44
Ranch!!!

Ben-

My
wife
and
neighbors
have
sent
you
several
complaints
regarding
the
new
construction
project
north
of
our
homes.

Today
I
got
home
from
work
at
~4:45.
Please
see
attached
pictures.
As
I
hear
you
are
the
health
department
contact.

Would
you
enjoy
the

dust
created
here
today
and
everyday
coming
into
your
house
and
blanketing
everting
with
the
dust
created
on
this
project?

This
is
becoming
an
out
of
control
project
that
is
governed
by
no
one.

After
the
pictures
taken
they
pulled
out
the
water
trucks.
Not
sufficient
or
respected.
I
know
from
my
wife's

emails
that
you
have
come
back
in
a
very
aggressive
manner.

I
don’t
want
this
to
become
a
battle.
I
/
we
in
our
neighborhood
want
this
issue
resolved
at
once.

We
own
and
live
here.
Maybe
it
would
be
a
wise
choice
to
fine
and
have
Tollefson
Construction
pay
to
have
all

our
houses
cleaned
every
week
due
to
their
incompetence
to
care
about
the
effects
their
construction
is
doing
to
the
people
who
live
here
and
at
Flynn
Ranch.
It
is
getting
ridiculous.

I
know
the
city
could
care
less
due
to
the
money
they
are
making
and
will
make
for
years
to
come.

But,
as
an
individual
that
is
within
the
health
department,
that
is
in
a
position
to
care
about
the
health
of
all
the
citizens
of
Missoula
I
believe
this
issue
needs
to
be
addressed
by
you.

Please
feel
free
to
call
or
email
me
at
your
discretion.

I
am
always
available
to
discuss

this
continuous
issue.
Seems
that
no
one
truly
cares
about
the
people
who
live
in
our,
once
peaceful
community
Messages
and
attachments
sent
to
or
from
this
e-
mail
account
may
be
considered
public
or
private
records
depending
on
the
message
content.
Unless
otherwise
exempted
from
the
public
records
law,
senders
and
receivers
of
County

email
should
presume
that
the
emails
are
subject
to
release
upon
request.
This
message
is
intended
for
the
use
of
the
individual
or
entity
named
above.
If
you
are
not
the
intended
recipient
of
this
transmission,
please
notify
the
sender
immediately,
do
not
forward
the
message
to
anyone,
and
delete
all
copies.