
Date: September 21st, 2021

To: Kris Blank Operations Coordinator (Missoula County)

From: Ray Trudel, Cygnet Lake Homeowner

Subject: Dust Abatement for Lindbergh/Cygnet Lake Access Road

This letter is in response to Missoula County dust abatement 2021 decision to not apply dust control measures on the Lindbergh/Cygnet Lake Access Road. Missoula County's decision resulted in the extra burden for the property owners as they were required to pay to for dust abatement for the 2021 season. As a homeowner at Cygnet Lake, I can appreciate the budgetary constraints that Missoula County operates within but, I'm requesting that the county revisit its dust abatement priority list for 2022 to ensure that the Lindbergh/Cygnet Lake Road is on the list for dust abatement.

Missoula County members are aware that the Lindbergh/Cygnet Lake area has experienced tremendous growth over the last five years and coupled with the increased recreational activities from people visiting the area. The Lindbergh/Cygnet Access Road has seen a dramatic increase in traffic flow during the summer months. This increased traffic flow has created an excessive amount of airborne particulate matter (fugitive dust) that is negatively impacting the living environment of the residents.

Currently, the Administrative Rules of the State of Montana under the Department of Environmental Quality in the Subchapter Emissions Standards under the Rule of 17.8.308 describes Particulate Matter Airborne as the following: *No person shall cause or authorize the production, handling, transportation, or storage of any material unless reasonable precautions to control emissions of airborne particulate matter are taken. Such emissions of airborne particulate matter from any stationary source shall exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes.*

The course of action listed in Rule 17.8.308 for airborne particulate matter associated with roadways is as follows: *No person shall cause or authorize the use of any street, road, or parking lot without taking reasonable precautions to control emissions of airborne particulate matter.*

The attached photograph clearly highlights that if an opacity reading on the Lindbergh/Cygnet Access Road was collected the reading would most likely indicate remedial actions are necessary in-order to comply with Rule 17.8.308.



This is a picture of nothing but dust
on the county road.
Sorry I couldn't reproduce it.

I strongly encourage Missoula County officials to review the 2022 Dust Abatement budget and ensure that funding is available to address airborne particulate matter associated with the Lindbergh/Cygnets Lake Access Road on an annual basis.

Regards

Ray Trudel (Cygnets Lake Homeowner)

c.c. Montana Department of Environmental Quality
