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**RE: Dust Abatement for Lindbergh Lake County Road.**

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Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 12:32 PM

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Good afternoon Mr. Cory.

I'd have to defer to our Road Maintenance Supervisors on the condition of the road and whether or not that would make it a consideration for including it with our program. However, based on previous requests from residents to include Lindbergh Lake Road and a few other roads in the Condon area in our program, they've never risen to the point of consideration based on maintenance prevention. And, please keep in mind that we get this same request from residents in about every area of the county for the same reason about road conditions. These are gravel roads in rural areas, and we sometimes have to accept that we cannot keep them in the best condition year-round.

The roads that we treat now county-wide are what we've determined to be our bare minimum need since we started our program in 2005. Our budget has fluctuated from about \$80,000 that first year to a high of nearly \$280,000 in 2011-2013. Through those years of varying budget, the cost per mile has gone from about \$2,500 to an estimated \$4,600 this year. With all other material prices and overhead costs similarly rising every year, our budget has been relatively stagnant, so we make tough choices about which maintenance activities we cut back to a base level, and our dust abatement program is one of them. We've purchased equipment to make our program as efficient as possible and have cut application rates to minimize our annual budget. The \$140,000 target this year is about as low as we can go and cannot not absorb another \$16,000 to add a new road.

As far as the idea of alternating which roads get treated each year, we've tried that before and it doesn't work well. Even with roads that we've treated annually for several years and expect good performance from residual effects if we skip a year, they didn't perform as well as hoped. We'd essentially have to stop treating an equivalent 3.6 miles elsewhere to get several years of residual material established in Lindbergh Lake Road before we could consider an alternating schedule. At that point we'd be going backward in the condition of those other roads and would have to catch up in the future by skipping more than a year on Lindbergh Lake Road. That would just turn into a poor performance cycle for all roads considered, so we choose to annually treat the base list that we've established over nearly 20 years of experience.

I realize this isn't the answer you'd like to see, but it's the reality of our situation. Please feel free to send us any future questions or requests.


Erik

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**Sent:** Monday, April 8, 2024 11:18 AM

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**Subject:** FW: Dust Abatement for Lindbergh Lake County Road.

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**From:** Bill Cory <[billcory@gmail.com](mailto:billcory@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 6, 2024 12:57 PM  
**To:** Shane Stack <[sstack@missoulacounty.us](mailto:sstack@missoulacounty.us)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Dust Abatement for Lindbergh Lake County Road.

Could you forward this to Kris Blank and any other interested parties. Thanks

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**From:** Bill Cory <[billcory@gmail.com](mailto:billcory@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 29, 2024 at 8:53 AM  
**Subject:** Dust Abatement for Lindbergh Lake County Road.  
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March 29th, 2024

Kris this is in regards to the meeting concerning Dust Abatement on Access Road 71 Lindbergh Lake RD.

[Jan 4th 2023 Missoula County Meeting concerning dust abatement](#)

With summer fast approaching, I would like to bring to your attention the following;

- 1) The logging activity above the lake is raising havoc on Road 71
- 2) With only a budget to do 40 miles of the 80 mile you used to do which included Access Road 71, would it be possible to make it fair and **alternate** between doing 40 miles one year and doing the other 40 miles the next year. Or does the 40 miles you select always get the dust abatement therefore never allowing Access Rd 71 to get dust abatement?
- 3) Last Spring and Summer, it was halfway through the summer before the Access RD 71 road was graded. We have at least three first responders whereby the response time is dramatically reduced, due to the poor condition of Access Road 71. Many of the 911 calls come from incidents on Hwy. 83 such auto crashes, deer hits etc. This is concern for those needing emergency services, and first responders that have to deal with the poor condition of 71. Also the ambulance and fire trucks will have much difficulty negotiating the many potholes and ruts, not to mention the dust on 71. 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.