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2016 Missoula County Dust Abatement Program Underway

The Missoula County Public Works department invites the public to participate in its 2016 dust abatement program. This shared-use program has grown significantly since its inception in 2007.

The County works to supplement its own program with resident participation wherever possible. In order to achieve that goal, Missoula County allows residents to purchase dust palliative by adding their quantities to the County's annual purchase that is advertised for bids. Residents are only responsible for the palliative material costs attributable to their individual application. There is not a separate charge for the application or for the preparation that is completed by the County.

"The County's dust abatement program is our most effective maintenance activity," County Engineer, Erik Dickson said. "With a materials budget of \$180,000 and a two week window, we can prevent 75 percent of the maintenance needs on the County's gravel roads."

To be included in the shared program, residents must submit a letter of commitment to the Public Works department by March 18 and have paid for the material by May 20, 2016.

Application of the palliative is scheduled to start on June 6 and is estimated to be completed within two weeks, dependent on weather conditions and contractor availability.

For more information about the dust abatement program, as well as all associated forms, please refer to the Public Works' website: www.missoulacounty.us/dustabatement. Interested residents can also call 258-3710 or visit the Public Works offices, located at 6089 Training Drive near mile marker 2 on West Broadway.

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The mission of the Missoula County Department of Public Works is to serve the residents of the County in the areas of engineering and surveying services, road and bridge construction and maintenance, water and wastewater facilities construction and maintenance, mapping, and Rural Special Improvement District (RSID) creation.