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BCC 2025-194
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Kirk Mace
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Re: Proposed gravel pit at 14815 Highway 200

Dear Mr. Mace,

At this time, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners has requested that staff place a hold on issuing the land use/zoning compliance permit you have requested for the proposed gravel pit operation at 14815 Hwy. 200 near Bonner.

We've heard numerous concerns from constituents regarding the unique and pristine nature of the Blackfoot River and potential impacts the proposed operation could have on the area. While the state Department of Environmental Quality will ultimately approve or deny the operation, Missoula County is responsible for issuing the land use/zoning compliance permit you applied for and will need to provide zoning compliance review as part of the DEQ application.

Given the strong public sentiment and limited amount of specificity required as part of the standard application for the land use/zoning compliance permit, the Commission is requesting you provide additional information before we direct staff to resume processing the permit. We kindly ask you to respond to the following inquiries:

1. Please identify the specific location on the property where materials will be extracted and describe the size and scale of the operation, including the asphalt plant.
2. Please outline the mitigation efforts that will be implemented to protect the Blackfoot River from runoff originating from the facility, as well as other efforts to avoid adverse impacts to the surrounding environment.
3. Please describe the mitigation efforts that will be put in place to protect nearby public and private properties from the visual and auditory impacts of the

operation.

4. Please indicate whether this site is intended for year-round use or limited to specific times of the year.
5. Please describe the volume of traffic you expect related to the operation and potential mitigation of traffic impacts.
6. Given the considerable public interest in this project, please provide information about your current or planned outreach and engagement efforts with the community.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this and look forward to you providing your detailed response by Monday, Dec. 29.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Juanita Vero, Chair

Josh Slotnick, Commissioner

David Strohmaier, Commissioner

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