



Gravel pits  
County Commission

## GALLATIN COUNTY

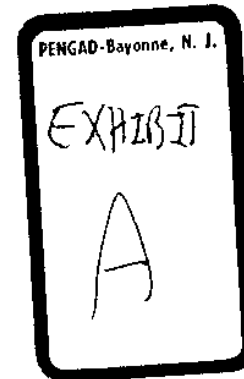
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To Whom It May Concern:

We have received concern from neighbors regarding various Sand & Gravel Pit Operation applications that are in review at DEQ. The Commission does not hear the requests, nor grant or deny approval of gravel operations, unless the operation is to be performed inside a county-enforced zoning district.

We have responded to these concerned citizens to inform them of this, but would also like to request of you that hearings regarding property in Gallatin County be held in Gallatin County. We have requested this previously for certain applications, but would now like to ask that all applications for land in Gallatin County be held here. We are willing to do what it takes to accommodate a hearing at the Courthouse, or another location.

The Commission would also like to submit the following recommendations to mitigate traffic, dust and noise issues:

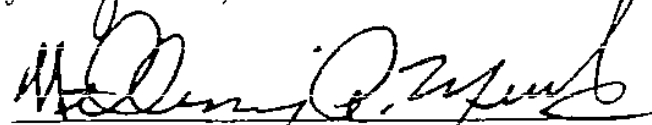
- Hours of operation shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No operations shall be conducted on Sundays. All equipment shall be shut down and all activities shall be ended by 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday;
- Access to the gravel pit shall be limited to the existing access road;
- If access road is a gravel road, all means necessary must be taken to minimize dust production;
- Semi-trucks and gravel trucks shall limit their speed to 35 mph when access road(s) is dry;
- No over night residential use, camping, or evidence thereof, shall take place on the site;
- The Applicant must repair any damage incurred to County Roads.


Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please contact our office if you have any questions or comments, at 406-582-3000.

Sincerely,

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION

  
Joe P. Skinner, Chairman

  
William A. Murdock, Member

  
R. Stephen White, Member