

Commissioners briefed on dust-mitigation efforts; 'dust deputy' diligent

Posted Feb. 5, 2009—Flathead County officials briefed county commissioners Jan. 26 “about last year’s efforts and this year’s plans to deal with vehicles churning up dust on the Flathead’s gravel roads,” reports John Stang in the **Jan. 27 Daily Inter Lake**.

In January 2008, Stang reports, the county averted a \$28,000 fine by implementing a dust-abatement program in the county. The program included hiring a half-time “dust deputy” to patrol some 700 miles of unpaved roads in the county.

“That deputy issued 322 tickets and 250 warnings—usually for speeding—to drivers of dust-raising vehicles in 2008,” writes Stang. The North Fork Road was included in his patrolling duties.