

From: Maureen Fisher [mailto:mdf_@linctel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 1:51 PM
To: FS-comments-northern-helena
Subject: "Mike Horse"

Dear Kathy,

Following are letters that I had written previously to Brian Sholder, Bill Frisbee of the Lincoln Community Council, and previous letters written about my concerns to other Repository groups.

I pray that you all take our very real concerns and protect all of us from this near-sighted and environmentally negative solution to a positive outcome.

Sincerely,
Maureen Fisher

Dear Brian,

My name is Maureen "Enie" Fisher, I am Rollie Fisher's widow. Rollie was Chairman of the Community Council since its inception and until his health began to fail. He worked tirelessly for many years to get some help in understanding the necessity of properly cleaning up the old Mike Horse Mine. He was very upset when a proposal was brought up about the area behind Louie and Trudy Bouma land up on Horsefly. I don't believe that Rollie ever thought that **they** could possibly come up with a plan to place the damaging waste in the front yards of our neighbors and our property.

We are as close to Section 35 as Mike Grimes and nearer to Whiskey Creek than anyone, it runs through our property. This whole mess is a disgrace to the State of Montana, its taxpayers, friends and neighbors. How could anyone in their right mind ever think that moving toxic waste from one site to another would solve a problem? The logic behind all of this is frightful to say the least!

Rollie's parents purchased this property in the late 30's and have dealt with the Mike Horse complex since the beginning. An old neighbor whom has since passed, lived across Willow Creek from us and was an engineer for the Mike Horse. He was devastated when things began failing at the mine.

My thoughts have always been that in order to save repositioning the waste, why not implode the old mine and put it all back whence it came from. This would save tons of money and contain the waste to where it belongs in the first place.

Knowing that there is unexploded dynamite in the miles and miles of tunnels that is still lying there, what danger is that putting all of us in that live here and the entire Blackfoot Valley? I wish that I could financially help to take on all of this.

We need to end this unnecessary destruction, devaluation of our property, the worry, stress on our minds and bodies and what is to occur for the future of this entire beautiful Valley.

Thank you for allowing me the time to vent on you and to thank you for writing the column for the paper and the letters to the Governor and his fellow associates. I did not attend the meetings as I am still having a hard time trying to voice my opinions as Rollie would have done. Hope that I am not out of line with

the thoughts of the community. I knew that there is no way to express my opinion as no one listens to any discussion and never allows any answers of satisfaction.

Please keep me in the picture for any further upcoming thoughts, questions and or answers.

Sincerely,
Maureen Fisher

Bill,

Rest assured that I will do everything in my power to attend this meeting. Not so sure that I could or should voice my opinion! Don't think that anyone really gives a d.... About what I think. I have stated my views and believe that **we are all** being mislead and nothing that we say or do will change the outcome.

I appreciated the letter written by Logan McInnis, he has grown up before my eyes and has become a very well informed and educated young man. Wish that we had more like him to give us the young persons views and information. It is Logan's and our other young residents that will have to live with the decisions that will be made. Their futures and their children and grandchildren lives depend on all of us to do the conscientious and congruent abilities that is within our power.

Thank you for allowing me to vent,

Maureen Fisher

To Whom it May Concern;

My name is Maureen Fisher and I live on Flesher Pass also known as

Highway 279 near mile post 37, Lincoln, MT. I live approximately 1/2 mile from the proposed repository site off of hwy 279. My family and my husbands family have been residents of this property since 1948. We have seen it all!! Please leave us with some dignity and purpose of a future for us and the generations that follow.

Even though I am now a senior citizen and a widow with very limited financial means. I am very concerned about the prospect of removing the tailings from the Mike Horse and transporting them to a site near my front yard. Not only will it hurt all of the residents financially by having the value of our property diminished, but also harming the environment. To me this is a great injustice to all of the residents and all of the folks that have enjoyed our beautiful countryside, now and for the future. This will become another source of neglect, an eyesore for all who travel through, and disturbing of a pristine wild land for the Golden and American Eagles, Moose, Elk, Deer, Bear, and numerous other wildlife. Disturbing these mine tailings has caused a great deal of trauma to the waters of not only the Blackfoot River, but of all the little tributaries leading into it. I realize that mining is the largest part of our history and wealth of our great State of Montana. We have done a very poor job of taking care of and protecting what we already have in place. I feel that it is time to take a look at our misgivings and pray that we can come up with better solutions to old problems.

The Mike Horse has long been a detriment to the Blackfoot Valley and everything down stream from it. Why can't we just leave it from hense it came? There are many, many miles of tunnels that are a potential hazard to all who live within any area of the Blackfoot River. Why not implode these miles and miles of tunnels of the old mine and place all of the tailings back to where it came from in the first place? We already are living with the old dump site and much of Montana's future has been spent financially on trying to fix something that cannot be fixed by just moving it somewhere else!!!!

Enough said..... And my opinion for What it is Worth!! Please Pray that what we do from here on is acceptable for the betterment of the future.

Sincerely,

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