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Department of Ecology
RE: Mosquito Control

I write to support Grant County getting a permit to continue the spraying of Adult Mosquitoes. We live at the south end of O'Sullivan Dam Reservoir, we bought like most here for the outdoor life; fishing, hunting and bird watching. Many full and part-time residence along with thousands of people that come for recreation during the warmer months also water ski, take advantage of local water sport rentals and have there own personal water craft.

This way of life is only possible if the mosquitoes are sprayed on schedule, even then we have times when mosquitoes make it a little miserable to be out gardening or out on the lake.

With ponds in the proposed Golf Course now and delays on progress of this development along with all the small ponds, marshes and other stagnant water in the immediate area, there will be no other control then the spraying of the Grant County mosquito control district in which we so heavily count on for a habitable quality of life.

We in Grant County regularly have horses down with Encephalitis and cases of West Nile Virus have been reported.

It seems better to me to have the Mosquito Control of Grant County spray a safe product for humans and animals to eliminate Adult Mosquitoes, then to have 150 or more people spraying their yards with something that might not be as safe for humans, pets, wild birds and ground water. And after spraying having it not be effective as mosquitoes can travel up to 15 miles and other methods of larvae elimination are only 90% effective which leaves thousands of Adult Mosquitoes to travel to the nearest population of people for nourishment.

A Grant County Permit seems the best way in my opinion to control this problem.

Sincerely,
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