



Verbal comments delivered at special Town Council workshop on anti-idling, March 15, 2010.

Becky Tillson, Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

We wanted to join other members of the community in supporting an enforceable idle-free ordinance for the Town of Jackson, to be coupled with a comprehensive, ongoing education and outreach campaign. While education is a vital component of a successful idle-free program, it alone is less likely to achieve the overall goal.

The arguments against idling are numerous and well established, so I will not go into them here. [They range from community and environmental health to quality of life, particularly for children and the elderly, and emissions of unnecessary toxic pollutants into the air.]

It is important to recognize that as our community continues to grow in numbers, there will only be more and more cars. Our community's commitment to reducing emissions from cars is evident in our public transit system, from the hybrid busses to the goals of a higher public transit capture rate. To be successful, we will need to work at this goal from all sides, which includes an idle-free ordinance.

As the details get hammered out moving forward, we would just ask that you seriously consider creating an enforceable idle-free program in our community.

Thanks so much.