
ORCHARD MESA DETENTION POND PROJECT AT MESA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

What's the dirt at **Mesa County Fairgrounds**? . . . at least 61,000 tons or 35,555 cubic yards of dirt!!!

The Mesa County Public Works department was awarded a FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant to construct the Orchard Mesa Detention Pond flood control project at Mesa County Fairgrounds. The detention pond is being constructed on the north portion of the fairgrounds facility. The detention pond will function as a park including wetlands and the open turf area is designed to retain water during large storm events. The detention pond is designed to collect the flood water traveling parallel to US Highway 50, reducing the flooding impacts downstream and across US Highway 50. The project has received HMGP grant funding along with associated State and local funding.



The construction project is eye catching due to the huge amount of dirt being transferred to the south side of the property. With the movement of the dirt, there is traffic activity on the property relocating the mounds and mounds of earth from north side of complex to the south side of the complex.

The construction of the Veterans Memorial Orchard Mesa Detention Pond at Mesa County Fairgrounds is in progress with the construction in full swing. The pertinent features of this project include the construction of 30.2 acre-foot detention pond with associated wetland improvements, drainage pipe,

permanent erosion control, landscaping and irrigation, pedestrian pathway as well as site amenities. The landscaping component of the park (grass seed & shrub planting) will be completed in the spring/summer of 2018. The use of the green areas will not be in full swing until the turf is established, which likely will be late 2018 or early 2019.

Originally there were plans in the bid process for the completion of the four lane Parkway road through the facility, but due to the economic climate, the funds were diverted from this project to support other projects. Currently, the Facilities Director is working with Mesa County Road & Bridge to bid out a scaled down version to complete the four lane road with no landscaping, lighting, irrigation, etc. We hope this project will be approved and work completed yet this winter to be open for public use sometime this Spring 2018.

So no matter how you say it--alluvium, dust, gravel, sediment, soil, or mud-- it is a "dirt"y job and we are happy to do it. Watch the project as it unfolds towards the completion of the Orchard Mesa Detention Pond/Park Project at Mesa County Fairgrounds in 2018.