

Western Wisconsin is in the midst of a land rush — call it a sand rush — fueled by exploding nationwide demand for fine silica sand used in hydraulic fracturing. And as more and more people learn what it is that frac sand mining is.....more concerns are coming out. One is the impact on county roads after tons of the wanted sand are hauled away from mining sites. In Monroe County, Highway Commissioner, Jack Dittmar, says they are used to it.

One active site near Oakdale in Monroe County, owned by FracTech Services of Brady, Texas, has had some county roads tear apart already. Dittmar says that company has already paid for the road damages and has agreed to pay all damage in the future.