



**September 21, 2009**

Whitehall Ledger, Helena Independent Record, Butte Standard, Missoula Missoulian, Billings Gazette and Great Falls Tribune:

**RE: Submittal of an Application for an Amendment (East Buttress Extension) to Golden Sunlight Mine Operating Permit 00065 in Jefferson County to the Existing Mine Plan**

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper each week for three weeks:

#### Legal Notice

Golden Sunlight Mine, Inc. (GSM) has submitted an application for an amendment to Operating Permit 00065 to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). GSM's mining operation is located in Jefferson County approximately 5 miles northeast of Whitehall, MT in Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 33 of Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Section 6 in Township 1 North, Range 3 West and Sections 24, and 24 in Township 2 North, Range 4 West.

GSM submitted an application for an amendment to the permit (East Buttress Extension) on September 10, 2009. The proposed amendment would increase the permitted disturbance boundary, reconfigure the East Buttress Dump to enhance stability, add an East Buttress Extension buffer zone, a borrow pit buffer zone, an East Buttress Extension access route, and a 5B Optimized Pit East Dump Buffer zone. The permitted disturbance would increase from 3008.4 acres to 3091.7 acres.

After additional geotechnical review of the permitted Buttress Dump, it was determined that a different configuration could significantly increase the stability provided by the East Buttress Dump to the Sunlight Block ground movement. The reconfiguration would be changed by adding 31 acres located directly east of the currently permitted 200 acre site. However, the total disturbance acreage would actually be reduced from 200 acres to 144 acres. This would be due to an overall increase in the height of the Buttress Dump.

This amendment to the permit will be reviewed by DEQ and the Bureau of Land Management. Copies of the amendment can be viewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Helena, MT.

For information on the proposed amendment, contact:

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To expedite payment, please send your invoice, original tear sheet, and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the address above to the attention of Sue Fairchild. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc # 50310.36. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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