



September 15, 2008

**Newspapers: Livingston Enterprise, Bozeman Daily Chronicle,
Montana Pioneer**

**RE: Notice of Issuance of an Operating Permit to Jesson Rock-N-Ranch
for Landscaping and Masonry Rock in Park County**

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your Sunday edition, September 21, 2008.

Legal Notice

Notice of Approval of an Operating Permit to Jesson Rock-N-Ranch for collecting rock for landscaping and masonry purposes in Park County.

Jesson Rock-N-Ranch, located at 1066 Highway 10W, Livingston, MT 59047 filed an application for an Operating Permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena on November 1, 2007. Jesson Rock-N-Ranch will use a front end loader to pick up rock and boulders for landscaping and possible masonry purposes. The site will be on private land in Sections 30, Township 2 South, Range 9 East. The site is located about 8 miles west of Livingston, MT.

Jesson Rock-N-Ranch sought approval of its application for a 200 total acre permit area. The 200 acres would potentially be disturbed. Ground disturbance would normally be less than one foot in depth. Jesson Rock-N-Ranch has posted a bond in the amount of \$13,690 to ensure reclamation is completed.

The operation has been reviewed for compliance under a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) for a General Quarry Operating Permit published by the DEQ in February 2004. DEQ has determined that this operation falls under the requirements listed in the SPEA except that the area of disturbance cannot be kept under five acres. Therefore, a supplemental draft environmental assessment was required. A checklist draft and final environmental assessment has been completed. If Jesson Rock-N-Ranch develops additional lease agreements on other sites in the future, they would have to apply for an amendment or revision to the operating permit.

Copies of the operating and reclamation plan can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT.

For information on the project 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 **Laura Turner**. Please indicate that the bill applies to # **EMB 5039-0057**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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