



**November 5, 2007**

Newspapers: Livingston Enterprise, Montana Pioneer

**RE: Notice of Application for an Operating Permit and for a Rock Picking Site in Park County**

Dear Editor:

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

Legal Notice

Application for Rock Picking Site in Park County

Jesson Rock-N-Ranch, located at 1066 Highway 10W, Livingston, MT 59047 filed an application on November 1, 2007 for an Operating Permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena. Jesson Rock-N-Ranch would use a front end loader to pick up rock and boulders for landscaping and possible masonry purposes. The site would 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 seeks 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. If a permit is approved, Jesson Rock-N-Ranch would post a bond to ensure reclamation is completed.

The proposed 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 does not meet the requirements listed in the SPEA since there would be more than five acres disturbed and unreclaimed at any one time. Jesson Rock-N-Ranch cannot receive an operating permit until additional environmental analysis is completed. An operating permit may be issued once the application is complete, an environmental analysis is performed, and the reclamation bond has been posted to ensure reclamation after completion of the rock collecting activities. If Jesson Rock-N-Ranch wants to expand onto other areas in the future, they would have to apply for an amendment or revision to the operating permit.

Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT. Please submit comments or questions on the proposal by November 30, 2007. For information on the project and to submit comments on the proposal, contact:

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To expedite payment, please send your ***invoice, 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 EMB 5038 039. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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