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Newspapers: Kalispell: *Daily Interlake*, Missoula: *Missoulian*, Butte: *Montana Standard*, Great Falls: *Great Falls Tribune*, Helena: *Independent Record*, Thompson Falls: *Sanders County Ledger*

**RE: Legal Notice for an Amendment to the Plum Creek Timberlands, LP
Operating Permit 00167 for Adding Acreage to Two Sites**

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the next legal publication section of your newspaper for three consecutive weeks, preferably the Sunday edition:

Legal Notice

Plum Creek Timberlands, LP (Plum Creek) has obtained Operating Permit 00167 from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to operate 90 rock quarries located in northwestern Montana. Plum Creek has submitted an amendment to the permit to increase the permitted acreage for two of the existing quarry sites. The two sites are known as the Poker Hill and the Lower Twin Rock sites.

The Poker Hill site is located in Sections 4, 9, & 10, Township 28 North, Range 30 West, and is about 15 miles south of Libby in Lincoln County off Highway 2. The permit area would be increased from 16 acres to 123 acres. The area to be disturbed would be increased from 10 acres to 38 acres over a twenty year period.

The Lower Twin Rock site is located in Sections 4 & 9, Township 26 North, Range 26 West, and is about 36 miles west of Kalispell in Flathead County off Highway 2. The permit area would be increased from 48 acres to 154 acres. The area to be disturbed would be increased from 12 acres to 36 acres over a twenty year period.

The total permitted acreage for Plum Creek would be increased from 13,944 acres to 14,157 acres. The total acreage permitted for disturbance under the operating permit would be increased from 3,523 acres to 3,575 acres. Approximately 272 acres have been disturbed and about 99 acres have been reclaimed.

A copy of the amendment application can be obtained by contacting the Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Management Bureau, PO Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by calling Herb Rolfes at (406) 444-3841 or hrolfes@mt.gov.

To expedite payment, please send your *invoice, tear sheet, and affidavit of publication* to DEQ at the address above to the attention of **Dick Morrow**. Please indicate that the bill applies to EMB 50310.117. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Management Bureau
Department of Environmental Quality
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