



**June 25, 2007**

Independent Record, Townsend Star

RE: Application for an Openpit Operating Permit for a Quarry Site in  
Lewis and Clark County

Dear Editor:

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

#### Legal Notice

Notice of Application for Operating Permit (pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, Section 82-4-353 (1), MCA).

Valley Sand and Gravel, LLC. (VSG) located at 7510 Applegate Drive, Helena, MT. 59602 filed an application on June 19, 2007 for an Operating Permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena. VSG will use heavy equipment and possibly blasting to extract rock for crushing to gravel. The operation would be on private land in a portion of Section 35, Township 12 North, Range 4 West about eleven miles north of Helena, MT in Lewis and Clark County.

VSG must obtain an operating permit because the site cannot stay under the five acre disturbed and unreclaimed limit required under the Small Miner's Exclusion Statement.

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 VSG develop additional lease agreements on other sites in the future, they would have to apply for an amendment or revision to the operating permit.

The applicant seeks approval for an operating permit of approximately 271 acres, of which up to approximately ten acres may be disturbed at any one time. The operating plan calls for the reclamation of all surface disturbances.

Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Helena, MT. Please submit

comments or questions on the proposal by July 20, 2006. For information on the project and to submit comments on the proposal, 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 # EMB 5037 147. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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