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Lake County Leader, Daily Interlake, Sanders County Ledger, The Western News

RE: Notice of Approval of an Operating Permit for a Rock Collecting and Quarry Site in Sanders County

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper for one time.

Legal Notice

Notice of Approval of an Operating Permit for rock collecting and quarry site.

Montana Solid Rock Quarry, Inc., 14 Larch Creek Lane, Trout Creek, MT 59874 filed an application on April 9, 2007 for a General Quarry Operating Permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena. On June 7, 2007 the application was revised to apply for an Operating Permit. Montana Solid Rock Quarry has mineral leases from private landowners to pick surface rock with some subsurface harvesting and blasting. An excavator and/or loader or other suitable equipment will be used to remove sandstone or quartzite for landscaping. The operation would be located at Section 1, Township 20 North and Range 27 West, about 5 miles northwest of Plains, MT in Sanders County.

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 falls under the requirements listed in the SPEA except that the area of disturbance cannot be kept under five acres. Therefore, a supplemental environmental assessment was required. A checklist draft environmental assessment has been completed and accepted as the final environmental assessment. If Montana Solid Rock

Quarry develops 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 sought approval for an operating permit of approximately 37 permit acres. The operating plan calls for the reclamation of all surface disturbances.

For information on the project contact:

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