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Bozeman Daily Chronicle

**RE: Application for an Operating Permit for the Moonlight Basin Ranch, LLP.
sand and gravel pit in Madison 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.

Moonlight Basin Ranch, LLP. (Moonlight Basin) has filed an application for an Operating Permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau. Moonlight Basin applied for an operating permit to remove sand and gravel from a proposed pit located in Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 2 East, 6 miles west of Big Sky, MT.

Moonlight Basin seeks approval of its application for a 3 and ½ year operating permit that would include 10 permit acres. The operating permit would require Moonlight Basin to reclaim all surface disturbances and the pit would be developed into a reservoir when completed.

Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT. DEQ plans to complete an environmental assessment on the proposed operating permit. Please submit comments or questions on the proposal by June 13, 2005. For information on the project and to submit comments on the proposal, contact:

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