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Times - Clarion

RE: Approval of an Application for an Operating Permit for a Rock Collecting Site in Wheatland and Golden Valley County

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper:

Legal Notice

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

Northfork Stoneworks located at 8064 Churchill Road, Manhattan, MT. 59741 filed an application on July 13, 2006 for an Operating Permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena. Northfork Stoneworks will use an excavator and skidders to expose and remove sandstone rock down to a depth of 20 feet for landscaping and masonry purposes. The operation would be on private land in portions of Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, Wheatland County, about 15 miles southwest of Harlowton and in portions of Sections 2 and 11, Township 5 North, Range 18 East in Golden Valley County, about 17 miles southwest of Ryegate.

Northfork Stoneworks was required to obtain an operating permit because the proposed sites could not stay under the five acre disturbed and unreclaimed limit required under the Small Miner's Exclusion Statement. If Northfork Stoneworks develop additional lease agreements on other sites 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. For information on the project 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 5038 006.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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