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Newspapers: Libby Western News, Kalispell Inter Lake, Great Falls Tribune, Missoula Missoulian, and Helena Independent Record

RE: Notice of Application for an Operating Permit for a Quarry in Lincoln County by Noble Excavating

Dear Editor:

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

Legal Notice

Notice of Application for an Operating Permit for Noble Excavating, Inc.

Noble Excavating, Inc. (Noble) has filed an application with the Department of Environmental Quality for an operating permit under the Metal Mine Reclamation Act. The operating permit would authorize the quarrying of rock at the Nickelback Quarry located on private land in Section 30, Township 31 North, Range 31 West, approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Libby, MT in Lincoln County.

The operating permit would cover a total of 165 acres. About 85 acres would be disturbed over the next twenty years, with about 150 acres to be disturbed over the life of mine, which is estimated to be about 80 years. Ground disturbance would range up to approximately 150 feet in depth. Noble would use heavy equipment to remove the granitic rock and gravel. Blasting would be required about two times per year. The rock is used to produce gravel, asphalt, fill, and riprap.

Noble is currently operating at the site under a Small Miner Exclusion Statement. Noble must obtain an operating permit because Noble proposes to disturb more than the five acres it is allowed under the Small Miner's Exclusion Statement.

Copies of the application can be reviewed at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT. The application will also be posted on the DEQ web page: www.deq.mt.gov. For information on the project contact:

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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 EMB50312.119 Thank you.

Sincerely,



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