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**To: Gardiner Weekly Newsletter, Livingston: Livingston Enterprise, Bozeman: Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Billings: Billings Gazette, Butte: The Montana Standard, Kalispell: The Daily Inter lake, Missoula: The Missoulian, Great Falls: Tribune and Lewistown: Lewistown News Argus**

**RE: Legal Notice on Proposed Bond Release of Reclamation Bond for Three Travertine Quarry Sites, Operating Permit 00023, Walter O'Hara (AKA Yellowstone River Stone)**

Dear Editor:

Please publish the following legal notice in the next two issues of your newspaper, preferably the Sunday edition:

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received a request from Walter O'Hara (formerly conducting business as Yellowstone River Stone) for a full bond release for three of the five travertine quarry sites mined under Operating Permit No. 00023. The three sites (the Suntan, Gold and White Rubble quarries) are located in Sections 14, 15, 23 and 24, Township 9 South, Range 8 East, approximately one mile outside of Gardiner in Park County.

DEQ currently holds reclamation bond totaling \$56,588 for the five quarries. DEQ conducted an inspection of the Suntan, Gold and White Rubble quarries on July 13,, 2011, and is proposing full bond release of \$18,591 for these three sites. DEQ would retain bond in the amount of \$37,997 for the remaining two quarries.

Pursuant to Section 82-4-338(5), MCA, DEQ may not release or decrease a reclamation bond until the public has been provided an opportunity for a hearing and a hearing has been held if requested. A written request for a hearing on the proposed bond release must be submitted by December 9, 2011, to the postal or e-mail address set forth below.

Comments on the proposed bond release or requests for additional information should be sent to: Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Management Bureau, P. O.

Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by contacting Herb Rolfes at (406) 444-3841 or e- [hrolfes@mt.gov](mailto:hrolfes@mt.gov). Comments must also be received by December 9, 2011.

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To expedite payment, please send your invoice, tear sheet, and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the address below to the attention of Dick Morrow indicating that the bill applies to EMB 50312.0074. Thank you.

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Sincerely,



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