



December 21, 2011

Newspapers: Great Falls Tribune and Helena Independent Record

**RE: Release of a Draft Checklist Environmental Assessment for an
Operating Permit for a Quarry in Cascade County**

Dear Editor:

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

Legal Notice

Notice of Release of Draft Checklist Environmental Assessment for
Shumaker Rock Quarry.

Shumaker Trucking and Excavating (Shumaker) 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 on private land in Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 2 West, approximately 5 miles south of Fort Shaw and one-half mile off the Birdtail Creek Road.

The operating permit would cover a total of 79.6 acres. About 15 acres would be disturbed over the next five years, with about 36 acres to be disturbed over the life of mine, which is estimated to be about 50 years. Ground disturbance would range up to approximately 50 feet in depth. Shumaker would use trucks, dozers, loaders and excavators to remove the rock. Blasting would be required about two times per year. A portable processing plant would be used, as well as crushers, and a pugmill. An asphalt plant would also be set up on site.

DEQ has prepared a draft expanded Checklist Environmental Assessment (draft CEA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed operation. Copies of the draft CEA can be obtained at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT. The draft CEA is also posted on the DEQ web page: www.deq.mt.gov/ea/mcp. Comments on the draft CEA must be submitted to DEQ by January 27, 2012. Comments or requests for additional information on the proposed operation should be directed as follows:

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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 EMB# 50312.091 Thank you.

Sincerely,



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