

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the currently enacted legislation regarding the Opencut Mining Act (see Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 82-4-432[5]), Madison County has prepared this public notice to inform interested parties of a pending amendment for an opencut mine. As the proposed Operator of the Harrison opencut facility, Madison County is required to provide the information herein.

Site: Harrison (Approx. 3 miles north of Harrison, MT on HWY 359)

Operator: Madison County; PO Box 278; 103 W. Wallace, Virginia City, MT 59755; Ph:(406) 843-4277.

Proposed Permit Acreage: 41.8 acres.

Property Owner: State of Montana Trust Lands, & Pleasant View Ranch, LLC;

Average Depth of Reclamation Media: 12 inches.

Volume of Removed Materials: Up to 2,000,000 cubic yards of gravel and sand.

Proposed Equipment: Crusher, Screen, Conveyor Assembly, Grizzly, Dozers, Backhoes, Excavators, Loaders, Dump/Haul Trucks, Scraper, etc.

Duration of Activities: Production is ongoing and will continue until Final Reclamation. Final Reclamation before June 2049.

Access Point: Unmarked approach on the East side of HWY 359 about 1 mile north of the intersection of HWY 359 and HWY 287. About 1.5 miles north of Harrison, MT.

Legal Description: Section 36, Township 1S, Range 2W.

Members of the public seeking to have the Department of Environmental Quality organize a Public Meeting to review and comment on the specifics of the proposed opencut operations amendment must complete, detach, and mail the *Request for Public Meeting* form below.

Please feel free to contact Jonathan Weaver at the office of Great West Engineering at (406) 495-6171 or jweaver@greatwesteng.com for further information regarding the contents of this notice & the proposed opencut mine. A Site Map can be viewed by visiting: <https://searchopencutpermits.mt.gov/>. Type "Harrison" into the Site Name Field and click "Submit." Refer to page 41 of the application PDF. Hard copies the Location Map can be obtained by contacting Jonathan Weaver of Great West Engineering.

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETING

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting requests for a public meeting on the following proposed Opencut operation in your area:

DEQ SECTION

Operator: Madison County Road District #2 **Site:** Harrison **County:** Madison **Opencut #:** 86

Legal Description: Section 24, Township 1 S, Range 2 W

Public Meeting Request Period: The DEQ will accept requests for a public meeting until August 1, 2019.

SURFACE LANDOWNER SECTION

- When determining the number of surface landowners eligible to request a public meeting:
 - Multiple parties owning the same parcel of land are counted as 1 landowner.
 - A party owning multiple parcels of land is counted as 1 landowner, regardless of the number of parcels owned.
- If you wish to request a public meeting, complete the following and submit to:
DEQ Opencut Mining Program, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; Fax: (406) 444-4988;
Email: DEQOpencut@mt.gov

YES or NO (Check one) I request that DEQ conduct a public meeting about this proposed Opencut operation.

Landowner: Name (print or type) _____ Address _____

Email _____ City, State, Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Phone Number _____

NOTE: Landowners can also submit written comments about the proposed operation to the DEQ using the contact information listed below.

The following information applies to requests for a public meeting:

- A copy of the application for the proposed operation can be viewed at <http://SearchOpencutPermits.mt.gov>. If additional information about the proposed operation is needed, please contact the operator at the address or phone number listed in the public notice provided to you by the operator.
- In accordance with MCA 82-4-432[9], the DEQ must hold a public meeting in the area of the proposed operation if requested by the applicant, or at least 30% of the property owners or 10 property owners, whichever is greater.
- Prior to holding a public meeting, DEQ will send notice of the meeting by first-class mail to surface owners of land located within one-half mile of the boundary of the proposed permit area.
- The public meeting will be held within 30 days of the closing date of the public meeting request period indicated above.

For DEQ use only

The landowner is on the list provided with the application pursuant to MCA 82-4-432[2](e).
The landowner is on the list provided for the public notice pursuant to MCA 82-4-432[6](d).
The landowner has previously submitted a *Request For Public Meeting* form.

YES NO

YES NO

YES

Initials ___ Date ___