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Dear Reader:

Bozeman Brick, Block and Tile (BBB&T) of Bozeman, MT applied for an operating permit for rock picking and sandstone removal from 27 separate sites on April 19, 2006. The sites are located in Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Township 7 North, Range 16 East, portions of Sections 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, Township 7 North, Range 17 East, portions of Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 15 East, portions of Section 22, Township 7 North, Range 16 East and portions of Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 14 East, about seven to thirteen miles south and southeast of Harlowton, MT. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued a Draft Checklist Environmental Analysis (CEA) on June 23, 2006 evaluating the potential impacts from the rock picking and sandstone removal and asking for comments on the proposed operation. The Draft CEA addressed issues and concerns raised during public involvement and from agency scoping. No comments were received on the Draft CEA.

The agency has decided to approve the permit as proposed contingent on posting of the reclamation bond of \$22,510. Following are the approved permit conditions:

Potential Permit Area: 500 acres
Permit Area: 443 acres over the life of the permit
Permitted Disturbance: 222 acres
Bonded Acres: 222 acres
Bond: \$22,510

Permitted Disturbance: Currently, 222 acres out of a 443 acre permit area covering 27 separate sites would be permitted to be disturbed at any one time during the life of the permit. This could change over time as new sites could be added through amendment or revisions after environmental analysis. Most of the 500 acres will be disturbed over the life of the permit, but concurrent reclamation will limit the total of disturbed and unreclaimed acres at any one time.

Information on the BBB&T operating permit application can be obtained by writing or calling the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, c/o Herb Rolfes, P. O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, telephone (406) 444-3841; e-mail address hrolfes@mt.gov.

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