

Legal Notice

Notice of Application for an Amendment to the Montana Resources, LLC Hard Rock Mining Operating Permit No. 00030

Montana Resources, LLC (MR) filed an application with the Department of Environmental Quality for an amendment (Amendment 012) to Hard Rock Mining Operating Permit No. 00030 under the Metal Mine Reclamation Act. MR currently operates the open pit mining and milling facilities at the Continental Mine Complex, located directly to the east and northeast of the communities of Butte and Walkerville in Butte-Silver Bow County. The proposed permit boundary would enclose an area of 6,549 acres in Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 22 of T3N, R7W; Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 of T4N, R7W; Sections 1 and 13 of T3N, R8W; and Section 36 of T4N, R8W.

Amendment 012 would authorize construction to raise the crest elevation of the Yankee Doodle Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) from the current elevation of 6,450 feet to 6,560 feet, to increase disposal capacity within the facility. This would include the placement of additional non-ore rock to buttress and raise the current TSF embankments, covering some of the existing infrastructure and features. The amendment would also authorize continued mining in the Continental Pit and Central Zone areas, to align the known mineral reserves with the proposed tailings disposal capacity, extending the anticipated mine life by 25 years (from 2031 to 2056). The amendment would expand the permit area from 6,132 acres to 6,549 acres (change of 417 acres) and expand the interior disturbance by approximately 361 acres, primarily to the north and southwest portions of the TSF.

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