

# **OPENCUT STAKEHOLDERS GROUP** **VIA TEAMS – MAY 6, 2021 @ 1:00 PM**

## **AGENDA**

### **Goal**

- To have a solution-oriented group that meets regularly to discuss Opencut mining issues and opportunities

### **1:00 INTRODUCTIONS**

### **1:00 – 2:00 DEQ UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**

- **COVID Update - Opencut Continues to Operate Remotely**
  - Coal and Opencut Mining Bureau moving to Metcalf – Exact Date TBD
- **Legislative Update**
  - HB 93 – Weed Free Gravel <http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/billpdf/HB0093.pdf>
  - SB 284 - Generally revise county gravel pit permitting <http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/billpdf/SB0284.pdf>
  - HB 599 – Generally Revise Opencut Laws <http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/billpdf/HB0599.pdf>
  - **DRAFT Updated Forms – Please bring comments and questions**
    - New forms will be available once bill is signed
    - Old forms will have 30-day grace period for new submittals
- **Staffing and Workload**
  - **Staffing Update**
    - Welcome Sonja Nowakowski – Air, Energy and Mining Division Administrator
    - Welcome Emily Morrison – Opencut Permitting Specialist
  - **Technology Update**
    - GIS
    - New Website will launch July 1 and will look a little different
    - E-Pass changing, will affect FTS and electronic payment
- **Pending Bond Release Requests**

### **2:00 – 2:30 OTHER OPENCUT ITEMS**

- **Sage Grouse Program Updates**
- **Stakeholder Input**

### **2:30 – 2:45 PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING**

- **Action Items**
- **Next meeting date**

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