

**Department of Environmental Quality**  
**Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau**

**Opencut Mining Program**

**Supplemental Environmental Assessment**

Proponent: Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P.

Site: Elk Hill, Proposed Amendment #1

Legal Description: N1/2 N1/2, Section 28, T27N, R28W

*Type and Purpose of Action:* Plum Creek Timberlands L.P. has refined their map of the referenced site and discovered there were acreage modifications necessary in the disturbance categories. This amendment would correct the map and acreages; bond has been adjusted accordingly.

*Site Description:* This site is located 25 miles SE of Libby in mountainous terrain next to Highway 2 and is currently being mined for sand and gravel. The MDOT operates a similar mine adjacent to this site. The existing Plan of Operations would not be changed.

*Potential Impacts and Mitigations:* This refined mapping of disturbance categories results in an increase of mined land by 0.2 acres and of the acreage within the permit boundary that will be left undisturbed until amended and bonded, by 2.9 acres. Therefore, impacts beyond those which were identified and analyzed in the original Environmental Assessment of 2/11/97 and subsequent supplements will not be significantly modified.

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