

**Supplement to:
White Porcupine Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Proponent: The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

Site: South Woodward

Legal Description: NE1/4SW1/4, Sec. 24, T 23N, R 18W – Lake County

Type and Purpose of Action: The proponent has submitted an application for an Opencut Mining Permit that would allow mining and processing of up to 135,000 cu.yds. of sand and gravel from a 5.6 acre site near Woodward Creek and which may be expanded to 22 acres over time. The materials would be used in conjunction with logging operations, resource management and road maintenance on the Swan River State Forest. The proponent will follow an approved Plan of Operation and will operate and reclaim the site to standards set forth in the Opencut Mining Act and rules and regulations promulgated thereafter. Reclamation will be completed within one year after the site is no longer needed for mining or related activities.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation: This project has been thoroughly analyzed within the White Porcupine Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the DNRC for the larger White Porcupine Multiple Timber Sales Project. This document can be found at www.dnrc.mt.gov/env_docs. The DEIS did not reveal significant impacts associated with this sand and gravel operation, and that assessment is affirmed by the Department of Environmental Quality.

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