

DEQ OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Proponent: Mathew Nistler

Site: Jefferson Road Site

Legal: Section 23, T1N, R1W

County: Jefferson

Approved Permit and Amendment #'s: NIS-001

Type and Purpose of Action: Mathew Nistler has proposed the expansion of a currently permitted operating opencut mine site approximately 8 miles south of interstate I-90 near Willow Creek. Operator has applied for an amendment to add 56.31 acres to their existing 20.69 acre permit. The total permitted area would be 77 acres.

Site Description: The proposed amendment area has been added to encompass the disturbance created while mining the site and while creating privacy berms and ponds. The existing long skinny pond is approximately 10.4 acres in size and is intended for a water ski pond. Another smaller pond will be created by mining gravel 2 to 4 years from now. The privacy berms are located on the property boundary on the north, west and south sides. The Jefferson river is now within 1,000 feet of the proposed permit boundary but should not be adversely affected by the proposed mining activities.

The site has received one complaint from a nearby landowner but the complaintee seems to be satisfied as his file has been closed by enforcement.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation: Use of the amendment area would not cause substantial impacts on the physical environment or human population. Proponent would be legally bound by their permit to reclaim the site to pasture and ponds. The 2006 Environmental Assessment is applicable to this action.

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Date