

DEQ OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Proponent: Jim Gilman Excavating, Inc.

Site: Olsen - Amendment # 2

Legal: NESE Sec 21, T8N, R9W

County: Powell

Approved Permit and Amendment #'s: GJE-037

Type and Purpose of Action: Proponent has applied for an amendment to update the permit by adding 35.6 acres to the permit. There would be 15.5 acres undisturbed within the permit area. The total acreage under the amended permit would be 46.6 acres.

Site Description: The area being added is adjacent to the presently permitted area. The site is a relatively flat river terrace used for dryland range. It is located between I-15 and the frontage road 2.5 miles north of Deer Lodge.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation: The current Mining and Reclamation Plan is adequate and applicable to the new area. Present mining operations have been inspected and shown to pose minimal environmental impacts.

Proponent is legally bound through their permit to reclaim the site. Analyses included in the 2001 Environmental Assessment are accurate and that document is applicable to this action.

Prepared by J.J. Conner, Environmental Specialist, Opencut Mining Program, April 13, 2009.

Bureau Chief

Date