DEQ OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Applicant: Fisher Sand and Gravel **County:** Stillwater

Site Name: Bill Thompson **Date:** April 2010

Location: Section 1, T3S R20E **&** S6, T3S, R21E

Approved Permit #: 1811

Introduction: The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2009 that determined opencut mining operations at the above site would not have significant environmental impacts. This Supplemental EA addresses Amendment 1 to the opencut mining permit that has been proposed by the Operator.

Proposed Action: Operator has applied for an amendment to add 10.7 acres to their 23.6-acre permit for the purpose of expanding the mine area. The total permitted area would be 34.3acres.

Site Description: The 10.7-acre proposed amendment area is an addition directly adjacent north of the existing permitted area. The operation will continue to mine to the north. There are no site characteristics of special concern, or nearby residences or public use areas.

Potential Impacts and Mitigations: 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 pastureland. The 2009 Environmental Assessment is applicable to this action.

Conclusion: It is expected that impacts associated with this proposal will mimic those identified in the previously-approved EA documents. No significant impacts would occur.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis: [ ] EIS [X] No Further Analysis

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