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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Butte Highlands JC, LLC

FACILITY NAME: Butte Highlands Mine

FACILITY LOCATION: Intersection of Highlands Road and Camp Creek Road
Latitude 45° 47' 31" N, Longitude 112° 30' 55" W

RECEIVING WATER: Basin Creek, tributary of Fish Creek, Middle Fork of
Moose Creek, tributary to Middle Fork of Moose Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0031755

The Butte Highlands Mine (BHM) is an underground gold mine located 13 miles south of Butte. BHM plans to discharge treated wastewater to Basin Creek, a tributary of Fish Creek, Middle Fork of Moose Creek, and a tributary to the Middle Fork of Moose Creek. The issuance of the MPDES permit will allow BHM to discharge ground water that has been encountered in the underground workings and complete exploration activities. BHM is considered a new source and the permit limits have been developed to meet the nonsignificance criteria listed in ARM 17.30.715. The permit will ensure compliance with the Montana Water Quality Act and protect beneficial uses of Basin Creek, Fish Creek and Moose Creek. Ore will be hauled by truck to an offsite mill for processing; no milling is proposed at the site. Routine sampling of the wastewater before it is discharged is required.