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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-06**  
**March 15, 2021**

Ravalli County Commissioners

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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) intends to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 5-5-402, 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. Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on DEQ's website, [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: **Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC**  
**Castle Rock Road**  
**Colstrip, MT 59323**

FACILITY NAME: **Rosebud Mine**

FACILITY LOCATION: **45° 52' 13.00" N latitude, 106° 38' 14.00" W longitude**  
**Castle Rock Road**  
**Rosebud County**

RECEIVING WATER: **East Fork Armells Creek, West Fork Armells**  
**Creek, Black Hank Creek, Donley Creek, Stocker**  
**Creek, Lee Coulee, Cow Creek, Pony Creek, and**  
**Spring Creek**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MT0023965**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) proposes to renew the MPDES permit for Rosebud Mine discharge for a five-year cycle. The facility discharges to East Fork Armells Creek, West Fork Armells Creek, Black Hank Creek, Donley Creek, Stocker Creek, Lee Coulee, Cow Creek, Pony Creek, and Spring Creek. The proposed renewal includes the following actions: WQBELs for aluminum, iron, mercury, total nitrogen, ammonia as N, selenium, and silver for discharges to East Fork Armells Creek – Intermittent; narrative standards for discharges to East Fork Armells Creek – Ephemeral; and removal of four Western Alkaline outfalls associated with phase 4 final bond release for Area E.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 14, 2021**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 14, 2021** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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