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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-30
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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 <https://deq.mt.gov/public/index>

APPLICANT NAME: **RC Resources, Inc.**
FACILITY NAME: **Rock Creek Mine – Road Project**
FACILITY LOCATION: **48.062778 N, 115.698333 W**
RECEIVING WATER: **Unnamed tributary to Bullhead Creek**
PERMIT NUMBER **MT0031763**

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) proposes to renew the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for the Rock Creek Road Project. This permit is for work on utilities and the existing road, not for mining. The permit includes limits and monitoring for the protection of Rock Creek from the work. The permit and Fact Sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited and **must be received by 11:59 p.m. on January 14, 2022.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. **All comments received or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on January 14, 2022,** 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

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

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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