



PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-38
July 31, 2015

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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 and hold a public hearing on the issuance of this permit. 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 address or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

- APPLICANT: RC Resources, Inc.
7 Rock Creek Rd.
PO Box 1488
Noxon, MT 59853
- FACILITY NAME: Rock Creek Mine – Road Project
- FACILITY LOCATION: Township 26 North, Range 32 West, Section 10, Sanders County
- RECEIVING WATER: Outfalls 001-005: Miller Gulch
Outfalls 006-009: Rock Creek or Ephemeral Tributary
Outfall 010: Big Cedar Gulch
Outfall 011: Orr Creek
Outfalls 012-013: Rock Creek
Outfalls 014-026: West Rock Creek or Ephemeral Tributary
- PERMIT NUMBER: MT0031763

The permittee has proposed to operate a copper/silver mine approximately seven miles northeast of the Town of Noxon in Sanders County. This permit addresses the initial construction phase prior to the commencement of exploratory mining. The permittee has applied for an individual permit for the discharge of storm water related to construction of the adit and the excavation of a trench in an existing Forest Service road to install a pipeline and power line, followed by backfilling the trench. In addition, the permittee will make improvements to the road in order to reduce the sediment delivery to the Rock Creek.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 2, 2015.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 2, 2015** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permit, the fact sheet, environmental assessment, and the Department's tentative determination on September 1, 2015, 6-8 p.m., Noxon School, 300 Noxon Avenue, Noxon, MT 59853.

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) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The administrative record, including the permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Jenna Stamper no later than **August 15, 2015**, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can call Jenna at 444-3080 or write to her at the address noted to make your request known.

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WATER PROTECTION BUREAU

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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