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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Re: Public Notification Letter
Opencut Mining Permit: Ashby Site –Ravalli County, Montana

To Whom It May Concern:

Schellinger Construction Co., Inc. of Columbia Falls, Montana is submitting this letter as our official Public Notification for a proposed Opencut Mining Permit on the Ashby Site in Ravalli County. The pit is located 2.5 miles northeast of Florence, MT on Lower Woodchuck Rd. Access to the permit area is by way of an existing private access. Signs will be posted near the entrance and at the proposed site itself.

This proposed Opencut Mining Permit would allow gravel mining for the production of materials which will be used for the Montana Department of Transportation highway construction project # STPS-STPB 203-1(12)10, Florence East. The total area which will be under permit at this site is 6.2 acres, which includes mine and stockpile/facility areas.

Our current projection is to remove approximately 80,000 cubic yards of borrow from this site. No processing will be done at this site.

All haul trucks will access the pit directly from Lower Woodchuck Rd. for removal of material from the site.

The maximum depth of excavation is estimated at 30 feet from the existing ground surface level. The area currently is covered by approximately 11" of overburden and topsoil which will be stripped, salvaged and used for final reclamation of slopes and stockpile/facility areas.

Work on the project will commence at this site in the early spring of 2014 and will be complete in late fall of 2014.

Although activities will not be continuous, loading and hauling operations at this site are expected to be intermittent throughout the 2014 construction season.

Final reclamation of the Ashby Site will be completed by November of 2019.

The legal description of this site is: **Section 6, Township 10N, Range 19W, Ravalli County**

Send any questions or concerns regarding the Ashby Site to:

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DEQ Opencut Mining Program
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901
Fax: 406-444-4988
E-mail: DEQOpencut@mt.gov

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETING

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting requests for a public meeting on the following proposed opencut operation in your area:

DEQ SECTION

Operator: [Schellinger Construction Co Inc](#) Site: [Ashby](#) County: [Ravalli](#)

Legal Description: Section 6, Township 10 N, Range 19 W

Public Meeting Request Period: The DEQ will accept requests for a public meeting until January 25, 2013.

SURFACE LANDOWNER SECTION

1. When determining the number of surface landowners eligible to request a public meeting:
 - a. Multiple parties owning the same parcel of land are counted as 1 landowner.
 - b. A party owning multiple parcels of land is counted as 1 landowner, regardless of the number of parcels owned.
2. If you wish to request a public meeting, complete the following and submit to:
DEQ Opencut Mining Program, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901; Fax: (406) 444-4988;
 Email: DEQOpencut@mt.gov

YES or NO (Check one) **I request that DEQ conduct a public meeting about this proposed opencut operation.**

Landowner: Name (print or type)	Address
Email	City, State, Zip
Signature	Date
	Phone Number

NOTE: Landowners can also submit written comments about the proposed operation to the DEQ using the contact information listed below.

The following information applies to requests for a public meeting:

- A copy of the application for the proposed operation can be viewed at <http://SearchOpencutPermits.mt.gov>. If additional information about the proposed operation is needed, please contact the operator at the address or phone number listed in the public notice provided to you by the operator.
- In accordance with MCA 82-4-432[9], the DEQ must hold a public meeting in the area of the proposed operation if requested by the applicant, or at least 30% of the property owners or 10 property owners, whichever is greater.
- Prior to holding a public meeting, DEQ will send notice of the meeting by first-class mail to surface owners of land located within one-half mile of the boundary of the proposed permit area.
- The public meeting will be held within 30 days of the closing date of the public meeting request period indicated above.

For DEQ use only:

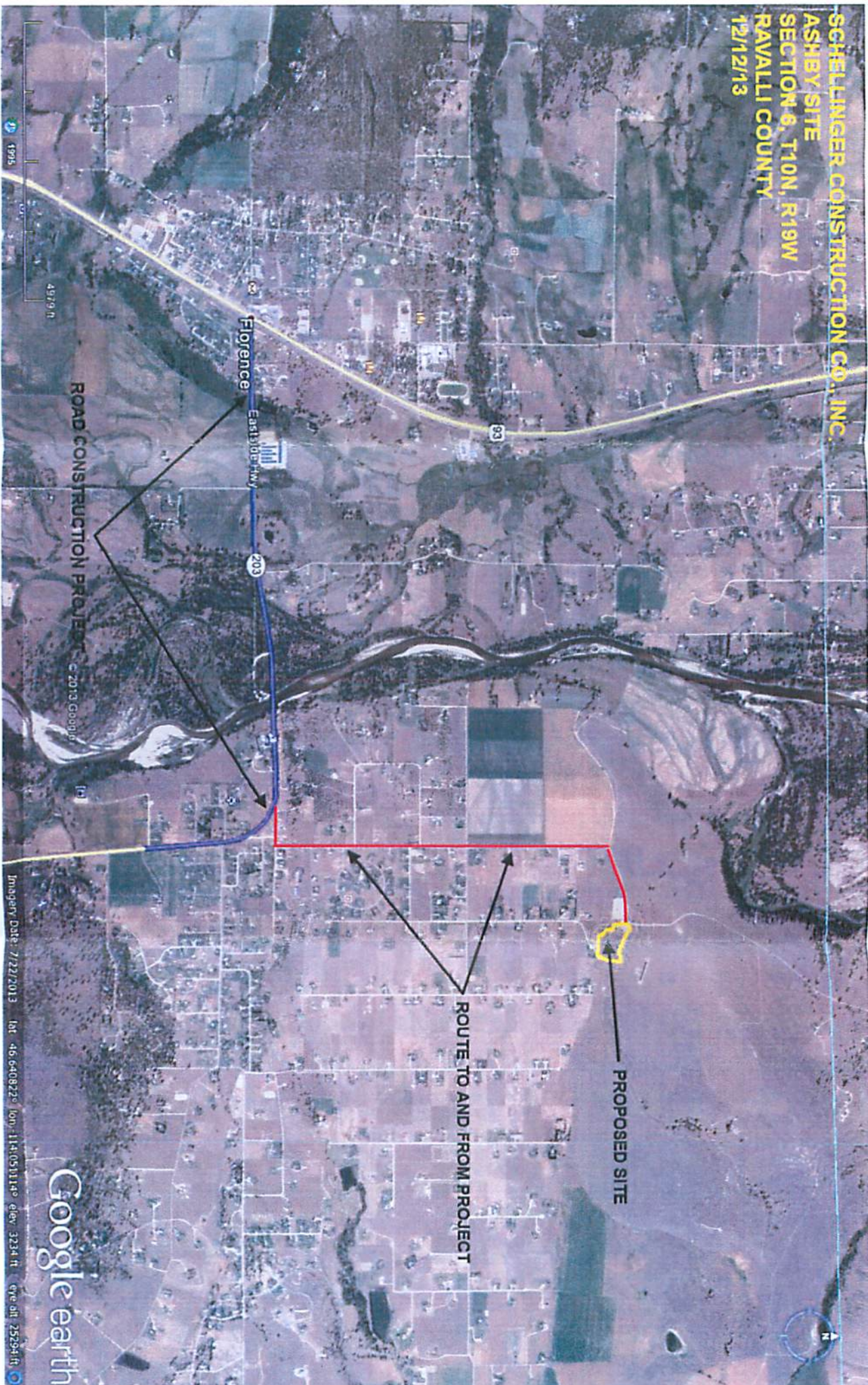
The landowner is on the list provided with the application pursuant to MCA 82-4-432[2](e). YES NO

The landowner is on the list provided for the public notice pursuant to MCA 82-4-432[6](d). YES NO

The landowner has previously submitted a *Request For Public Meeting* form. YES

Initials _____ Date _____

SCHELLINGER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
ASHBY SITE
SECTION 6, T10N, R19W
RAVALLI COUNTY
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ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT © 2013 Google

ROUTE TO AND FROM PROJECT

PROPOSED SITE

Florence East 130th Hwy

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Google earth

Imagery Date: 7/22/2013 lat: 46.640822° lon: -114.051114° elev: 3234 ft eye alt: 25294 ft