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Re: Public Notification Letter  
Opencut Mining Permit: Yoder Gravel Pit Site – Ravalli County, Montana

To Whom It May Concern:

Jake Yoder of Stevensville, Montana is submitting this letter as our official Public Notification for an amendment to Opencut Mining Permit #2863, the Yoder Gravel Pit Site, in Ravalli County. The pit is located at 4376 Eastside Hwy, Stevensville, MT. Access to the permit area will be from the pre-existing access on Eastside Hwy. Signs will be posted at the pit site and the entrance.

This proposed amendment will increase acreage to allow the continued mining and processing of materials which will be used for retail aggregate supply and local highway projects as needed. The amendment would also allow a portable asphalt plant to operate at the site when needed. The total permitted area will now be 49.7 acres.

The depth of excavation is estimated to be 20 feet from the existing ground surface level. Approximately 11" of topsoil will be stripped, salvaged and used for final reclamation. Continued mining at the site in the amended area will commence in the spring of 2019.

The current projection is to remove approximately 550,000 cubic yards of material from this site over the life of the permit. Final reclamation, which includes re-establishment of vegetation, will be completed by December of 2058.

The legal description of this site is:

**Section 24, Township 9N, Range 20W, Ravalli County**

Send any questions, concerns or map requests regarding the amendment to the Yoder Gravel Pit Site to:

**Jake Yoder**  
**964 Stevensville Airport Road**  
**Stevensville, Montana 59870**  
**Phone: 406-274-8348 Fax: 406-777-5559**

**DEQ Opencut Mining Program**  
**P.O. Box 200901**  
**Helena, MT 59620-0901**  
**Fax: 406-444-4988**  
**E-mail: [DEQOpencut@mt.gov](mailto: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:** Jake Yoder      **Site:** Yoder Gravel Pit      **County:** Ravalli      **Opencut #:** 2863

**Legal Description:** Section 24, Township 9 N, Range 20 W

**Public Meeting Request Period:** The DEQ will accept requests for a public meeting until April 15, 2019.

### 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](mailto: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:

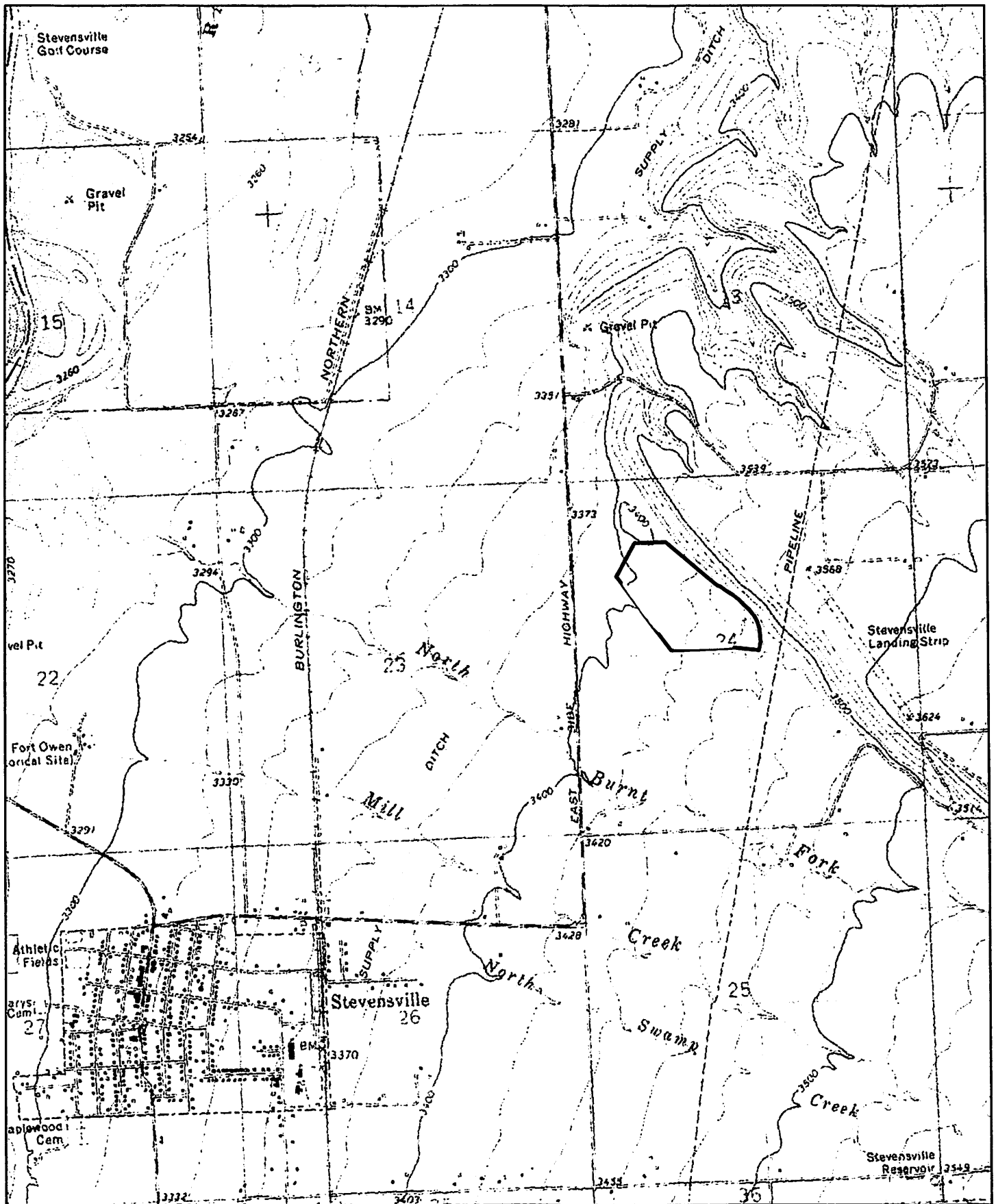
- A copy of the application for the proposed operation can be viewed at <http://SearchOpencutPermits.mt.gov>. If additional information about the proposed operation is needed, please contact the operator at the address or phone number listed in the public notice provided to you by the operator.
- In 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).  
 The landowner is on the list provided for the public notice pursuant to MCA 82-4-432[6](d).  
 The landowner has previously submitted a *Request For Public Meeting* form.

YES     NO  
 YES     NO  
 YES

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Legend**

 Permit Boundary

2,000

 Feet 1 inch = 2,000 feet

**Location Map  
 Jake Yoder  
 Yoder Gravel Pit  
 January 2019**

Sec. 24, T9N, R20W

Ravalli County

