



September 2, 2025

## Initial Proposal Scoping Notice

### AM Welles Storage of Offsite Materials LUL

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is seeking public comment regarding a land use license application made by A.M. Welles, Inc. to store, sell and recycle, recycled asphalt and concrete; and also, to store and sell decorative rock within the boundaries of what is known as the “DSL Pit.” The DSL Pit is a gravel pit located on State of Montana Trust Lands north of Ennis on Section 16, Township 5S, Range 1W. The operation of the gravel pit is authorized under DNRC aggregate take and remove permit G-1273-94 and Montana DEQ opencut permit number 674; the activities authorized by these permits are not being considered for comment during this scoping period.

DNRC is soliciting public comment in accordance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act for the storage of offsite materials within the boundaries of the pit. Substantive comments should be related solely to storage activities and any comments or portions of comments outside the scope of storage activities will not be considered by the DNRC within their analysis. The analysis will consider two alternatives:

1. **No Action Alternative:** The no action alternative would deny A.M. Welles request to utilize the pit area to store, sell and recycle, recycled asphalt and concrete; and store and sell decorative rock.
2. **Action Alternative:** The action alternative would grant the land use license to A.M. Welles to store, sell and recycle, recycled asphalt and concrete; and store and sell decorative rock.

A 30-day comment period for the project will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 8 AM and will stay open until October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5 PM. Comments may be submitted electronically by utilizing the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/g/QSzL58R2QH>

If an individual is unable to submit comments electronically, they may mail their comment to ATTN: Zack Winfield, Montana DNRC, 1539 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Helena, MT 59602.

Sincerely,

Zack Winfield, PE

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