



February 19, 2026

RE: Statement of Exemption from Environmental Review

Aggregate Take and Remove Permit G-1545-26

Township 26N, Range 10E, Section 36, W2W2 – Approximately 50 acres

Chouteau County, Montana

On February 4, 2026, Riverside Contracting, Inc. submitted an application for a permit to take and remove aggregate from state trust lands on the referenced section. The application included 50 acres and estimated a total of 70,000 cubic yards to be mined. The Department will issue the aggregate take and remove permit as applied for by Riverside Contracting, Inc. with an expiration date of December 31, 2027. The permit may be renewed by the Department if applied for by the permittee. The issuance of the permit satisfies the trust lands statement of policy in Montana Code Annotated 77-1-601. Upon reclamation of the permitted area, the site will be planted by permittee with native vegetation and return to its pre-existing grazing use. This accounts for and protects the long-term income generating capacity of the land.

The Department is exempt from performing an environmental review on this permit as described under MCA 77-1-121 (2). The permit expressly states in provision 20, that it is subject to further permitting under the provisions of Title 75 or 82, Montana Code Annotated.

Riverside Contracting, Inc. must apply for, and receive an opencut mining permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) prior to conducting mining operations within the permitted area. The DEQ will perform an environmental review consistent with the requirements of Montana Environmental Policy Act and the environmental laws and regulations of the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zack Winfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Zack Winfield, PE

Petroleum Engineer

MMB-FTLD-DNRC

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