



Open Cut Operations Community Commitment

Sand and gravel are essential materials for our roads, buildings, and infrastructure.

The Montana Contractors Association (MCA) is dedicated to ensuring that these vital resources are extracted responsibly and with minimal impact on our communities.

Opencut Operations: Working Together

We understand that opencut mining operations can sometimes raise questions. That is why we are committed to open communication and transparency, and we want to be good neighbors, working together to create a positive impact.

Understanding the Process

Montana's Department of Environmental Quality (MTDEQ) regulates opencut mining operations. While specific public outreach requirements vary based on the project, we believe in going beyond these minimums.

Here's what you can expect:

- **Early and Ongoing Communication:** We will keep you informed about our plans, from the initial stages to the completion of the project.
- **Dedicated Contact Person:** A knowledgeable representative will be available to address your inquiries and concerns.
- **Minimizing Impact:** We are committed to minimizing noise, dust, traffic, and visual impacts on the community.

Environmental Stewardship

Protecting our environment is a top priority and we will:

- Implement dust control measures to reduce air quality impacts.
- Carefully manage water resources to protect groundwater.
- Minimize noise levels through equipment maintenance and operation.
- Restore the land to its natural state or better upon project completion.

Your Input Matters

We value your feedback and concerns. Your input helps us refine our operations and be better neighbors.

Together, we can ensure that sand and gravel mining benefits our community while protecting our environment.

Example photos of an Opencut operation including a crushing/screening operation. The photos showcase the responsible extraction and beneficial final use of the area.



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Figure.7_ Big.Sky.pit.in.operation.with.crushing-screening;

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