
OPEN CUT MINING AND CONSTRUCTION DISTURBANCE POLICY & APPLICATION

All persons proposing open cut mining or construction disturbance that will result in removal of 1,000 cubic yards or more of product or overburden in Park County must submit a Noxious Weed Management Plan for approval to the Park County Weed District 30 days before moving equipment onto the site and before any construction can begin on the site.

The following must be submitted to the Weed District Office:

- Application Form
- Map of the Proposed Project
- Equipment Cleaning Plan
- Reclamation Plan
- \$75.00 Application Fee

After inspection of the site, the Park County Weed Coordinator will report their findings to the Park County Weed Board. The Weed Board will either approve, deny, or modify the management plan before any construction can begin.

When mining or construction is complete, the disturbed sites must be covered with noxious weed free topsoil and re-seeded to desirable plant species that are adaptable to the area. Consult the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation or the Park County MSU Extension Office for species recommendations. Sites must be monitored annually for noxious weeds. Monitoring must be performed by June 30th each year.

Permanent gravel pits must provide the Park County Weed District with a Noxious Weed Management Plan by March 30th, annually. Permanent gravel pits must be checked annually for noxious weeds and treated if necessary by June 15th and re-treated by August 30th when necessary.

When the Montana Department of Transportation or the Park County Road Department purchase any material (gravel, topsoil, rock, sand, etc.) from a commercial or private source that is to be applied on county, state, or federal rights-of-way; the material and location where it is mined must be inspected and approved by the Park County Weed District prior to hauling off-site.

Montana County Weed Act – Revised 2015

7-22-2152 REVEGETATION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND AREAS THAT HAVE POTENTIAL FOR NOXIOUS WEED INFESTATION

(1) Any person or state agency proposing a mine, a major facility under Title 75, chapter 20, an electric, communication, gas, or liquid transmission line, a solid waste facility, a highway or road, a subdivision, a commercial, industrial, or government development, or any other development that needs state or local approval and that results in the potential for noxious weed infestation within a district shall notify the board at least 15 days prior to the activity.

(2) Whenever any person or agency constructs a road, an irrigation or drainage ditch, a pipeline, an electric, communication, gas, or liquid transmission line, or any other development on an easement or right-of-way, the board shall require that the areas be seeded, planted, or otherwise managed to reestablish a cover of beneficial plants.

(3) (a) The person or agency committing the action shall submit to the board a written plan specifying the methods to be used to accomplish revegetation at least 15 days prior to the activity. The plan must describe the time and method of seeding, fertilization practices, recommended plant species, use of weed-free seed, and the weed management procedures to be used.

(b) The plan is subject to approval by the board, which may require revisions to bring the revegetation plan into compliance with the district weed management plan. The activity for which notice is given may not occur until the plan is approved by the board and signed by the presiding officer of the board and by the person or a representative of the agency responsible for the action. The signed plan constitutes a binding agreement between the board and the person or agency. The plan must be approved, with revisions if necessary, within 10 days of receipt by the board.



APPLICATION

Application Date: _____

I. Ownership:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

II. Location:

Legal Description: _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4

Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

III. A Map Identifying the open pit mining or construction disturbance.

By signing below, the Applicant understands that they must schedule a site visit with the Park County Weed Coordinator to formulate a Noxious Weed Management Plan. The Applicant understands that approval of the Noxious Weed Management Plan is required before any construction can commence on the site(s). The Applicant understands that they must provide a site map with this application. The Applicant understands that the Noxious Weed Management Plan may be approved, denied, and/or modified by the Park County Weed Board. The Applicant understands that they must provide a \$75.00 application fee to the Park County Weed District when they submit this application and prior to site inspection. Additionally, the Applicant understands that they must sign and notarize their Noxious Weed Management Plan prior to submitting it to the Park County Weed Board for approval.

Applicant Name (printed) *Applicant Signature* *Date*

Weed Coordinator Name (printed) *Weed Coordinator Signature* *Date*

Payment total: _____ Payment Received: Yes No Date Received: _____

OPEN CUT MINING AND CONSTRUCTION DISTURBANCE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Date of Inspection: _____

Date Submitted to the Park County Weed Board: _____

I. Ownership:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

II. Location:

Legal Description: _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4

Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

III. A Map Identifying the open pit mining or construction disturbance site(s).

IV. Noxious Weed Data:

Use the table below to list the types of noxious weeds present on the site and the approximate acres of infestation for each species. Designate a different symbol for each weed species. Using the symbols, indicate on the map approximate location of the weed species.

SYMBOL	WEED SPECIES	ACRES

V. Control Activities

Product / Chemical Name	Per Acre Rate
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- A. Chemical Control: 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

B. Control Methods:

Handgun Ground Boom Sprayer Aerial Application Other _____

C. Who will perform the management methods?

- Self
- Commercial Applicator _____
- Other _____

VI. Other Plans for present and Future Control:

Time of control:

Monitoring:

Other herbicides and rates:

Additional Information:

OPEN CUT MINING AND CONSTRUCTION DISTURBANCE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT APPROVAL / NON-APPROVAL

Before the Park County Weed Board will accept this Noxious Weed Management Plan for Approval, the Applicant must have their Notarized Signature in place on the document. The Weed Board Chairman will sign after the Weed Board reviews the plan and approves it.

1. Approved Date: _____

2. Approved with Modifications Date: _____

3. Not Approved Date: _____

SIGNED:

Applicant / Landowner Date

STATE OF MONTANA)

) SS

COUNTY OF PARK)

On this _____ day of _____, _____, before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the State of Montana, personally appeared

_____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and my hand and affixed my notaries seal the day and year first above written. _____

Notary Public of the State of Montana

Residing at _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Park County Weed Board Chairman Date