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Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

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MCA Offers First SWPPP Certification

The MCA is throwing its weight behind a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Administrator and offering a certification. In January 2012, the DEQ will begin requiring a SWPPP Administrator be identified on construction sites. This class will help our members have an appropriately credentialed and trained individual to be in compliance with the DEQ's SWPPP.

Thanks to sponsors, this [two-day class](#) is available at a cost of \$125 for MCA members, on 27-28 September in Billings. Hope to see you there!



ACTION ALERT: Your Comments are Needed

America needs jobs.

America needs energy security.

There is a project under review by the federal government that will accomplish both of these important goals, but Washington, DC needs to hear from pro-

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Quote of the Week

"Just because you've got the monkey off your back doesn't mean the circus has left town."
- George Carlin

energy, pro-jobs people in Montana to help make it happen.

In September 2008 TransCanada applied to build a new pipeline-the Keystone XL-to deliver oil from the oil sands of Alberta to American refineries. The proposed route would come through Montana, which will create hundreds of jobs and provide for millions of dollars in tax revenues. In addition, TransCanada will build an on-ramp in Montana to transport oil in the Keystone XL pipeline from the Bakken region in Montana and North Dakota to refineries, thereby encouraging more development of oil right here in our state.

Because the pipeline crosses an international border on the north, the U.S. State Department must approve the project. Its final environmental impact statement issued in August 2011, reaffirmed the findings of the two previous environmental impact statements that the Keystone XL pipeline will have no significant impact on the environment.

The project has come under fire from extreme environmental groups that are completely opposed to oil development. If they are the only people who comment on this project, America and Montana will lose out on thousands of new jobs and additional energy from Montana and friendly nations.

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Halliburton to Hire 11,000 for Bakken Shale Deposit

Houston-based Halliburton plans to hire more than 11,000 employees this year, according to Jim Brown, Western Hemisphere president of the company. Brown revealed the information Aug. 24 to CNBC's Jim Cramer on his TV program.

Brown said that most of the new hires will be sent to the Bakken Shale play in North Dakota and Montana, an oil-prone play, which is turning out to be one of the most important petroleum finds in US history, CNBC reported. Cramer's Aug. 24 show was broadcast from North Dakota.

Header Info

Initially called a Day of Prayer and Remembrance, Patriot Day was created to honor and remember those killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

American flags should be flown at half-staff, and the President asks for a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 am, the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Halliburton will hire employees for multiple job types, from people with MBAs to engineers to unskilled workers, Brown said.

"If you have a willingness to work and an aptitude to learn with a high school education, within a year and a half to two years, you can become a front-line supervisor. That job will pay \$125,000 to \$130,000 a year," Brown told Cramer. "What we're doing here, we're replicating across the nation."

In April, Halliburton said it was having its hydraulic fracturing (fracking) crews work around the clock in the Bakken because demand has outpaced supply. One operator told Oil & Gas Financial Journal that there can be a six-month wait to get a fracking crew on site to complete a well.



MTD Director Reardon Addresses AGC Chapters

During last week's "Tri-State AGC Meeting" in Big Sky, newly appointed MDT Director Tim Reardon told highway contractors that planning projects has become extremely difficult because federal funds for highway construction are so sporadic and unpredictable. The inability of Congress to pass long-term reauthorization of the Highway Program could cause delays in upcoming lettings, although MDT does have limited state funds available to cushion a shortfall in federal funds for a couple months, he said. If Congress approves a 2 or 4 month short-term extension of the current program, which now appears likely he said, MDT could plan lettings through early 2012, but would not be able to advertise projects there was not funding for once that spending authority expired. If the uncertainty in funding continues, or if funding levels are reduced by Congress, Reardon said, pavement preservation projects will take priority.

Reardon emphasized his management style would be to push decision-making to the lowest levels possible within the Department. "To the extent possible, I need to rely on the people involved to solve issues," he said. Speaking directly to the MCA, he said, "let's talk." He indicated he'd rather settle disagreements on specifications or contract terms with the experts within

MDT and the contracting community than in the courts or in front of the Legislature. hire more than 11,000 employees this year, according to Jim Brown, Western Hemisphere president of the company. Brown revealed the information Aug. 24 to CNBC's Jim Cramer on his TV program.



Letter to the Editor

The following letter to the editor was published in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle on August 30. We think you'll enjoy it!

It was gratifying to open the Sunday Chronicle and read in the Big Sky section that the Montana Supreme Court upheld Judge Brown's decision regarding the Southern Valley Zoning District. In the article Carol Lee-Roarke was referenced as the spokesman for the Gallatin Opencut Mining Action Group. She said "she recently refinanced her home to take advantage of lower interest rates, and the value of her home on 10 acres dropped by half because of its proximity to a gravel pit."

Imagine our surprise to read in the same section that Black Bull Run, the luxury golf community, was selling homes "roughly half the price Black Bull was charging prior to the recession." We are confused! Is this because of their proximity to a golf course?

Doug and Linda Black
Gallatin Gateway



Roscoe Acquired by Rommesmo

Billings, MT, September 7- Jim Roscoe, CEO of Roscoe Steel& Culvert Company announced today the company has been acquired by The Rommesmo Companies, a Fargo, ND-based provider of structural steel, corrugated steel pipe and steel tanks.

Jim Roscoe will retire from the 58-year-old family-owned business, transitioning leadership responsibilities to Ole Rommesmo Jr., owner and CEO of The Rommesmo Companies. Both Rommesmo and Roscoe are second-generation owners, and the sons of their respective

company founders: William P. Roscoe Jr. and Ole Rommesmo Sr.

"This deal makes sense for our customers and our employees," said Roscoe. "The Rommesmo Companies are built on the same core values that have made Roscoe Steel the respected organization that it is today, and by joining forces, the combined team will be able to provide all of our customers with more products and more solutions."



Prizes are Waiting...

If you won a flag prize at the Summer Outing in Great Falls, please fax it into the MCA as soon as possible! Maryann's office is filling up and she can't get to her desk anymore!



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To help our member companies become the best construction firms in Montana.



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