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Almont Park and Playground Equipment Project

Joel Johnson, Project Chairman

2015



Dear Members of the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board,
The Almont Park and Playground Equipment Committee, on behalf of the Almont Historical Society and the residents of the community of Almont, is seeking financial assistance from the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board to fund improvements to the Prairie Rose Park in the form of playground and fitness equipment. The Committee would like to provide a park setting which provides recreational activity in a natural environment that promotes fitness and activity, enhances the diversity of plant life and wildlife, and provides a location for outdoor hobbies and education for all residents and visitors.
The Committee looks forward to hearing from you and would like you to contact us if you have any questions about the application and budget!

Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application



The purpose of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is to provide funding to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations to:

Directive A. Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

Directive B. Improve, maintain, and restore water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and to support other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

Directive C. Develop, enhance, conserve, and restore wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

Directive D. Conserve natural areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Exemptions

Outdoor Heritage Fund grants may not be used to finance the following:

- A. Litigation;
- B. Lobbying activities;
- C. Any activity that would interfere, disrupt, or prevent activities associated with surface coal mining operations; sand, gravel, or scoria extraction activities; oil and gas operations; or other energy facility or infrastructure development;
- D. The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- E. Projects outside this state or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of Chapter 54-17.8 of the North Dakota Century Code

NO CONSIDERATION:

In addition to those specific items in law that are ineligible for funding, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, the following projects will NOT receive consideration for funding:

- Projects that are already completed;
- Projects that are on-going (Phased projects would be considered);
- Staffing;
- Feasibility studies;
- Annual maintenance;
- Paving projects for roads and parking lots;
- Swimming pools;
- Non-permanent equipment (such as tractors, snowmobiles);
- Research;
- Projects where the applicant is not directly involved in the project.

Application Deadline

Applications for the second grant round cycle are due on **April 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. CT.** All information, including attachments, must be submitted by that date. See instructions below for submission information.

Instructions

Please download this Word document (available on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund Program website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm>) to your computer and provide the information as requested. You are not limited to the spacing provided except in those instances where there is a limit on the number of words. After completing the application, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to outdoorheritage@nd.gov or print it and mail it to the address noted in the next paragraph.

Attachments in support of your application may be sent by mail to North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505 or by e-mail to outdoorheritage@nd.gov. The application and all attachments must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your application.

You may submit your application at any time prior to the application deadline. Early submission is appreciated and encouraged to allow adequate time to review your application and ensure that all required information has been included. Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding. Any item noted with an * is required.

Oral Presentation. Please note that you will be given an opportunity to make a ten-minute Oral Presentation at a meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. These presentations are strongly encouraged.

Open Record. Please note that your application and any attachments will be open records as defined by law and will be posted on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund website.

Name of Organization *	Almont Historical Society
Federal Tax ID# *	45-0350412
Contact Person/Title *	Joel Johnson, Playground Project Chairman
Address *	4145 County Road 86
City *	Almont
State *	ND
Zip Code *	58520
E-mail Address *	simsjdj@gmail.com

Web Site Address (Optional)

Phone * **701.843.7634**

Fax # (if available)

List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal

MAJOR Directive: (select the Directive that best describes your grant request)*

Choose only one response

- Directive A.** Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;
- Directive B.** Improve, maintain, and restore water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and to support other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;
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Additional Directive: (select the directives that also apply to the grant application purpose)*

Choose all that apply

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Type of organization: (select the category that describes your organization)*

- State Agency
- Political Subdivision
- Tribal Entity
- Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.

Project Name* Almont Park and Playground Equipment Project

Abstract/Executive Summary. **An Executive Summary of the project stating its objectives, expected results, duration, total project costs and participants.* (no more than 500 words)**

The objectives of this project are to:

1. provide safe and durable playground and fitness equipment for the citizens and visitors of our community;
2. promote the use of our community's park for family functions and community events;
3. add more plant life; such as shrubs, trees, and wild flowers, to attract birds and bees;
4. promote birdwatching by constructing and adding birdhouses and benches to the park.

The Prairie Rose Park was created in 1968 by the Prairie Rose Senior Citizens Club. A shelter was constructed in 1969 completely by volunteers. Since then, the park has been maintained by local organizations; such as the Almont Commercial Club and the Calico Kids 4-H Club. The Almont Commercial Club added two handicap-accessible restrooms and put on a new roof on the picnic shelter. In April, 2009, the Calico Kids 4-H Club planted 200 trees and shrubs around the park and bathrooms, and did landscaping, to create a natural border that attracts birds and bees. In 2015, the Almont Garden Club was formed and will be working in conjunction with the Calico Kids 4-H club to continue to add to the natural beauty of our park. Just recently, the Almont Historical Society joined the other organizations in setting goals to continue to make improvements to the park. The park contains one swing set which holds two swings. The swings have been labeled unsafe and are not conducive to children with special needs.

In 2008, the Almont Public School closed its doors due to declining enrollment. Most of the school's playground equipment was taken down due to unsafe conditions or sold, which left one swing set and one piece of equipment known as monkey bars. These two pieces of equipment are also deemed unsafe and will be

removed by the Almont City Council this summer. Along with the swing set in the park, these are the only pieces of playground equipment in our community.

In the last five years, our community has seen an increase in population of young families with children. Our community organizations are concerned that we are not able to meet the recreational needs and interests of our residents. We are concerned for our youth and the rise in obesity and related illnesses. Therefore our community is working together to seek financial assistance and set goals so that we can provide a natural outdoor setting for residents and visitors to enjoy, learn from, and participate in physical activity and outdoor hobbies in hopes that our community continues to grow and thrive.

Project Duration:* This project will be completed by October 31, 2015.

Amount of Grant request \$ * \$30,227.20

Total Project Costs \$* \$40,572.20

(Note that in-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds)

A minimum of 25% Match Funding is strongly encouraged. Amount of Matching Funds \$*

Please indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash.

In-Kind Funds: \$4495 for removal of unsafe playground equipment and site preparation work, preparation of grant and presentation, building of birdhouses and benches, monitoring use of playground and park

Cash: \$5850 for playground equipment

Source(s) of Matching Funds*

Please provide verification that these matching funds are available for your project.

See Almont Park and Playground Equipment Project Sheet (attached with email)

Certifications *

I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted on Page 1 of this application.

Narrative

Organization Information – Briefly summarize your organization’s history, mission, current programs and activities. *

Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement. (no more than 300 words)

The Almont Historical Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization on August 23, 1977. It had 55 members that were instrumental in restoring an old building on Main Street and building the Almont Heritage Park, which includes a train depot, museum, country school house, jail house, implement garage, blacksmith shop, and country home decorated and furnished with antiques.

In 2009, the Almont Historical Society purchased the Almont School and gymnasium to maintain the structures for continued use by the community. Improvements; such as, painting and putting in a new floor, were made so the gym could be used for wedding dances, family reunions, and community programs.

In 2015, the Society will be purchasing new plaques for antique cars and farm equipment; modernizing the plumbing; planting native wildflowers, grasses, and shrubs around the Heritage Park; adding a new section to the museum which will be known as the Almont Cowboy Hall of Fame; and is working to restore another historic building on Main Street.

The board consists of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Membership is open to anyone who lives in Almont, has lived in Almont at a previous time, or is related to present or former residents. The society also has a junior chapter which actively takes part in maintenance and other volunteer projects. All work is done voluntarily and is often in conjunction with other organizations.

The mission of the Almont Historical Society is to promote interest in and preserve the history and cultures of Almont and the surrounding area for all ages of community members and visitors.

Purpose of Grant – Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program *

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Please indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project.

This project will meet Directive D of the Outdoor Heritage Fund in that we would be conserving a natural area for recreation. We will be increasing physical activity for all ages and abilities while conserving and enhancing the natural outdoors and maintaining soil conditions, plant diversity, and animal systems.

It is a new project and will not be replacing funding. Members of the Historical Society have been communicating our goals with the residents of Almont (former and present), local organizations, and local business since February of 2015 in hopes of receiving financial and volunteer support. Our local Woman's Life Insurance Society is hosting a fundraiser (spaghetti supper and silent auction) on April 11, 2015. However, even with local financial support, we will never be able to raise the full amount to cover the cost of our goals within a reasonable timeline. Without funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund, we will not be able to meet our goals by October 31, 2015.

Management of Project – Provide a description of how you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met.*

Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project.

The project will be managed and overseen by the Playground Project Committee (6 members), who is made up of Almont Historical Society members, Almont Commercial Club members, Almont Garden Club members, Almont Lutheran Church council members, and Almont City Council members. The committee is being led by Joel Johnson, who will act as the main overseer of the project from start to finish. Joel Johnson has years of experience working on community projects and events that are beneficial to the preservation and betterment of the quality of life in Almont.

The committee consists of an excavation and construction worker, heavy equipment salesmen, parents and grandparents, farmers and ranchers, and educators. They have been meeting a minimum of two times a month since January of 2015 and will continue to meet monthly to review the goals and timeline and seek funding and donations.

Upon receiving funding, all orders will be placed and all in-kind labor will begin immediately so that the project is completed by October 31, 2015.

Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results. *

How will you tell if the project is successful? Please be specific on the methods you will utilize to measure success. Note that regular reporting, final evaluation and expenditure reports will be required for every grant awarded.

Once the playground and fitness equipment is installed, an Almont resident, Edith Madrid, will monitor the use of the park and keep a record of the number of users and their approximate age, which will be shared with the Committee.

Use of the park by local organizations or for family picnics and reunions will be reported to the City Council and shared with the Committee and Historical Society.

Financial Information

ATTACHMENT: Project Budget – Using the standard project budget format that is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> , please include a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting. Note that a minimum of 25% match funding is strongly encouraged.*

The project budget should identify all matching funds, funding sources and indicate whether the matching funds are in the form of cash or in-kind services. As noted on the standard project budget format, certain values have been identified for in-kind services. Please utilize these values in identifying your matching funds. **NOTE: No indirect costs will be funded.**

I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission*

Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. *

Include information on the sustainability of this project after all the funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund has been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

The park is presently being maintained by the Almont Commercial Club, the Almont Historical Society, and the Almont City Council. These organizations are committed to continue sustaining the park and its equipment indefinitely.

All damaged playground equipment will be removed this spring, and plant life and wildlife projects will continue this summer as funding is raised and/or through voluntary labor.

Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested. *

If less funding is available, the Committee would choose fewer and cheaper pieces of equipment.

Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? *

The committee will recognize the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership in the following manners:

1. a sign displayed at the park;
2. an article and pictures in the New Salem Journal, which will be displayed in the Almont Heritage Park Museum;
3. posts and pictures on the Almont Historical Society Facebook page.

Scoring of Grants

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your ten-minute oral presentation. The ranking sheet(s) that will be used by the Board is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> .

Awarding of Grants*

All decisions on requests will be reported to applicants no later than 30 days after Industrial Commission consideration. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. Please note the appropriate sample contract for your organization on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> that set forth the general provisions that will be included in any contract issued by the North Dakota Industrial Commission. Please indicate if you can meet all the provisions of the sample contract. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be. *

Responsibility of Recipient

The recipient of any grant from the Industrial Commission must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose described in the grant application and in accordance with the contract. The recipient cannot use any of the funds for the purposes stated under Exemptions on the first page of this application.

If you have any questions about the application or have trouble submitting the application, please contact Karlene Fine at 701-328-3722 or kfine@nd.gov

Revised August 21, 2014

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| | Recent publication of the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Services, North Dakota Field Office |
| • Permanent Equipment | Any equipment purchased must be listed separately with documentation showing actual cost. (For example: playground equipment) |
| • Equipment usage | Actual documentation |
| • Seed & Seedlings | Actual documentation |
| • Transportation | Mileage at federal rate |
| • Supplies & materials | Actual documentation |

More categories will be added as we better understand the types of applications that will be submitted. We will use as our basis for these standards other State and Federal programs that have established rates. For example the North Dakota Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program has established rates. If your project includes work that has an established rate under another State Program please use those rates and note your source.

Approved by OHF Advisory Board: October 17, 2013
 Approved by Industrial Commission: October 22, 2013
 Revised by OHF Advisory Board: January 22, 2014
 Approved by Industrial Commission: January 29, 2014
 Revised by OHF Advisory Board: May 13, 2014
 Approved by Industrial Commission: May 27, 2014

ALMONT PARK AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT

In kind figures for the proposed project

	TOTALS
Removal of current playground equipment:	
3 hours labor two people at \$15.00 per hour	90.00
Site preparation work:	
Cutting down trees, removal of wood, removal of stump and hauling	
Trees and stump removal: 6 hours, four people at \$15.00 per hour	360.00
Dump truck for removal wood, stump and top soil	200.00
Backhoe work to remove stump	200.00
Payloader use 2 hours @ \$175.00	350.00
Tilling 2 hours @ \$60.00	120.00
Site preparation 2 hours labor @ \$95.00 per hour	190.00
Gravel work- 2 skid steers 3 hours @95.00 (moving 100 tons of gravel)	570.00
4 hrs. labor for four people(shoveling) @ 15.00 per hour	240.00
Use of bobcat and labor for two people to unload equipment and store inside and transfer to job site when erectors come.	250.00
Haul in and layout playground border and erect.	450.00
Food and drink for workers - preparation and deliver.	250.00
Two committee meeting after approval of project-six people @15.00 hr.	180.00
Three people preparation and presentation - one trip to Bismarck	145.00
Preparing soil-planting donated trees-building birdhouses and placing at park by local 4H club	400.00
Edith Midrid - daily monitor of use of the playground and park	500.00
Total In kind	\$4495.00

Cash donations for the proposed project

Almont Commercial Club	2000.00
Almont Historical Society	1500.00
Sims Creek Chiropractic	500.00
Mark and Shelly Ellis	500.00
Almont Development Association	300.00
Security First Bank	200.00
Sims Historical Society	200.00
Almont Lutheran Church	250.00
Sims Lutheran Church	250.00
Almont Farmers Supply	100.00
Curlew Valley Organization	50.00
Total cash	\$5850.00
Grand total	\$10345.00

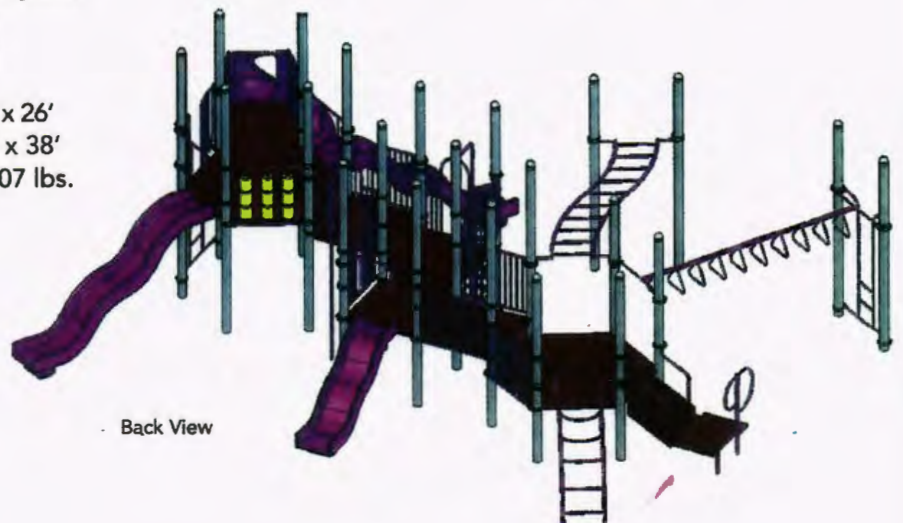
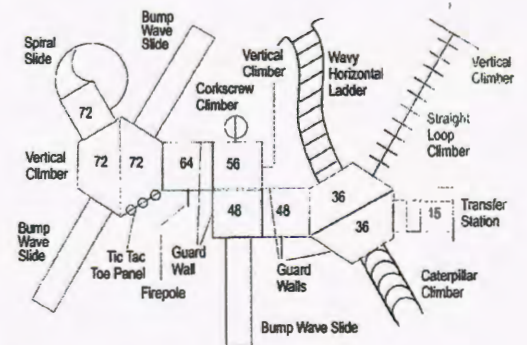


Additional ground events needed to make ADA 4.

KATHERINE

911-129B (5" posts)
911-229 (3.5" posts)

Ages:	5-12 years
Total Number of Events:	13
Elevated Events:	13
Ground Level Events:	0
Size:	35' x 26'
Use Zone:	47' x 38'
Weight:	4,807 lbs.



Back View



Zebra

361-503

Use Zone: 13' x 15'
Weight: 56 lbs.



Pony

361-502

Use Zone: 13' x 15'
Weight: 56 lbs.



Airwalker

902-960H 371 lbs



ADA Sand Digger

361-509H

Weight: 25 lbs.
Ships UPS

MODERN FITNESS

Smooth fluid motion coupled with sharp value pricing, our durable equipment will provide years of service

Dual Leg Press Station

902-958H 338 lbs.





1021 Airport Road, Bismarck, ND 58504
 t. 701-222-4775 f. 701-222-0207

QUOTE

Number AAAQ1312

Date Feb 18, 2015

Sold To Almont Historical Society Attn: Joel Johnson 4145 County Rd 86 Almont, ND 58520 Phone 701-843-7634 Fax
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Ship To Almont Historical Society Attn: Joel Johnson 4145 County Rd 86 Almont, ND 58520 Phone 701-843-7634 Fax
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Salesperson	P.O. Number	Ship Via	Terms
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Line	Qty	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
1		Playground Equipment - Xccent		
2	1	#361-509H ADA Sand Digger	\$411.36	\$411.36
3	1	#361-503 Zebra Spring Rider	\$427.46	\$427.46
4	1	#361-502 Pony Spring Rider	\$427.46	\$427.46
5	1	#911-229 Katherine Structure	\$17,597.30	\$17,597.30
6	1	#902-958H Dual Leg Press Station	\$2,367.51	\$2,367.51
7	1	#902-960H Airwalker	\$2,190.41	\$2,190.41
8	1	Freight	\$1,006.50	\$1,006.50
9	1	Installation & Use Tax	\$7,193.20	\$7,193.20

Subtotal	\$31,621.20
Tax	\$0.00
Shipping	\$0.00
Total	\$31,621.20

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a professional manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Worker's Compensation insurance.

All payments are due in full within 30 days after receipt of materials. All overdue accounts will be assessed a 1-1/2% percent per month service fee.

To accept this quotation, sign and return to sender: _____
 Sign Above



1021 Airport Road , Bismarck, ND 58504
 t. 701-222-4775 f. 701-222-0207

QUOTE

Number AAAQ1321

Date Mar 5, 2015

Sold To
Almont Historical Society Attn: Joel Johnson 4145 Cty Rd 86 Almont, ND 58520 Phone 701-843-7634 Fax

Ship To
Almont Historical Society Attn: Joel Johnson 205 Fannie St Almont, ND 58520 Phone 701-843-7634 Fax

Salesperson	P.O. Number	Ship Via	Terms
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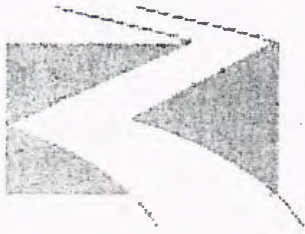
Line	Qty	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
1		Playground Borders - Childforms		
2	50	#FTB-00001 12" h Funtimber & Spike	\$22.43	\$1,121.50
3	1	Freight	\$747.50	\$747.50

Subtotal	\$1,869.00
Tax	\$0.00
Shipping	\$0.00
Total	\$1,869.00

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 Sign Above



KNIFE RIVER

AN MDU RESOURCES COMPANY

3303 ROCK ISLAND PLACE * BISMARCK, ND 58504 * 701-223-5480 * FAX 701-223-5557

Date	March 9, 2015	Phone:	701-426-3187	Fax:	
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To	Rusty
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Job Location	Almont ND
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Description	Quantity	Unit of Meas.	Unit Price	Total
Pea Rock (Material & Delivery)	100	Ton	\$25.87	\$ 2,587.00
			TOTAL BID	\$ 2,587.00

Notes / Terms:

1. Pricing based on hauling Full Legal Loads (80,000 lbs.).
2. Delivery rate based on a maximum of \$4.50/Gal on road fuel, please see attached fuel clause, if fuel should go above this rate.
3. Price does NOT include stockpiling.
4. Final billing will be based on the scaled weights of all aggregates leaving the source.

Royalty Included?	Yes
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Prices do not include sales, TERO, use or other taxes.
Pricing contingent upon customer obtaining approved credit, please allow 7-10 days for approval from KRC.
Any unpaid balances beyond 30 days will be subject to a finance charge of 1.5%
Please sign quote upon acceptance. Fax to 701-223-5557

Payment Terms	10th of the following month.	Term of Quote	30 days beyond date of quote
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Prepared By	Dane Lorinser 701-527-2140
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Accepted By		Date Accepted	
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