

1 (c) precipitation and availability of irrigation water
 2 of sufficient quality, quantity, and permanence;

3 (d) use of similar lands in the area based on soil
 4 type, precipitation, topography, and other factors which
 5 affect the growth of crops or pasture."

6 Section 2. Section 50-1047, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 7 read as follows:

8 "50-1047. Planting report -- inspection and release of
 9 bond. (1) At least sixty (60) days prior to the date of
 10 each permit expiration, the operator shall file a planting
 11 report with the department on a form to be prescribed and
 12 furnished by the department, giving the following
 13 information:

14 (a) identification of the operation;

15 (b) the type of planting or seeding, including
 16 mixtures and amounts;

17 (c) the date of planting or seeding;

18 (d) the area of land planted;

19 (e) any other relevant information the department
 20 requires.

21 (2) All planting reports shall be certified by the
 22 operator.

23 (3) Inspection and evaluation for permanent diverse
 24 vegetative cover or vegetative stand suitable for crop
 25 production or irrigated pasture shall be made as soon as it

1 is possible to determine if a satisfactory stand has been
 2 established. If the department determines that a
 3 satisfactory permanent diverse vegetative cover or
 4 vegetative stand suitable for crop production or irrigated
 5 pasture has been established, it shall release the remaining
 6 bond held on the area reclaimed after public notice and an
 7 opportunity for a hearing; but in no event shall such
 8 remaining bond be released prior to a period of five (5)
 9 years from the initial planting provided for in section 12
 10 [50-1045] of this act."

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