Name of Operator: JOHN E COTNER AND JAMES W GIBEAU

Telephone: (760) 712-2251  John  (605) 391-7479  James

Local Address: 66 OCONNOR RD 
CUSTER, SD 57730 - 8247

Legal Description:
MER TWN RNG SEC QUAD LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
07 0020S 0060E 002 SWSE 43.897723 -103.369437 43.897755 -103.367978
07 0020S 0060E 011 NWNE 43.896585 -103.368021 43.8968 -103.369491

County: PENNINGTON COUNTY, SD

Name and Address of Surface Owner:
BLM MONTANA STATE OFFICE
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101
(406) 896-5000

Name and Address of Mineral Owner:
BLM MONTANA STATE OFFICE
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101
(406) 896-5000

Name and Address of Surface Owners Within 500 Feet of the Proposed Mining Operation:
BLM MONTANA STATE OFFICE
5001 SOUTHGATE DR
BILLINGS, MT 59101
(406) 896-5000

I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this claim (petition, application, information) has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct.

Signature: [Signature]
Title: [Title]
Date: 10/30/2013
The land described in this Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate ( ) is ( ) is not eligible for inclusion on the list of special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands.

Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Operator Appeal Date

Intervenor Contest Date

The land described in this Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate ( ) is ( ) is not eligible for inclusion on the list of special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands.

Chairman, SD Board of Minerals and Environment

Date

Date
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL, EXCEPTIONAL, CRITICAL, OR UNIQUE LANDS AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO OPERATE

Description of proposed mining operation

Notice is hereby given that John E Cotner and James W Gibeau, 66 O'Connor Rd, Custer, South Dakota 57730, phone (760) 712-2251 (John) and (605) 391-7479 (James), has submitted a Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The legal description of the proposed placer mine is MER07/TWN0020S/RNG0060E/SEC02/QUAD SWSE/COR 43.897723 -103.369437, 43.897755 -103.367978 and MER07/TWN0020S/RNG0060E/SEC011/QUAD NWNE/COR 43.896585 -103.368021, 43.8968 -103.369491, Pennington County. John E Cotner has submitted the Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate for purposes of determining whether the lands potentially affected by the proposed mining operation are eligible for inclusion on the preliminary list of special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands.

The proposed operation involves placer mining for gold on land located approximately 2 miles east of Keystone, South Dakota. Mr. John E Cotner and James W Gibeau plan to excavate by hand material from Battle Creek and carry the material in buckets to a highbanker. The material will be washed in the highbanker with water from Battle Creek to recover gold ore. Waste rock and waste material from the highbanker will be used to backfill the mined areas prior to topsoil placement and seeding. Mr. John E Cotner and James W Gibeau also plan to use a 5” dredge to recover gold ore from Battle Creek. The dredge will be positioned each time of operation to backfill the mined areas created by the dredge in order to fill the holes with material. All holes will be filled back in to keep the natural appearance. The annual surface disturbance will be approximately 2.40 acres. Reclamation will be conducted concurrently with the mining operation.

A copy of the Request may be reviewed at the Minerals and Mining Program, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501 or at the Pennington County Register of Deeds office at 315 Saint Joseph St, Suite 105, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701.
John Cotner  
66 O'Connor Rd  
Custer, SD 57730  
October 30, 2013

PMB 2020  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources,  
Minerals and Mining Program,  
523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3181

A general description of the type of mining operation is that we will be using a dredge,  
shove, high banker, buckets and a sluice. All holes created will be filled back in to  
prevent injury to anyone visiting the area. Any trash found that doesn't grow such as  
buckshot, lead, shell casings will be collected and disposed of properly. All fluids  
brought to the area will be in there proper container such as fuel and oil for the dredge  
and high banker. The area I am requesting is 6.42 acres. This is a small operation due to  
it is a hobby. Please see the intent to operate form for the location I am requesting and  
the description of proposed mining operation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John E Cotner

Enclosure

(1) Maps of area to include routes

(2) General description of proposed mining operation
Proof of filing with the various agencies
mining area 6.42 acres

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mining area 6.24 acres

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