

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL,
EXCEPTIONAL, CRITICAL OR UNIQUE LANDS

Notice is hereby given that David Hicks, 315 East State Street, Martin, South Dakota 57551, phone (605) 891-9425, 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 operation is Portions of SE1/4 NE1/4 and NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 14; T7S-R4E; Fall River County, South Dakota. David Hicks 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 gypsum mining approximately 6 miles west of Hot Springs. Mining would be done in 2-acre increments, with approximately 10 acres in total to be affected by the mining operation. Mining would be done using an excavator, front loader, bobcat with hammer bit, dump truck, crushing equipment, scale and bagging equipment.

The Request is available for viewing at the Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, or can be viewed on the Minerals and Mining web page at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/mm/newminepermits.aspx>. The Request is also available for public viewing at the Fall River County Register of Deeds office in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Comments may be submitted in writing or online at <http://denr.sd.gov/public/default.aspx>.

Any citizen, organization, or agency may nominate lands described in this Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate for inclusion on the preliminary list of special, exceptional, critical or unique lands by submitting a nominating petition to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Information about the contents of a nominating petition can be found in ARSD 74:29:10:16 (<http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=74:29:10:16>). The deadline for submitting comments or a nominating petition is August 26, 2013. Persons desiring further information may contact Roberta Hudson, Minerals and Mining Program, at (605) 773-4201.