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**NOTICE OF FILING  
APPLICATION FOR SMALL SCALE MINING PERMIT**

Teresa Fox, 12040 Centennial Estates Loop, Whitewood, South Dakota 57793-3909, hereby gives notice that an application for a permit to operate a placer mine has been filed with the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The legal location of the operation is S1/2 SW1/4 Section 23; T5N-R1E, Lawrence County. The general location is approximately 9 miles southwest of Spearfish, South Dakota. The primary mineral mined is gold.

Ms. Fox plans to affect a maximum of 5 acres and remove a maximum of 11,000 tons of material annually during the 6-year life of the project. Placer gravels will be mined, hauled, and fed to a portable trommel-slucice with a rubber-track backhoe/excavator. Water needed in the process will be hauled to the site. Discharged gravels from the trommel-slucice will be stockpiled within designated disturbed areas and mostly used to backfill pits. Any remaining stockpiles will be regraded and reclaimed in place. Topsoil and overburden will be stripped, stockpiled, and placed on the backfilled pits. Reclamation will be conducted concurrently with the mining operation. The proposed postmine land use is forest grassland.

A copy of the application may be reviewed at the Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, on the Minerals and Mining Program Webpage at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/mm/newminepermits.aspx>, or at the Lawrence County Register of Deeds office in Deadwood, South Dakota. Written objections to, statements in support of, or petitions to intervene and become party to the proceedings pursuant to ARSD 74:29:01:09 must be filed with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources no later than July 30, 2012.

The department will issue its recommendation on August 1, 2012. Petitions contesting the recommendation must be received within seven days after the issuance of the recommendation. A hearing on the mine permit application is tentatively scheduled before the Board of Minerals and Environment on August 16, 2012. The proposed mine site is located within the boundaries of the Spearfish Canyon Watershed which was placed on the preliminary list of special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands on March 5, 1991. In accordance with ARSD 74:29:10:25, the board will determine during the hearing whether the lands in the proposed mine area are finally designated as special, exceptional, critical, or unique. Also, the permit application will be approved, conditionally approved, or denied accordingly.

Persons needing further information about this permit application may contact Roberta Hudson, Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501 (phone (605) 773-4201).