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**DENR Receives Withdrawal Letter from Mineral Mountain Resources**

PIERRE – The state Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) today received a withdrawal letter from Mineral Mountain Resources (MMR) for a temporary permit to use water for exploration drilling which, if approved, would have allowed continued temporary use of Rapid Creek water from May 1 to Dec. 31.

The withdrawal letter states Mineral Mountain Resources “has made alternative arrangements for a water supply, and therefore hereby withdraws the pending request for a temporary water permit.”

Mineral Mountain Resources began exploration drilling for gold and associated minerals in mid-February under an exploration notice of intent on private land near the old historic mining camp of Rochford and about four miles from Pe’ Sla, which are Indian trust lands.

To keep the public apprised of the Mineral Mountain Resources exploratory drilling project, DENR created a webpage at <http://denr.sd.gov/mmexplore.aspx> that includes Questions and Answers about the project plus Project Status Updates.

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**NOTE:** A copy of the withdrawal letter from Mineral Mountain Resources can be found online at <http://denr.sd.gov/mmexplore.aspx>.