

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
RECOMMENDATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING
TRANSFER OF SMALL SCALE MINE PERMIT
BEARTOWN HILL PLACER LLC**

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources has received an application to transfer Small Scale Mine Permit 473 from Douglas Ottema, 1218 Easy Street, Whitewood, South Dakota 57793-2126 to Beartown Hill Placer LLC, 1218 Easy Street, Whitewood, South Dakota 57793-2126. The legal location is W1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4, & SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 20; T5N-R1E, Lawrence County. The general location of the area is approximately 1/2 mile east of Tinton, South Dakota. The primary mineral mined is gold.

In accordance with ARSD 74:29:04:04, the Department recommends approval of the permit transfer. In accordance with SDCL 45-6B-47, action on the transfer of the permit by the Board of Minerals and Environment will take place on July 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM via telephone conference call at the Department of Environment & Natural Resources, in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre South Dakota. Interested parties who wish to participate in the telephone conference call should contact DENR at (605) 773-4201 no later than 3:00 PM Central Time on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. The Board's action will be either to approve or disapprove the permit transfer.

The transfer application is available for review at the Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, or on the Minerals and Mining web page at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/mm/minepermittransfers.aspx>.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have a disability for which special arrangements must be made at the hearing. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-4201.

Persons desiring further information may contact Eric Holm, Minerals and Mining Program, at (605) 773-4201.

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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