

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

Notice is hereby given that Charles Ward, 928 Polaris Ct, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701, phone (605) 593-3642, 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 NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 18; T1S-R7E, Pennington County. Charles Ward 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 10 miles southwest of Rapid City, South Dakota just east of Rockerville. Mr. Ward plans to excavate by hand material from Rockerville Gulch and carry the material in buckets to a highbanker. The material will be washed in the highbanker with recirculated water 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. The annual surface disturbance will be approximately 0.40 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, or at the Pennington County Register of Deeds office in Rapid City, South Dakota. 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 pursuant to the requirements of ARSD 74:29:10:16 no later than November 13, 2012. Persons desiring further information may contact Eric Holm, Minerals and Mining Program, at (605) 773-4201.