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Comments :

Campbell County Economic Development Corporation (CCED) and Herreid Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) supports increasing Category 9 funding from 5% to 15%. Herreid, South Dakota, is geographically centered between two state capitals (Bismarck, ND and Pierre, SD). Placement of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Herreid supports the department's (DENR) main goal of reducing range anxiety. In addition, U. S. Route 83 is the only continuous national route connecting the Canadian and Mexican borders, and it runs through the middle of Herreid. HEDC's current plan is to locate EV charging stations next to Route 83 in its downtown area which will give an economic boost to local businesses (café, grocery store, etc.). For these reasons and to support a cleaner environment CCED and HEDC respectfully requests the Board of Minerals and Environment approve increasing category 9 funding to 15%. Sincerely, Andrew Van Kuren, EDMP Director, Campbell County Economic Development, Corp.