

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES
NOTICE OF RECOMMENDATION
TRANSFER OF SMALL SCALE MINE PERMIT
BRET AYE**

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources has received an application to transfer Small Scale Mine Permit 479 from Robert W Pace, PO Box 191, New Underwood, South Dakota to Bret Aye, 171 Harvest Lane, Miles City, Montana. The legal location is E1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 28; T2N-R4E, Pennington County. The general location of the area is approximately 3 miles east of Rochford, 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 October 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM CDT at the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Matthew Training Center, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota. The Board's action will be either to approve or disapprove the permit transfer.

The transfer application is available for review at the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, or on the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program web page at <https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/Exploration/NewMinePermitTransfers.aspx>.

Notice is given to individuals with disabilities that this matter is being held in a physically accessible location. Individuals requiring assistive technology or other services should contact Brian Walsh, Nondiscrimination Coordinator, by calling (605) 773-5559 or by email at Brian.Walsh@state.sd.us as soon as possible but no later than two business days prior to the hearing to ensure accommodations are available.

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

Hunter Roberts
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