

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL,
EXCEPTIONAL, CRITICAL OR UNIQUE LANDS
BLAKE HAROLD CHANLEY**

Notice is hereby given that Blake Harold Chanley, 514 Americas Way, Suite #7045, Box Elder, South Dakota 57719-76, 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 for an underground gold mining operation. The legal description of the operation is Portions of Section 33; T2N-R4E, Pennington County. Mr. Chanley 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 mining of gold from an old mine shaft located approximately 1 mile north of Mystic, SD. Mr. Chanley will mine from a shaft more than 100 feet in depth. Most waste material will be disposed of within the underground mine. At the surface, Mr. Chanley will have equipment to perform gravity separation of the gold. No chemicals are to be utilized in this process. Any waste rock disposed of at the surface is proposed to be placed on top of a waste rock pile remaining from historic mining. No more than 10 acres of the 20 acre project area will be disturbed during the project.

The Request 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/newminepermits.aspx>. The Request is also available for public review at the Pennington County Register of Deeds office in Rapid City, South Dakota. Comments may be submitted in writing or online at <http://denr.sd.gov/public/default.aspx>.

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. Information about the contents of a nominating petition can be found in ARSD 74:29:10:16 at <http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=74:29:10:16>. The deadline for submitting comments or a nominating petition is September 17, 2018. Written comments or petitions should be mailed to the Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182. Persons desiring further information may contact Roberta Hudson, Minerals and Mining Program, at (605) 773-4201.