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14 October 2022

Roberta Hudson
Engineering Manager I
South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Minerals and Mining Program
Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota, 57501

RE: DTRC LLC Maitland III Exploration Notice of Intent

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

Dakota Gold Corp. herein submits on behalf of DTRC LLC this Exploration Notice of Intent (EXNI) for Maitland III Exploratory Drill Program. The program comprises drilling and coring from exploration drill pads constructed exclusively on private land within Lawrence County.

Included in this EXNI are the following:

- Notice of Intent to Conduct Mineral Exploration Operation Application Form,
- A plan of reclamation pursuant to Section 8,
- A topographic map pursuant to Section 9,
- A fee of \$250 pursuant to Section 17 in check form,
- Landowner Ownership documentation (Confidential), and
- Cultural Resources Report (Confidential)

Dakota Gold Corp. is committed to working with DANR and meeting or exceeding all statutes and regulations.

Thank you for your time as it pertains to this matter. Should you have any question or comments, please contact Timm Comer at (719) 203-0567 or tcomer@dakotagoldcorp.com

Regards,

James Berry
Vice President of Exploration

Attachment: Complete EXNI Application Package
Enclosures: Check No. 1995 for \$250

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT
MINERAL EXPLORATION OPERATION
(Excluding Uranium)**

Pursuant to SDCL 45-6C

Operator's name:

DTRC LLC

Mailing Address:

**106 Glendale Drive, Suite A
Lead, South Dakota 57754**

Telephone:

605.717.2640

Resident agent (if out-of-state corporation):

James Berry

Resident agent address:

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Telephone:

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Legal description of area to be explored by Section, Township, and Range:

**Portions of Section 12 and 13
Township 5 North, Range 2 East
Black Hills Meridian**

**Portions of Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 30
Township 5 North, Range 3 East
Black Hills Meridian**

County:

Lawrence

Give a brief description of the type of exploration to be conducted. Include a list of all minerals to be explored and a description of methods (e.g. drill rig type, number of holes to be drilled, number of drill pads to be constructed, proposed depth for each test hole, length of existing access roads and/or new access road construction).

DTRC LLC will explore for potential hardrock gold deposits within the proposed project area. It is anticipated that exploration test hole drilling will be completed using skid-mounted core and/or truck-mounted reverse circulation drilling methods/drill rigs. The project would include up to 55 exploration test hole drill pads (drill pads) with drill pad location on previously disturbed lands that include development lots and development road, a powerline road, an existing road and/or existing trails in the area. There are no new roads or trail development proposed as part of this project with all access activities on previously disturbed land in the project area.

Existing roads (approximately 17,600 ft [approximately 4.85 acres]) include: development roads (approximately 12,900 feet [approximately 3.55 acres]), an existing road (approximately 1,400 feet [approximately 0.38 acres]) and a powerline road (approximately 3,300 feet [approximately 0.92 acres]).

Existing trails (approximately 31,800 feet [approximately 8.75 acres]) will be utilized within the project areas for access to the proposed drill pads in the project area.

Exploration test hole drilling from these 55 pads will be drilled both azimuth and vertical and up to a depth of approximate 5000 ft in vertical depth, with the possibility of multiple (up to 10) exploration test holes drilled from each drill pad. The drill pads that are constructed will measuring approximately 100 feet x 100 feet [approximately 0.23 acres each].

Date exploration will commence:

Immediately following approval of this EXNI.

What legal authority does the operator have to conduct exploration on the above-described land? Include a copy if available.

☒ Deed ☐ Lease ☐ US Forest Service Permit ☐ Pending US Forest Service Permit ☒ Other

Will the operator conduct uranium exploration? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, a permit pursuant to SDCL 45-6D must be obtained.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please reference SDCL 45-6C. This Notice of Intent must be accompanied by:

1. A plan of reclamation pursuant to Section 8.
2. A topographic map pursuant to Section 9.
3. A fee of \$250 payable to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources pursuant to Section 17.
4. A surety in an amount to be determined by the department pursuant to Section 19.
5. Any written landowner consultations giving alternative preferences for the reclamation of the affected land pursuant to Section 16.

Applicant affirms that the surface owner has been notified of the proposed mineral development and that said surface owner is aware of his rights to compensation for damages to property pursuant to SDCL 45-5A. Applicant hereby affirms that the mineral exploration will be conducted pursuant and subject to the provisions of SDCL 45-6C, and all regulations promulgated thereunder, that he will grant access to the SD Board of Minerals and Environment or its agents to the area under notice from the date of the notice and thereafter to assure compliance with the provisions of SDCL 45-6C.

I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this claim (petition, application, information) has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct.

October 14, 2022

Signature James Berry

Date: _____

Title: **Vice President of Exploration**

STATE OF **South Dakota**

COUNTY OF **Lawrence**

On this **14** day of **October**, 20**22**, before me personally appeared

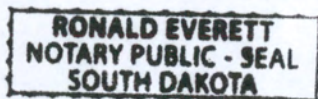
James Berry, who acknowledged himself to be the **Vice President of Exploration**
(Title)

for **DTRC LLC** and that he is authorized to execute the Notice of Intent for the
(Operator)
purposes contained therein.

Ronald Everett
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: **November 18, 2022**

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DATE APPROVED: BOND AMOUNT: EXNI NUMBER:

Chairman, SD Board of Minerals & Environment

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF

DTRC LLC

CERTIFICATION OF

APPLICANT

STATE OF South Dakota

COUNTY OF Lawrence

I, James Berry, the applicant in the above matter after being duly sworn upon oath hereby certify the following information in regard to this application:

I have read and understand South Dakota Codified Law Section 1-41-20 which provides:

"The secretary may reject an application for any permit filed pursuant to Titles 34A or 45, including any application by any concentrated swine feeding operation for authorization to operate under a general permit, upon making a specific finding that:

(1) The applicant is unsuited or unqualified to perform the obligations of a permit holder based upon a finding that the applicant, any officer, director, partner, or resident general manager of the facility for which application has been made:

- (a) Has intentionally misrepresented a material fact in applying for a permit;*
- (b) Has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude;*
- (c) Has habitually and intentionally violated environmental laws of any state or the United States which have caused significant and material environmental damage;*
- (d) Has had any permit revoked under the environmental laws of any state or the United States; or*

(e) Has otherwise demonstrated through clear and convincing evidence of previous actions that the applicant lacks the necessary good character and competency to reliably carry out the obligations imposed by law upon the permit holder; or

(2) The application substantially duplicates an application by the same applicant denied within the past five years which denial has not been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this subdivision may be construed to prohibit an applicant from submitting a new application for a permit previously denied, if the new application represents a good faith attempt by the applicant to correct the deficiencies that served as the basis for the denial in the original application.

All applications filed pursuant to Titles 34A and 45 shall include a certification, sworn to under oath and signed by the applicant, that he is not disqualified by reason of this section from obtaining a permit. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, that certification shall constitute a prima facie showing of the suitability and qualification of the applicant. If at any point in the application review, recommendation or hearing process, the secretary finds the applicant has intentionally made any material misrepresentation of fact in regard to this certification,

consideration of the application may be suspended and the application may be rejected as provided for under this section.

Applications rejected pursuant to this section constitute final agency action upon that application and may be appealed to circuit court as provided for under chapter 1-26."

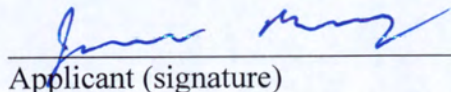
I certify pursuant to 1-41-20, that as an applicant, officer, director, partner, or resident general manager of the activity or facility for which the application has been made that I; a) have not intentionally misrepresented a material fact in applying for a permit; b) have not been convicted of a felony or other crime of moral turpitude; c) have not habitually and intentionally violated environmental laws of any state or the United States which have caused significant and material environmental damage; (d) have not had any permit revoked under the environmental laws of any state or the United States; or e) have not otherwise demonstrated through clear and convincing evidence of previous actions that I lack the necessary good character and competency to reliably carry out the obligations imposed by law upon me. I also certify that this application does not substantially duplicate an application by the same applicant denied within the past five years which denial has not been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Further;

"I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this claim (petition, application, information) has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct."

Dated this 14 day of October, 2022

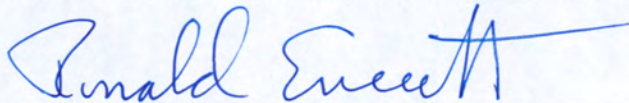
James Berry

Applicant (print)



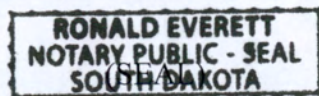
Applicant (signature)

Subscribed and sworn before me this: 14 day of October, 2022.



Notary Public (signature)

My commission expires: 18 November 2027



**PLEASE ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DISCLOSE
ALL FACTS AND DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO
SDCL 1-41-20 (1) (a) THROUGH (e).
ALL VIOLATIONS MUST BE DISCLOSED, BUT WILL NOT
AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION**

From: [Jerry Aberle](#)
To: [Holm, Eric](#)
Cc: [Hudson, Roberta](#); [McQuay, Patty](#); [Mark Rantapaa](#); [Ron Everett](#)
Subject: RE: [EXT] Dakota Territory EXNI Reclamation Bond
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:48:06 AM
Attachments: [DTRC Signatory Authority Letter - executed 11.01.21.pdf](#)
[DTRC - Amended 2021 Annual List \(10-26-2021\).pdf](#)

Hi Eric,

Please find attached a letter that addresses signing authority within Dakota Territory Resource Corp.. Also attached is a download from the Nevada Secretary of State's office that presents the registered Officers and Directors of the Company as at 10/26/21. Let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks,
Jerry

From: Holm, Eric <Eric.Holm@state.sd.us>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Jerry Aberle <JAberle@gold-sd.com>
Cc: Holm, Eric <Eric.Holm@state.sd.us>; Hudson, Roberta <Roberta.Hudson@state.sd.us>; McQuay, Patty <Patty.McQuay@state.sd.us>
Subject: RE: Dakota Territory EXNI Reclamation Bond

When reviewing the signature card of the certificate of deposit which will serve as the reclamation bond for Dakota Territory's EXNI's, we noted three people on the signature card (Gerald Aberle, Mark Rantapaa, and Ron Everett). Since we are not very familiar with Dakota Territory and its officers, can you send us a letter from Dakota Territory listing the names of persons that are authorized to sign various documents such as application forms, annual reports, financial instruments such as certificates of deposit, surety bonds, and letters of credit, and other documents? We have requested this of other mining companies in the Black Hills. Thanks you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Eric Holm
Engineer III
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Minerals and Mining Program
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November 1, 2021

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Dear Mr. Holm,

RE: Dakota Territory Resource Corp - Signatory Authorities

As per your email inquiry dated November 1, 2021, Gerald M. Aberle, Mark Rantapaa and Ron Everett each have signatory authority over our accounts at First Interstate Bank. Our corporate policy would dictate that two people with signatory authority are required to authorize financial transactions related to those accounts.

Jonathan Awde, Dakota Territory Resource Corp President, CEO and Director is authorized to sign our annual report. Jonathan Awde, as President, CEO and Director, or Gerald Aberle, as COO and Director are authorized to transact the approved business of the Company in and with the State of South Dakota.

Mark Rantapaa and Ron Everett are managers of Dakota Territory Resource Corp, and as a result have the corporate authority to bind the company up to certain thresholds approved by the board of directors of Dakota Territory Resource Corp.

For a complete list of the officers and directors of Dakota Territory Resource Corp, please find enclosed the company's most recent annual list on file with the Secretary of State of Nevada.

Regards,



Gerald M. Aberle
Dakota Territory Resource Corp
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605.717-2615
gaberle@gold-sd.com

BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE
Secretary of State

KIMBERLEY PERONDI
*Deputy Secretary for
Commercial Recordings*

STATE OF NEVADA



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Business Entity - Filing Acknowledgement

10/26/2021

Work Order Item Number: W2021102600376 - 1672103
Filing Number: 20211846232
Filing Type: Amended List
Filing Date/Time: 10/26/2021 08:41:29 AM
Filing Page(s): 3

Indexed Entity Information:

Entity ID: C3046-2002

Entity Name: DAKOTA TERRITORY
RESOURCE CORP.

Entity Status: Active

Expiration Date: None

Commercial Registered Agent

JEFF N. FAILLERS, P.C.

241 RIDGE STREET STE 210, RENO, NV 89501, USA

The attached document(s) were filed with the Nevada Secretary of State, Commercial Recording Division. The filing date and time have been affixed to each document, indicating the date and time of filing. A filing number is also affixed and can be used to reference this document in the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara K. Cegavske".

BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE
Secretary of State



BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE
Secretary of State
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Annual or Amended List and State Business License Application

☐ ANNUAL ☒ AMENDED (check one)

List of Officers, Managers, Members, General Partners, Managing Partners, Trustees or Subscribers:

DAKOTA TERRITORY RESOURCE CORP.

NAME OF ENTITY

NV20021223622

Entity or Nevada Business
Identification Number (NVID)

TYPE OR PRINT ONLY - USE DARK INK ONLY - DO NOT HIGHLIGHT

IMPORTANT: Read instructions before completing and returning this form.

Please indicate the entity type (check only one):

- ☒ Corporation
☐ This corporation is publicly traded, the Central Index Key number is:
- ☐ Nonprofit Corporation (see nonprofit sections below)
- ☐ Limited-Liability Company
- ☐ Limited Partnership
- ☐ Limited-Liability Partnership
- ☐ Limited-Liability Limited Partnership
- ☐ Business Trust
- ☐ Corporation Sole

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Additional Officers, Managers, Members, General Partners, Managing Partners, Trustees or Subscribers, may be listed on a supplemental page.

CHECK ONLY IF APPLICABLE

Pursuant to NRS Chapter 76, this entity is exempt from the business license fee.

- ☐ 001 - Governmental Entity
- ☐ 006 - NRS 680B.020 Insurance Co, provide license or certificate of authority number

For nonprofit entities formed under NRS chapter 80: entities without 501(c) nonprofit designation are required to maintain a state business license, the fee is \$200.00. Those claiming an exemption under 501(c) designation must indicate by checking box below.

- ☐ Pursuant to NRS Chapter 76, this entity is a 501(c) nonprofit entity and is exempt from the business license fee.
Exemption Code 002

For nonprofit entities formed under NRS Chapter 81: entities which are Unit-owners' association or Religious, Charitable, fraternal or other organization that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to 26 U.S.C § 501(c) are excluded from the requirement to obtain a state business license. Please indicate below if this entity falls under one of these categories by marking the appropriate box. If the entity does not fall under either of these categories please submit \$200.00 for the state business license.

- ☐ Unit-owners' Association ☐ Religious, charitable, fraternal or other organization that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §501(c)

For nonprofit entities formed under NRS Chapter 82 and 80: Charitable Solicitation Information - check applicable box

Does the Organization intend to solicit charitable or tax deductible contributions?

- ☐ No - no additional form is required
- ☐ Yes - the "Charitable Solicitation Registration Statement" is required.
- ☐ The Organization claims exemption pursuant to NRS 82A 210 - the "Exemption From Charitable Solicitation Registration Statement" is required

****Failure to include the required statement form will result in rejection of the filing and could result in late fees.****



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Annual or Amended List and State Business License Application - Continued

Officers, Managers, Members, General Partners, Managing Partners, Trustees or Subscribers:

CORPORATION, INDICATE THE PRESIDENT:

Jonathan Awde	USA
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State	Zip/Postal Code

CORPORATION, INDICATE THE DIRECTOR:

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CORPORATION, INDICATE THE DIRECTOR:

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CORPORATION, INDICATE THE :

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CORPORATION, INDICATE THE DIRECTOR:

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CORPORATION, INDICATE THE DIRECTOR:

Jennifer Grafton		USA	
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CORPORATION, INDICATE THE VICE PRESIDENT, EXPLORATION:

James Berry		USA	
Name		Country	
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Address	City	State	Zip/Postal Code

None of the officers and directors identified in the list of officers has been identified with the fraudulent intent of concealing the identity of any person or persons exercising the power or authority of an officer or director in furtherance of any unlawful conduct.

I declare, to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury, that the information contained herein is correct and acknowledge that pursuant to NRS 239.330, it is a category C felony to knowingly offer any false or forged instrument for filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

X **Daniel Cherniak**
Signature of Officer, Manager, Managing Member,
General Partner, Managing Partner, Trustee,
Subscriber, Member, Owner of Business,
Partner or Authorized Signer FORM WILL BE RETURNED IF

Secretary	10/26/2021
Title	Date

UNSIGNED

In preparing this reclamation plan, please address each item in detail, referencing SDCL 45-6C-8 and 45-6D-9. Please refer to the reclamation standards outlined in SDCL 45-6C-27 through 45-6C-34, SDCL 45-6D-33 through 45-6D-39, and the state's hole plugging regulations as detailed in ARSD 74:11.

1. Describe the type of reclamation the operator proposes to achieve in the reclamation of the affected land.

DTRC LLC and its exploration drilling contractors strive to minimize the potential surface impacts of the exploratory drilling program. The exploration drilling operations would include removal of existing growth media (topsoil) when feasible, then stockpiling, reshaping, and interim reseeding of the topsoil, which would then be utilized for future reclamation activities at the project site. Topsoil stockpiles would be clearly located and appropriately marked as such. Best Management Practices (BMPs) for potential sedimentation and erosion control would be implemented at the project site for areas of new disturbance. These BMP (e.g. ditches, sumps, berms, wattles, straw bales or silt fences) at potential affected areas pursuant to SDCL 45-6C-32. Exploration drill pad sumps would be located on the uphill side of the exploration drill pad site when feasible and constructed with a liner system suitable to retain liquids from the exploration drilling activities. Areas where exploration drilling pads (up to 55) and/or exploration trials (approximately 31,800 feet) are constructed would be reclaimed following completion of exploration drilling activities. For exploration drilling activities on existing roads, no reclamation activities would occur on the existing roads (approximately 17,600 feet) while the newly disturbed area of the exploration drill pads would be recontoured and regraded as necessary, the exploration drill pad sump liner system would be folded in place and then the entire sump area backfilled with native materials to the area. The entire exploration drill pad area, including sump area would be reclaimed. Reclamation activities would include recontouring, regraded, placement of topsoil and seeding with reclamation seed mixture. For areas where exploration access trials and/or exploration drill pad construction are necessary, the newly disturbed affected area of the exploration access trial would be regraded to approximate original contours where feasible using native materials to the area. Once these regrading activities are completed, the area of the exploration access trial would be reclaimed. Reclamation of one site would be conducted concurrent while exploration drilling activities continue at another site, when feasible and pending weather conditions. The post-mining land use for the exploration project area would be woodland grazing, which would be accomplished by reclaiming to an open canopy area within the forested surroundings.

2. Provide a proposed timetable for seeding and replanting indicating when and how the reclamation plan will be implemented. Such timetable shall be developed in consultation with the County District Conservationist as to the nature of the soils and native vegetation in the area of the proposed operation. These recommendations shall be followed, if any are provided, and copies of all correspondence shall be provided to the Department.

Reclamation seeding will take place after recontouring and regrading of disturbed areas is completed. Seedings would be done on a clean, semi-smooth, weed free seedbed with effective seeding methods. DTRC LLC would control potential noxious weeds on newly disturbed areas impacted by exploration drilling activities throughout operations of the project and for 1-year post-reclamation. Weeds would be clipped and or sprayed by licensed applicator before they compete against the seeding for moisture and light. All reclamation processes, seed mixtures, seasonal constraints and timing and guidance will be based on South Dakota NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Critical Area Planting Code 342 as suggested by the Lawrence County Conservation District and the local NRCS requirements and recommendations, per 45-6C-16; Consultation with surface owner-Preferences for reclamation and travel restrictions, as well as with the conservation district and NRCS offices. Fertilizer would be applied as necessary. Reseeding of the reclaimed sites would be conducted if the initial reclamation is not successful.

The seed mixture or reseeding exploration drill pad sites and exploration access roads/trails consists of local native species and was developed based on recommendations following consultation by the local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office. Consultation with NRCS was completed on 01 August 2022 for this project. Previously recommended reclamation seed mixtures approved for DTRC LLC existing Exploration Notice of Intent (EXNI) is again recommended as the seed mixture for this project based on that consultation. A copy of that recommended reclamation seed mixture by NRCS is attached to this EXNI.

3. Describe how the reclamation plan will rehabilitate the affected land.

The goal of the reclamation plan is to rehabilitate and restore the newly affected lands to woodland grazing habitat. Planting of grasses would control erosion and protect the topsoil. Numerous forb and shrub species are expected to volunteer on the reclaimed areas because ground disturbance associated with exploration activities would be limited as compared to surrounding areas of vegetation. A grass, forb, shrub, and subshrub community is expected to develop as reclamation matures, which would support woodland grazing and provide an edge effect to support the wildlife in the area


4. Describe the anticipated temporary and permanent plugging and capping procedures to be used. Please refer to SDCL 45-6C-28 through 45-6C-30, SDCL 45-6D-33 through 45-6D-35, and the state's hole plugging regulations as detailed in ARSD 74:11.

At a minimum DTRC LLC commits to following all South Dakota laws and statutes concerning hole plugging and abandonment and alternatively would execute a full cement grout where needed, such as any instance where aquifer cross contamination is feasible. All exploration drill holes would be plugged in accordance with ARSD 74:11:08 and SDCL 45-6C-28 through 45-6C-30. Additional, DTRC LLC would request approval of the *General Alternate Plugging Plan* that was submitted on 11 August 2022 to DANR and approved by DANR on 05 October 2022 for all DTRC LLC EXNI permits. The drill holes may penetrate the Deadwood Formation and the Precambrian, which are water-bearing units or aquifers in the Black Hills. If an aquifer is penetrated, the exploration drill holes will be plugged from bottom to top using bentonite grout, which complies with the requirements of ARSD 74:11:08:05 and ARSD 74:11:08:05:01 (i.e. requirements for plugging exploration drill holes that penetrate single unconfined aquifers and confined or multiple aquifers). In the event that a confined aquifer is penetrated, the weight of the bentonite grout column would be sufficient to overcome formation pressure, or the hole would be plugged using cement grout. Records regarding aquifers encountered during drilling and plugging methods used would be retained for each exploration hole and those records would be provided to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) upon request. All exploration drill holes will be plugged immediately upon completion while the drill rig is still on the exploration drill pad. In the event that a drill hole needs to remain open for more than 30 days, DTRC LLC will apply for an alternate plugging schedule to temporarily keep the hole open.

5. Provide the estimated cost of implementing and completing the proposed reclamation, and, the estimated cost of plugging and sealing each test hole.

Reclamation of each drill pad is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000. Reclamation of exploration access roads and trails is expected to cost approximately \$5,000 per linear mile. Plugging and sealing drill holes is estimated to cost \$1,000 per hole. DTRC LLC has a statewide surety bond of \$20,000 in place with the State of South Dakota in lieu of drill program specific surety bonds (SDCL 45-6C-19).

I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this claim (petition, application, information) has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct.



Signature
Title: Vice President of Exploration

Date: October 14, 2022

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Hello Timm,

The seeding plan that was attached within your email and included below would also be appropriate for the area referenced in your email. If you need a new seeding sheet reflecting this or anything else let me know.

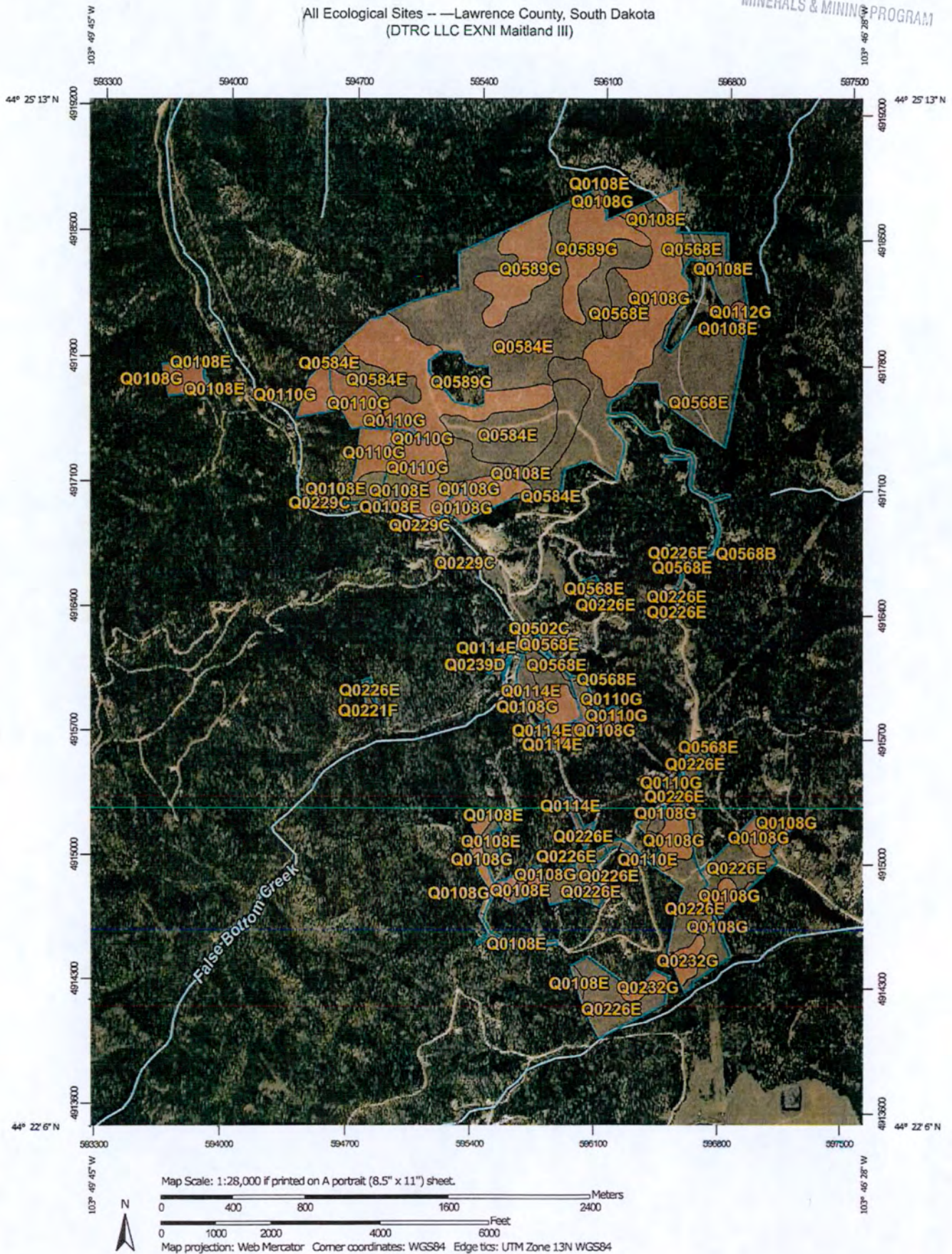


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MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)





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Soils







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
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Water Features

 Streams and Canals

Transportation

 Rails
 Interstate Highways
 US Routes
 Major Roads
 Local Roads

Background

 Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Web Soil Survey URL:
 Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

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Soil Survey Area: Lawrence County, South Dakota
 Survey Area Data: Version 24, Sep 13, 2021

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Sep 18, 2021—Oct 16, 2021

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All Ecological Sites —

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Component name (percent)	Ecological site	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Q0108E	Grizzly-Mineshaft complex, 10 to 40 percent slopes	Grizzly (50%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes	82.0	8.8%
		Mineshaft (30%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Mineshaft, shallow (5%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Pactola (5%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rock outcrop, igneous (5%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Virkula (5%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0108G	Grizzly-Mineshaft complex, 40 to 80 percent slopes	Grizzly (40%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes	166.1	17.9%
		Mineshaft (35%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rock outcrop, igneous (8%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Grizzly, extremely stony (7%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Mineshaft, shallow (5%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rubbleland, igneous (4%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Virkula (1%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0110E	Grizzly-Rock outcrop complex, 10 to 40 percent slopes	Grizzly, sandy surface (60%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes	0.9	0.1%

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		Rock outcrop, igneous (20%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Grizzly (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Maitland (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Mineshaft, shallow (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Pactola (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Virkula (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0110G	Grizzly-Rock outcrop complex, 40 to 80 percent slopes	Grizzly, sandy surface (55%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes	55.9	6.0%
		Rock outcrop, igneous (25%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Mineshaft, shallow (5%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Mineshaft (5%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rubbleland, igneous (5%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Pactola (4%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Virkula (1%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0112G	Grizzly-Rubbleland-Rock outcrop complex, 40 to 80 percent slopes	Grizzly (35%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes	3.9	0.4%
		Rubbleland, igneous (25%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Rock outcrop, igneous (20%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Grizzly, thick surface (8%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		

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		Pactola (7%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Mineshaft, shallow (4%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Virkula (1%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0114E	Grizzly-Virkula complex, 10 to 40 percent slopes	Grizzly (50%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes	10.2	1.1%
		Virkula (30%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Grizzly, sandy surface (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Mineshaft, shallow (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Mineshaft (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Pactola (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Cordeston (2%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Rock outcrop, igneous (2%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
Q0221F	Pactola-Buska channery silt loams, 20 to 60 percent slopes	Pactola (40%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes	1.9	0.2%
		Buska (35%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Hisega (6%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rock outcrop, schist (6%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		

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		Cordeston (5%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Heely (4%)	R062XA032SD — Channery Loam - North (LRU-A)		
		Virkula (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0226E	Pactola-Virkula-Rock outcrop complex, 10 to 40 percent slopes	Pactola (50%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes	130.2	14.0%
		Virkula (20%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rock outcrop, schist (15%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Buska (5%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Heely (5%)	R062XA032SD — Channery Loam - North (LRU-A)		
		Cordeston, rarely flooded (4%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Grizzly (1%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0229C	Rapidcreek very gravelly loam, noncalcareous, 1 to 9 percent slopes, rarely flooded	Rapidcreek, nonacid, rarely flooded (70%)	R062XA020SD — Loamy Overflow - North (LRU-A)	1.1	0.1%
		Rapidcreek, nonacid, occasionally flooded (20%)	R062XA020SD — Loamy Overflow - North (LRU-A)		
		Rapidcreek, nonacid, wet (5%)	R062XY003SD — Subirrigated		
		Cordeston, rarely flooded (3%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Riverwash (2%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
Q0232G	Pactola-Pactola, shallow-Rock outcrop complex, 40 to 80 percent slopes	Pactola (40%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes	13.2	1.4%
		Pactola, shallow (20%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		

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		Rock outcrop, schist (20%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Cordeston (4%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Grizzly (4%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rapidcreek, nonacid, rarely flooded (4%)	R062XA020SD — Loamy Overflow - North (LRU-A)		
		Rubbleland, schist (4%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Virkula (4%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0239D	Virkula-Pactola complex, 2 to 15 percent slopes	Virkula (50%)	F062XY053SD — Low Mountain Terrace and Benches	1.2	0.1%
		Pactola (30%)	F062XY054SD — Mod. Steep to Steep High Mountain Slopes		
		Cordeston (5%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Heely (5%)	R062XA032SD — Channery Loam - North (LRU-A)		
		Mocmont, moist (5%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rock outcrop, schist (5%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
Q0502C	Bullflat, moist-Cordeston silt loams, 2 to 9 percent slopes	Bullflat (50%)	R062XA010SD — Loamy - North (LRU-A)	0.0	0.0%
		Cordeston (25%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Cordeston, rarely flooded (10%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Gurney, moist (5%)	R062XA010SD — Loamy - North (LRU-A)		
		Hilger, moist (5%)	R062XY029SD — Stony Hills		
		Marshbrook (5%)	R062XY003SD — Subirrigated		

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Q0568B	Roubaix silt loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes	Roubaix (75%)	F062XY053SD — Low Mountain Terrace and Benches	1.6	0.2%
		Citadel (15%)	F062XY053SD — Low Mountain Terrace and Benches		
		Bullflat (5%)	R062XA010SD — Loamy - North (LRU-A)		
		Vanocker (5%)	F062XY053SD — Low Mountain Terrace and Benches		
Q0568E	Roubaix silt loam, 6 to 40 percent slopes	Roubaix (75%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes	130.9	14.1%
		Citadel (10%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Bullflat (5%)	R062XA010SD — Loamy - North (LRU-A)		
		Pactola (5%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Vanocker (5%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0584E	Vanocker-Citadel complex, 10 to 40 percent slopes	Vanocker (55%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes	194.6	21.0%
		Citadel (25%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Sawdust, moist (5%)	R062XA012SD — Thin Upland (North)		
		Hickok (4%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rock outcrop, limestone (4%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		

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		Rockerville, moist (4%)	R062XA024SD — Shallow Loamy - North (LRU-A)		
		Rockoa, moist (3%)	F062XY052SD — Mod. Steep to Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
Q0589G	Vanocker-Sawdust, moist-Rock outcrop complex, 40 to 80 percent slopes	Vanocker (40%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes	133.6	14.4%
		Sawdust, moist (30%)	R062XA012SD — Thin Upland (North)		
		Rock outcrop, limestone (15%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Citadel (5%)	F062XY051SD — Very Steep Low Mountain Slopes		
		Rapidcreek, rarely flooded (5%)	R062XA020SD — Loamy Overflow - North (LRU-A)		
		Rockerville, moist (5%)	R062XA024SD — Shallow Loamy - North (LRU-A)		
Totals for Area of Interest				927.4	100.0%

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SEEDING PLAN

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Producer DTRC LLC Conservation District: Lawrence 62Program CTA Practice No. 342 Practice Name: Critical Area Seeding

CI or Referral No. _____ Contract # _____

Resource Concern (CPPE Impact)

Purpose:

342- Stabilize areas with existing or expected high rates of soil erosion by wind or water

PLANNED

Tract	NA	Seedbed Preparation
Field	NA	Clean, smooth, weed free seedbed will be prepared
Acres	1.00	
Group or Site	Critical Area Group	
Site	Loamy or Silty Texture	
Date to be Planted	Early Spring Prior to 5/15	Protection Provided
Alternative planting dates		
Seeding Equipment	Special Grass Drill	
Companion Crop	None	

PLANNED

Species * **	1/ Select Improved Variety (recommended) or select common seed (see note below)	Percent in Mixture	Pure Live Seeds (PLS) per square foot	Pure Live Seed (PLS) lbs/lac Needed	Acres to Seed	Pure Live Seed (PLS) lbs Required
Western wheatgrass		55.0	20.63	8.02	1.00	8.02
Big bluestem		15.0	6.75	1.67	1.00	1.67
Sideoats grama		5.0	2.25	0.54	1.00	0.54
Slender wheatgrass		20.0	7.50	2.11	1.00	2.11
Green needlegrass		5.0	2.25	0.54	1.00	0.54
Little bluestem		3.0	1.35	0.21	1.00	0.21
Western yarrow		1.0	0.38	0.01	1.00	0.01
Purple prairie clover		1.0	0.38	0.06	1.00	0.06

To meet SD NRCS

Standards Please Note:

1/ Improved varieties recommended above have no restrictions on their origin.

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- Seed test must be completed according to SD Seed laws (see link below) and no more than 9 months prior to the date planted.

- All legumes must be pre-inoculated. Producer will provide all seed tags to NRCS

[Legume inoculants](#)

- Tetrazolium (TZ) tests may be used as a substitute for germination tests ONLY for Green Needlegrass

- For Alfalfa Salinity tolerance use F or G from the web site link -->

[Alfalfa Variety Ratings](#)

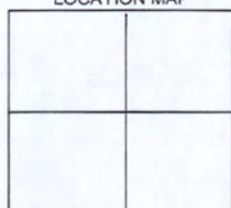
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To calculate the amount needed multiply the western wheatgrass seeding rate by .72

SD Seed Laws [Codified Laws Statute 38-12A](#)Seed testing [SD state seed-lab](#)

LOCATION MAP



Tract

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Planning Assistance By:

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Name

Date)

Plan Meets SD Standards (if no explain)

Yes ☒No ☐

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Sideoats grama		5.0	2.25	0.54	1.00	0.54
Slender wheatgrass		20.0	7.50	2.11	1.00	2.11
Green needlegrass		5.0	2.25	0.54	1.00	0.54
Little bluestem		3.0	1.35	0.21	1.00	0.21
Western yarrow		1.0	0.36	0.01	1.00	0.01
Purple prairie clover		1.0	0.36	0.06	1.00	0.06

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To calculate the amount needed multiply the western wheatgrass seeding rate by 72

SD Seed Laws

[Codified Laws Statute 38-12A](#)

Seed testing

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Thank you,

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Mitch,

Dakota Gold Corp. (DGC) is preparing for submittal a another Exploration Notices of Internet (EXNI) Application with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) for DTRC LLC. DGC would again request consultation on a recommended seed mixture to be utilized under the reclamation plan that will be submit as part of the EXNI application for DTRC LLC, per SDCL 45-6C-8(2).

Attached for use for your review are documents to assist in your consultation on a recommended seed mixture.

The following is a description of what is included as the attachment:

Page 1: Proposed project site (highlighted in yellow) in the Maitland area of Lawrence County with adjacent land ownership and proposed exploration test hole drill pads (red stars) and access roadways (magenta & green colored dashed lines) and access trails (red & maroon colored dashed lines),

Pages 2-9: All Ecological Sites report that I created from the NRCS website on the project area.

Page 10: Previously recommended seed mixture being utilized on four (4) other current EXNI Permits 424, 439, 440, and 441 currently held by DTRC LLC.

DGC would prefer to also utilizes the currently recommended seed mixture for this EXNI, and would request you concurrence if appropriate. The recommended seed mixture for existing DTCR LLC EXNI Permit 439 and the most recent application submitted to DANR on July 20, 2022 is in the same area as this proposed project area. However, should you recommend an alternative seed mixture, DGC would implement that recommended seed mixture as part of the submitted reclamation plan to the DANR as part of the EXNI Application.

Thank you for your time as it pertains to this matter and your assistance. Should you need any further information, please contact me.

Regards,
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