## NOTICE OF FILING EXPLORATION NOTICE OF INTENT MARK HUGHES

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources has received a Notice of Intent to conduct exploration for gold and associated minerals from Mark Hughes, PO Box 533, Custer, SD 57730.

The exploration area is generally located 8 miles west of Custer, South Dakota, within Section 3; T4S-R3E, Custer County.

Operations are anticipated to begin upon approval of the Plan of Operations from the US Forest Service and upon issuance of written restrictions pertaining to the Notice of Intent. The exploration project will consist of approximately five trenches 10 to 30 feet in width and 10 feet in depth. Access to the site will be achieved utilizing an existing two-track trail that is approximately 0.75 miles in length.

The Notice of Intent 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 <a href="http://denr.sd.gov/des/mm/NewEXNIs.aspx">http://denr.sd.gov/des/mm/NewEXNIs.aspx</a>. Persons desiring further information may contact Roberta Hudson, Minerals and Mining Program, at (605) 773-4201.

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