



12 June 2025

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 Richmond Hill VII Exploration Notice of Intent

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

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

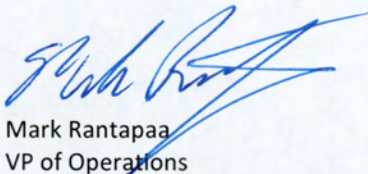
Included in this EXNI are the following:

- 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, and
- Landowner Ownership documentation (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 (605) 717-2590, (719) 203-0567 or tcomer@dakotagoldcorp.com

Regards,



Mark Rantapaa
VP of Operations

Attachment: Complete EXNI Application Package
Enclosures: Check No. 1744 for \$250

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V7Y 1G5, Canada

Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Minerals and Mining Program
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182
605 773-4201; Fax: 605 773-5286

**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

RECEIVED

Jun 18, 2025

MINERALS, MINING, &
SUPERFUND PROGRAM

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

Gerold M. Aberle

Resident agent address:

**106 Glendale Drive, Suite A
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Telephone:

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

**Portions of Section 14
Township 5 North, Range 2 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).

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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.

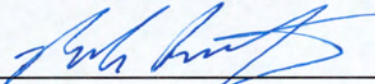
INSTRUCTIONS:

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

1. A plan of reclamation pursuant to Section 8.
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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.

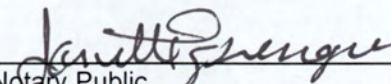
I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this claim (petition, application, information) has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct.



Signature
Date: 12 June 2025
Title: VP of Operations

STATE OF South Dakota
COUNTY OF Lawrence

On this 12 day of June, 2025, before me personally appeared
Mark Rantapaa, who acknowledged himself to be the VP of Operations
(Title)
for DTRC LLC and that he is authorized to execute the Notice of Intent for the
(Operator)
purposes contained therein.



Notary Public My Commission Expires: 05 May 2028

SEAL



FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

DATE APPROVED: BOND AMOUNT: EXNI NUMBER:

Chairman, SD Board of Minerals & Environment

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PAID
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Ck#
Rec'd# ~~1250~~

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF**

DTRC LLC

STATE OF South Dakota

COUNTY OF Lawrence

CERTIFICATION OF

APPLICANT

I, Mark Rantapaa, 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."

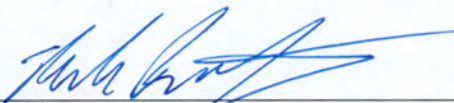
I certify pursuant to 1-41-20, that as an applicant, officer, director, partner, or resident general manager of the activity or facility for which the application has been made that I; a) have not intentionally misrepresented a material fact in applying for a permit; b) have not been convicted of a felony 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."

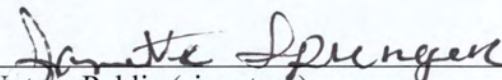
Dated this 12 day of June, 2025

Mark Rantapaa

Applicant (print)


Applicant (signature)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 12 day of June, 2025.


Notary Public (signature)

My commission expires: 05 May 2028

(SEAL)



**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**

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 area pursuant to SDCL 45-6C-32. Exploration drill pad sump (sumps) would be located on the uphill side of the exploration drill pad site when feasible and construction may include installation of a liner system, if needed to retain liquids at the drill pad site. Safety fencing would be implemented around the sumps for safety purposes and to prevent the potential of small wildlife from entering the sumps. In addition, means will be implemented in the sump to allow any wildlife to exit from the sump if needed. Areas where exploration drilling pads (up to 54 [approximately 49.6 acres]) that would be constructed would be reclaimed following completion of exploration drilling activities. For exploration drilling activities on new and existing roads, no reclamation activities would occur on the new roads (up to approximately 16,000 feet [approximately 4.4 acres]) and existing roads (up to approximately 12,000 feet [approximately 3.3 acres]). Exploration drill pads would also be accessed for the project utilizing approximately 31,300 feet [approximately 8.6 acres] from roads permitted under existing EXNI permits held by DTRC LLC in the project area. The newly disturbed area of the exploration drill pads would be recontoured and regraded as necessary, the exploration drill pad sump liner system (if installed) would be folded in place and punctured 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 exploration drill pad construction are necessary, the newly disturbed affected area 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 drill pads will 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 12 June 2025 for this project. Previously recommended reclamation seed mixtures approved for DTRC LLC existing Exploration Notice of Intents (EXNIs) 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

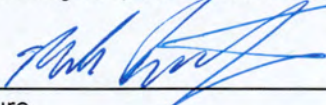
4. Describe the anticipated temporary and permanent plugging and capping procedures to be used. Please refer to SDCL 45-6C-28 through 45-6C-30, SDCL 45-6D-33 through 45-6D-35, and the state's hole plugging regulations as detailed in ARSD 74:11.

At a minimum DTRC LLC commits to following all South Dakota laws and statues 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. Additionally, DTRC LLC would utilize, if required, 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 \$100,000 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: VP of Operations

Date: 12 June, 2025

Timm Comer

From: Westlake, Andrea - FPAC-NRCS, SD <andrea.westlake@usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 9:36 AM
To: Timm Comer
Subject: [External]RE: [External Email]DTRC LLC Consultation with local Conservation District for Reclamation Plan - 2025 Richmond Hill VII EXNI Application
Attachments: Seeding Mix_June 2025.pdf

Caution: This is an external email. Please take care when clicking links or opening attachments.

Good Morning,

I have attached a seeding mix for this project. If you need anything else, feel free to contact me.

Thank you!

Andrea Westlake

Area Rangeland Management Specialist
Belle Fourche Field Office | Rapid City Area



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service
1837 5th Avenue | Belle Fourche, SD 57717
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From: Timm Comer <tcomer@dakotagoldcorp.com>
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 12:23 PM
To: Westlake, Andrea - FPAC-NRCS, SD <andrea.westlake@usda.gov>
Cc: kfjensensd@gmail.com; Tuschen, Victor - FPAC-NRCS, SD <victor.tuschen@usda.gov>; Kirkman, Yvette - FPAC-NRCS, SD <Yvette.Kirkman@sd.nacdnet.net>; Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>
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Andrea,

Dakota Gold Corp. ("DGC") is preparing for submittal another Exploration Notices of Internet ("EXNI") Application with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources ("DANR") for DTRC LLC. This EXNI application ("Richmond Hill VII") will be submitted for the Richmond Hill area of Lawrence County, once the recommended seed mixtures is received for inclusion in the application.

This new application is in the Richmond Hill area of DTRC LLC's current EXNIs 440, 444, 446, 456, 457 and 460 that are approved by DANR, and that includes seed mixture as were recommended from your office and approved by DANR.

DGC would request consultation on a recommended seed mixture to be utilized under the reclamation plan(s) that will be submit as part of the EXNI application for DTRC LLC for Richmond Hill VI, per SDCL 45-6C-8(2).

Enclosed with the email are the following for use for your review to assist in your consultation on a recommended seed mixture:

- ***RH_VII_TopoBasic_2025June5_v5.pdf***: Proposed project site in the Richmond area of Lawrence County.
- ***DTRC LLC_Richmond Hill VII Application_All_ecological Sites Report.pdf***: All Ecological Sites report that was created from the NRCS website on the new area of the project area.
- ***USDA Approved Seed Mixture for Richmond Hill VI.pdf***: Previously recommended and approved seed mixture being utilized on DTRC LLC EXNIs in the Richmond Hill area.

The recommended seed mixture for existing DTRC LLC EXNIs 440, 444, 446, 456, 457 and 460 as approved by DANR are in the same area as this proposed project area of Richmond Hill VII. DGC would prefer to utilize the currently recommended seed mixtures in this area too, and would request your concurrence if appropriate. 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,
Timm

Timm Comer

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SEEDING PLAN

Producer **DTRC LLC** Conservation District: **Lawrence** MLRA **62**

Program **CTA** Practice No. **342** Practice Name: **Critical Area Seeding**

CI or Referral No. Contract # **Caution - Practice may not work with Prepared Mix**

Resource Concern (CPPE Impact)

Purpose:

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

PLANNED

Tract		Seedbed Preparation
Field		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	
Alternative planting dates		Protection Provided
Alternative planting dates		Clip weeds before they compete for moisture and light
Seeding Equipment	Special Grass Drill	
Companion Crop	None	

PLANNED

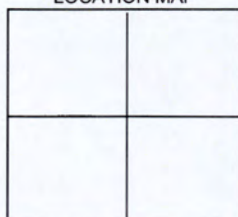
Species * **	1/ Select Improved Variety (recommended) or select common seed (see note below)	Percent in Mixture	Pure Live Seeds (PLS) per square foot	Pure Live Seed (PLS) lbs/ac Needed	Acres to Seed	Pure Live Seed (PLS) lbs Required
Western wheatgrass		55.0	20.63	8.02	1.00	8.02
Big bluestem		15.0	6.75	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.
1/ Origin of Common grass seed must be ND, SD, NE, MT, WY, MN, or IA. Exception: Smooth Bromegrass any locale.
1/ Common Native forbs and legumes will originate or be grown in (USA): ND, SD, NE, MT, IA, WY, ID, WA, OR, MN, WI, and (CAN): AB, BC, MB, ON, SK.
- 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](#)
- * Pubescent wheatgrass and Intermediate wheatgrass are the same species and can be substituted for one another at any time.
** Thickspike wheatgrass may be substituted for western wheatgrass if the later is not available but only west of the Missouri River.
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

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↑
S.
T.
R.

Tract

Planning Assistance By:

Andrea Westlake

6/12/2025

Name

Date)

Plan Meets SD Standards (if no explain)

Yes ☒No ☐

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Cc: Karl Jensen Lawrence County CD; Tuschen, Victor - NRCS, Belle Fourche, SD; Yvette.Kirkman Butte County Conservation District; Crystal Hocking
Subject: DTRC LLC Consultation with local Conservation District for Reclamation Plan - 2025 Richmond Hill VII EXNI Application
Attachments: DTRC LLC_Richmond Hill EXNI VII Application_All_Ecological_Sites Report.pdf; USDA Approved Seed Mixture for Richmond Hill VI.pdf.pdf; RH_VII_TopoBasic_2025Jun05_v5.pdf

Andrea,

Dakota Gold Corp. ("DGC") is preparing for submittal another Exploration Notices of Internet ("EXNI") Application with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources ("DANR") for DTRC LLC. This EXNI application ("Richmond Hill VII") will be submitted for the Richmond Hill area of Lawrence County, once the recommended seed mixtures is received for inclusion in the application.

This new application is in the Richmond Hill area of DTRC LLC's current EXNIs 440, 444, 446, 456, 457 and 460 that are approved by DANR, and that includes seed mixture as were recommended from your office and approved by DANR.

DGC would request consultation on a recommended seed mixture to be utilized under the reclamation plan(s) that will be submit as part of the EXNI application for DTRC LLC for Richmond Hill VI, per SDCL 45-6C-8(2).

Enclosed with the email are the following for use for your review to assist in your consultation on a recommended seed mixture:

- ***RH_VII_TopoBasic_2025June5_v5.pdf***: Proposed project site in the Richmond area of Lawrence County.
- ***DTRC LLC_Richmond Hill VII Application_All_ecological Sites Report.pdf***: All Ecological Sites report that was created from the NRCS website on the new area of the project area.
- ***USDA Approved Seed Mixture for Richmond Hill VI.pdf***: Previously recommended and approved seed mixture being utilized on DTRC LLC EXNIs in the Richmond Hill area.

The recommended seed mixture for existing DTRC LLC EXNIs 440, 444, 446, 456, 457 and 460 as approved by DANR are in the same area as this proposed project area of Richmond Hill VII. DGC would prefer to utilizes the currently recommended seed mixtures in this area too, and would request you concurrence if appropriate. 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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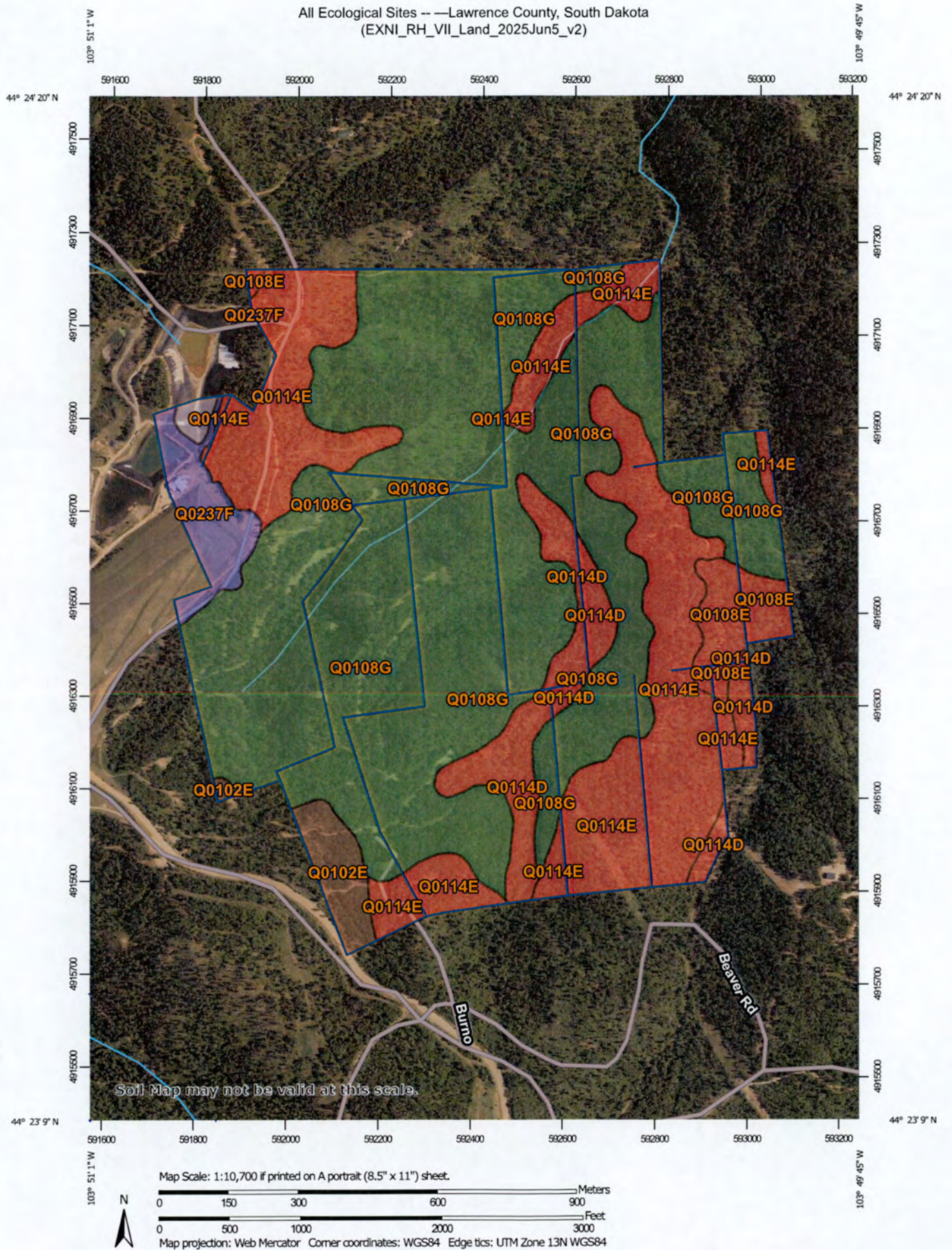
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All Ecological Sites -- Lawrence County, South Dakota
(EXNI_RH_VII_Land_2025Jun5_v2)








MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)






 Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils






Soil Rating Polygons

 F062XA051SD
 F062XA055SD
 F062XY057SD
 R062XY999SD
 Not rated or not available


Soil Rating Lines

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 F062XY057SD
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 Not rated or not available



Soil Rating Points

 F062XA051SD
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 R062XY999SD
 Not rated or not available

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.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

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)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Lawrence County, South Dakota
 Survey Area Data: Version 27, Sep 3, 2024

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

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jun 16, 2022—Aug 8, 2022

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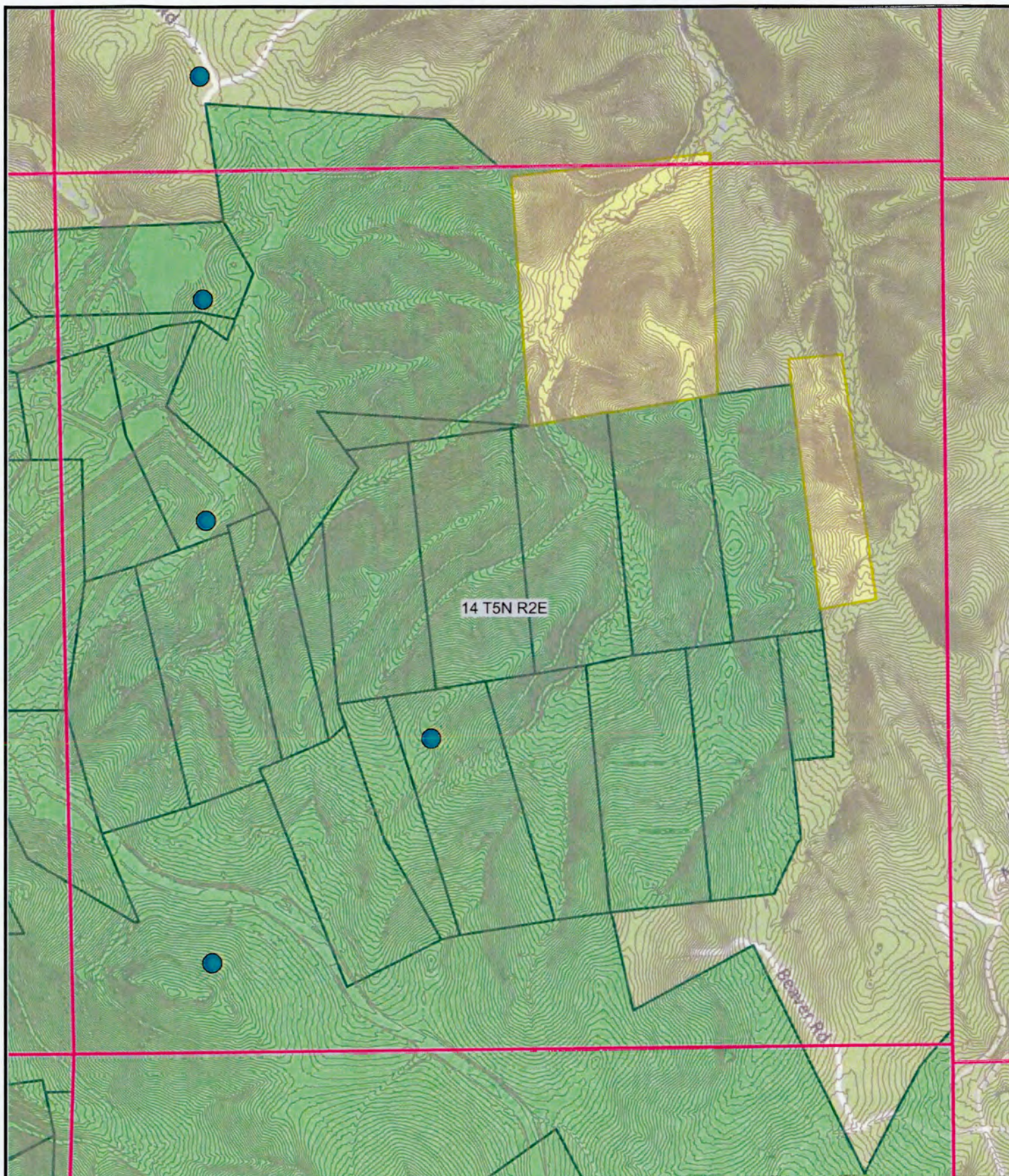
All Ecological Sites —

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Component name (percent)	Ecological site	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Q0102E	Goldmine- Goldmine, moderately deep complex, 10 to 40 percent slopes	Goldmine (50%)	F062XY057SD — Cool Fringe Mixed Hardwood Forest	8.1	2.2%
		Goldmine, moderately deep (25%)	F062XY057SD — Cool Fringe Mixed Hardwood Forest		
		Goldmine, shallow (10%)	F062XA054SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(15+ % Slope)		
		Pactola, cool (5%)	F062XA054SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(15+ % Slope)		
		Rock outcrop, igneous (5%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Virkula, cool (5%)	F062XB052SD — Highland Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
Q0108E	Grizzly-Mineshaft complex, 10 to 40 percent slopes	Grizzly (50%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)	10.2	2.7%
		Mineshaft (30%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Mineshaft, shallow (5%)	F062XB052SD — Highland Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Pactola (5%)	F062XB052SD — Highland Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Rock outcrop, igneous (5%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Component name (percent)	Ecological site	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
		Virkula (5%)	F062XB052SD — Highland Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
Q0108G	Grizzly-Mineshaft complex, 40 to 80 percent slopes	Grizzly (40%)	F062XA055SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(60+ % Slope)Non-site	227.2	60.7%
		Mineshaft (35%)	F062XA055SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(60+ % Slope)Non-site		
		Rock outcrop, igneous (8%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Grizzly, extremely stony (7%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Mineshaft, shallow (5%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Rubbleland, igneous (4%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
		Virkula (1%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
Q0114D	Grizzly-Virkula complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	Grizzly (45%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)	23.5	6.3%
		Virkula (30%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Mineshaft (6%)	F062XC053SD — Low Elevation Dry Southern Hills Pine Forest		

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Component name (percent)	Ecological site	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
		Grizzly, thick surface (5%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Grizzly, sandy surface (5%)	F062XC053SD — Low Elevation Dry Southern Hills Pine Forest		
		Pactola (4%)	F062XC053SD — Low Elevation Dry Southern Hills Pine Forest		
		Cordeston (3%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Citadel (2%)	F062XC053SD — Low Elevation Dry Southern Hills Pine Forest		
Q0114E	Grizzly-Virkula complex, 10 to 40 percent slopes	Grizzly (50%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)	92.1	24.6%
		Virkula (30%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Grizzly, sandy surface (4%)	F062XA051SD — Low Elevation Northern Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Mineshaft, shallow (4%)	F062XB052SD — Highland Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Mineshaft (4%)	F062XB052SD — Highland Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		
		Pactola (4%)	F062XB052SD — Highland Hills Pine Forest(0-15% Slope)		

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Component name (percent)	Ecological site	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
		Cordeston (2%)	R062XY043SD — Valley Loam		
		Rock outcrop, igneous (2%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site		
Q0237F	Typic Udarents, reclaimed, 3 to 60 percent slopes	Udarents, reclaimed (100%)	R062XY999SD — Non-site	11.4	3.0%
W	Water	Water (100%)		1.5	0.4%
Totals for Area of Interest				374.1	100.0%



Richmond Hill VII Drill Program



0 0.25
miles
Scale 1:9,000



Located Wells



5ft Contour



DTRC LLC: Previous EXNI



DTRC LLC

Topo-Basic

Date: 06/05/2025
Author: Taylor Ballert



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SEEDING PLAN

MLRA

Producer

Dakota Gold Corp.

Conservation District:

Lawrence

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Program

CTA

Practice No.

342

Practice Name:

Critical Area Seeding

CI or Referral No.

Contract #

Caution - Practice may not work with Prepared Mix

Resource Concern (CPPE Impact)

Purpose:

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

PLANNED

Tract		Seedbed Preparation
Field		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	Late Summer 8/1 to 9/1	
Alternative planting dates		Clip weeds before they compete for moisture and light
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/ac Needed	Acres to Seed	Pure Live Seed (PLS) lbs Required
		105	41.48			
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.

1/ Origin of Common grass seed must be ND, SD, NE, MT, WY, MN, or IA. Exception: Smooth Bromegrass any locale.

1/ Common Native forbs and legumes will originate or be grown in

(USA): ND, SD, NE, MT, IA, WY, ID, WA, OR, MN, WI, and (CAN): AB, BC, MB, ON, SK.

- 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](#)

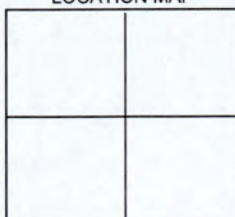
* Pubescent wheatgrass and Intermediate wheatgrass are the same species and can be substituted for one another at any time.

** Thickspike wheatgrass may be substituted for western wheatgrass if the later is not available but only west of the Missouri River.

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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R.

Planning Assistance By:

Andrea Westlake

8/29/2024

Name

Date)

Plan Meets SD Standards (if no explain)

Yes ☒No ☐