

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
RECOMMENDATION
SMALL SCALE MINE PERMIT AMENDMENT
TERESA FOX**

Teresa Fox, 1110 Ash Street, Whitewood, South Dakota 57793 has submitted an application to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources to amend Small Scale Mine Permit 477. The mining operation is located in S1/2 SW1/4 Section 23; T5N-R1E, Lawrence County. The general location of the operation is approximately nine miles southwest of Spearfish, South Dakota. The primary mineral being mined is placer gold. The selected post mining land use is forest grassland.

The proposed amendment will allow Teresa Fox to extend the completion date of the mining operation, to include final reclamation, to November 1, 2033 and add one large holding tank (vat) which will serve as a water source and sediment containment for a recirculating trommel operation. All other facets of the general mining operation will remain as described in the original permit.

The amendment and proposed conditions are available for review at the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, or can be viewed on the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund web page at <https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/Exploration/NewMinePermitAmendments.aspx>. The amendment is also available for public review at the Lawrence County Register of Deeds office in Deadwood, South Dakota. As required in ARSD 74:29:03:12, the department is recommending conditional approval of Ms. Fox's permit amendment. The conditions cover the following areas: General, Reclamation, Erosion Control, and Reclamation Bond. Comments may be submitted in writing or online at <https://danr.sd.gov/public/default.aspx>.

Written objections to, statements in support of, or petitions to intervene and become a party to the proceedings pursuant to ARSD 74:29:03:14 must be filed with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources no later than September 3, 2026. The department will approve the amendment on this date if no petitions to intervene are received. Information about the contents of a petition can be found in ARSD 74:09:01:01 at <https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/74:09:01:01>. Written comments or petitions should be mailed to the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182.

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

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