

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL,  
EXCEPTIONAL, CRITICAL OR UNIQUE LANDS  
JOSEPH NONNAST**

Notice is hereby given that Joseph Nonnast, 21573 Cloverleaf Pl, Nemo, South Dakota 57759, has submitted a Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for a gold mining operation. The legal description of the operation is SW1/4 Section 29; T4N-R4E, Lawrence County. Mr. Nonnast 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 processing historic mine tailings through gravitational recovery. The proposed operation will disturb less than two acres over the course of the mine life. Topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled for use in reclamation. Reclamation will consist of regrading and seeding the affected areas. Annual operations will be conducted between April and through October.

The Request is available for review at the Minerals, Mining, & Superfund Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, or on the Minerals, Mining, & Superfund web page at <https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/Exploration/NewMinePermits.aspx>. The Request is also available for public review at the Lawrence County Register of Deeds office in Deadwood, South Dakota. Comments may be submitted in writing or online at <https://danr.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 Agriculture and Natural Resources. Information about the contents of a nominating petition can be found in ARSD 74:29:10:16 at <https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/27704>. The deadline for submitting comments or a nominating petition is July 10, 2023. The petitions must be procedurally complete and must contain all the information required in ARSD 74:29:10:16 and 20. Petitions received after the deadline or deemed procedurally incomplete will not be considered. Written comments or petitions should be mailed to the Minerals, Mining, & Superfund Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182. Persons desiring further information may contact Roberta Hudson, Minerals, Mining and Superfund Program, at (605) 773-4201.