

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL,  
EXCEPTIONAL, CRITICAL OR UNIQUE LANDS  
SIMON CONTRACTORS OF SD, INC.**

Notice is hereby given that Simon Contractors of SD, Inc., 3975 Sturgis Road, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702, 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 limestone quarry operation. The legal description of the operation is Portions of Sections 33 and 34; T5S-R4E, Custer County. Simon Contractors of SD, Inc. 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 quarry operation are eligible for inclusion on the preliminary list of special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands.

The proposed operation involves the expansion of the Loring Limestone Quarry located approximately four miles southwest of Pringle, South Dakota which is currently mined under Simon Contractors' mine license. The mine permit will allow Simon Contractors to mine limestone for uses other than construction aggregate and cement, such as agricultural applications, including, but not limited to feed and soil supplements and food processing. Topsoil and overburden will be stripped from portions of the expansion area every one to three years to match production. The stripped area will be drilled and blasted, and limestone will be removed and hauled to an on-site crusher where it will be sized into different products. After the limestone is processed, it will be stockpiled until it is loaded onto trucks and shipped to customers. Reclamation will occur concurrently with the mining operation.

The Request 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 <https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/NewMinePermits.aspx>. The Request is also available for public review at the Custer County Register of Deeds office in Custer, South Dakota. Comments may be submitted in writing or online at <http://danr.sd.gov/Press/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://www.sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/27704>. The deadline for submitting comments or a nominating petition is July 11, 2021. Written comments or petitions should be mailed to the Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182. Persons desiring further information may contact Eric Holm, Minerals and Mining Program, at (605) 773-4201.