

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES  
RECOMMENDATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
TRANSFER OF SMALL SCALE MINE PERMIT  
ROBERT WADE**

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources has received an application to transfer Small Scale Mine Permit 397 from Wade's Gold Mill, Inc., PO Box 312, Hill City, South Dakota to Robert Wade, PO Box 312, Hill City, South Dakota. The legal location is SE1/4 Section 26; T4S-R3E, Custer County. The general location of the area is approximately 10 miles southwest of Custer, South Dakota. The primary minerals mined are gold, silver, and garnets.

In accordance with ARSD 74:29:04:04, the Department recommends approval of the permit transfer. In accordance with SDCL 45-6B-47, action on the transfer of the permit by the Board of Minerals and Environment will take place on March 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM CT in Room 414 of the South Dakota Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota. The Board's action will be either to approve or disapprove the permit transfer. Interested parties may participate remotely or in Room 414 of the South Dakota Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota. To participate remotely, please contact the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources at (605) 773-3886 no later than 4:00 PM CT on Wednesday March 17, 2026.

The transfer application is available for review at the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, or on the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program web page at <https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/Exploration/NewMinePermitTransfers.aspx>.

Notice is given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Individuals requiring assistive technology or other services in order to participate in the hearing or materials in an alternative format should contact Brian Walsh, Nondiscrimination Coordinator, by calling (605) 773-5559 or by email at [Brian.Walsh@state.sd.us](mailto:Brian.Walsh@state.sd.us) as soon as possible but no later than two business days prior to the hearing to ensure accommodations are available.

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

Hunter Roberts  
Secretary  
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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