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TRANSFER OF MINING PERMIT
Pursuant to SDCL 45-6B-47

PAID
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Ck# 3070
Rec't# $100

Mine permit number: 397

Present operator: WADE'S GOLD MILL, INC.

Address: PO BOX 312
HILL CITY SD 57745

Telephone number: (605) 574-2680

Township/Range: T4S-R3E

Legal description: SE1/4 Section 26; T4S-R3E

County: Custer

Transfer to: Robert Wade

Address: Po Box 312
Hill city, SD 57745

Telephone number: 605-574-2680

Name and address of Resident Agent if you are an out-of-state corporation:
Matt McCoy
220 N. 5th St
Custer, SD 57730

Resident Agent Telephone number: 605-673-3529

Name and address of mineral owner:
Robert Wade
Po Box 312
Hill City, SD 57745

Name and address of surface owner:
US Forest Service
1019 N. 5th St., Custer, SD 57730

INSTRUCTIONS:
Include a $100 check payable to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, a replacement surety, copies of written instruments of consultation with the surface and mineral owners (if not the operator) indicating pending transfer of the mining permit, and certified mail receipts confirming mailing of such consultation to them.

I Robert Wade (Signature of Present Operator) agree to the transfer of mining permit *397* to Robert Wade (New Operator).

This transfer releases ***WADE'S GOLD MILL, INC.*** of all liability with regard to reclamation of the affected area. I understand that the surety submitted to cover reclamation will be released only upon approval of the transfer by the Board of Minerals and Environment.

Date: 2-28-25

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF CUSTER

On this 28th day of February before me personally appeared Robert Wade who acknowledged that he is authorized to execute the transfer of this mining permit.

Chrystal Gefaller
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 2-28-30

CHRYSTAL GEFALLER NOTARY SEAL PUBLIC STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

I Robert Wade (Signature of New Operator) agree to the transfer of mining permit *397* from ***WADE'S GOLD MILL, INC.***.

This transfer releases ***WADE'S GOLD MILL, INC.*** of all liability with regard to reclamation of the affected area. I understand that in agreeing to this transfer Robert Wade (New Operator) is assuming all responsibility and liability for this mining permit and reclamation of the area affected under this permit. I understand that a replacement surety must be provided prior to the transfer. It is also understood that any changes to the existing operating or reclamation plans of this permit must be submitted to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for approval. All terms and conditions established in this permit shall be followed.

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Chairman, SD Board of Minerals and Environment

Date Approved:

SENDER: *COMPLETE THIS SECTION*

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

US Forest Service
Att: Jonathan Manning
1019 N. 5th St
Custer SD 57730

9590 9402 9038 4122 4478 39

2. Article Number *(Transfer from service label)*

7022 0410 0000 1945 8896

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X

☐ Agent
☐ Addressee

B. Received by *(Printed Name)*: D. METZ

C. Date of Delivery: 11/20/2025

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes
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November 11th, 2025

Via First Class Mail

Re: Instrument of Consultation – Transfer of Small Scale Mine Permit No. 397 (Wade's Gold Mill, Inc. to Robert Wade)

Legal Description: SE¼, Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, BHM, Custer County, South Dakota

Dear District Ranger:

This correspondence serves as the instrument of consultation and formal notification to the U.S. Forest Service, as the surface owner, regarding the pending transfer of Small Scale Mine Permit No. 397 from Wade's Gold Mill, Inc. (current permittee) to Robert Wade (successor operator).

This consultation is made in accordance with ARSD 74:29:04:02(8) and related provisions under the South Dakota Mined Land Reclamation Act. The subject permit area encompasses the SE¼ of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Black Hills Meridian, Custer County, South Dakota, located on lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

The successor operator, Robert Wade, hereby acknowledges and accepts full responsibility and liability for the permitted mining operation and for reclamation of all lands affected by the operation under the existing permit conditions. This consultation is intended to ensure compliance with South Dakota's requirement that the surface owner be notified and given the opportunity to provide input regarding the pending transfer.

Please provide any comments, concerns, or recommendations you may have concerning this proposed transfer to my office or to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR), Minerals and Mining Program, referencing Small Scale Mine Permit No. 397.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued coordination in the responsible management of mineral and surface resources on National Forest System lands.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Hays McCoy
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Robert Wade
PO Box 312, Hill City,
South Dakota 57730

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of November, 2025.

CHRYSTAL GEFALLER NOTARY PUBLIC (SEAL) STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Notary Public – South Dakota
My Commission Expires: 2-28-30