

April 17, 2025

WATER RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT OR RESTORATION PROJECT
10-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has received an application for a Water Resource Enhancement or Restoration Project approval, pursuant to Administrative Rules of South Dakota 74:51:01:60. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GF&P), is proposing a project to remove sediment and debris out of McCook Lake that was deposited during 2024 flood events.

The project goals are to remove approximately 20,000 cubic yards of sediment and debris from the lake to restore recreation uses and eliminate hazards. The project will use standard equipment, including an excavator, both land-based and from sectional and hopper barges. A hydraulic dredge may also be used. All sediment and debris will be removed from the lake and deposited in an upland location away from waters of the state. After initial removal, debris will be sorted, and some material will be taken to a landfill for disposal.

The project will begin in May 2025 and should be completed in August 2025. The proposed project is located in Section 4, Township 89 North, Range 48 West, Union County, South Dakota (42.549153, -96.515386).

Written comments regarding this proposed project must be received by the department on or before April 27, 2025. Questions and/or written comments concerning this project should be directed to: Water Quality at DANRmail@state.sd.us. Written comments may also be mailed to the following address: SD DANR WQ, 523 E Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501, or provided using the online comment form, accessible via the "Comment Deadline" link provided at <https://danr.sd.gov/public/default.aspx>. Additional project information, including the application is also available at this link. If no objections are received within the specified 10-day period, the Secretary will issue a project approval on or after April 28, 2025. The applicant is financially responsible for the publication of this public notice.

Secretary Hunter Roberts