

Legal Notice

Proposed Partial Bond Release for Golden Rule Placer Mining, Inc., Located in Powell County, MT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received a request for bond release for Golden Rule Placer Mining, Inc., (Golden Rule). Golden Rule is authorized to operate a placer mine under Operating Permit No. 00183. The site is located on private land in Sections 22, 27 and 34, Township 9 North, Range 11 West, approximately 7 miles south of Gold Creek and about 15 miles northwest of Deer Lodge in Powell County.

DEQ currently holds a reclamation bond in the amount of \$245,000. DEQ is proposing to release \$122,619 and retain \$122,381. The decrease in the bond amount is due to partial completion of reclamation performed by the operator.

The procedure for releasing bonds is set forth in Section 82-4-338(4) and Section 82-4-338(5), MCA. The company and the public have until August 21, 2020 to comment on the proposed partial bond release. If no comments are received, DEQ will then release the above-described partial bond funds in the amount of \$122,619. The company and any person with an interest that may be adversely affected by DEQ's bond release may obtain a contested case hearing before the Board of Environmental Review by filing with DEQ by August 21, 2020 a written request for a hearing stating the reason for the request.

A copy of the bond calculation that forms the basis for the proposed release can be obtained by contacting the Department of Environmental Quality, Hard Rock Mining Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by calling Herb Rolfes at (406) 444-3841 or e-mail at hrolfes@mt.gov.