

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-011

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO GOLD EXPLORATION

IN THE RAPID CREEK WATERSHED

WHEREAS, Mineral Mountain Resources Ltd. and F3 Gold LLC have submitted applications to the U.S. Forest Service, Mystic District, to explore for gold in the Rapid Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, Mineral Mountain Resourced Ltd. is drilling for gold in the area near Rochford, SD, and Pe' Sla; and

WHEREAS, gold exploration could lead to gold mining, which involves the use of cyanide and other toxins and often leads to permanent acid mine drainage, which could go into Rapid Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid Creek watershed and its connected aquifers are the sources for Rapid City's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid Creek watershed, including Pactola Reservoir, is a major recreation and tourism area, supporting Rapid City's economy; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the quality and quantity of the water supply is of utmost importance to the City and to Ellsworth Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, comments on the F3 Gold LLC project are due to the U.S. Forest Service, Mystic District, by February 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City believes that gold exploration in the Rapid Creek watershed poses an unacceptable risk to the source of Rapid City's drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City that due to the potential risk to the Rapid Creek watershed, the City's water supply, and the local economy the City expresses opposition to gold exploration and potential gold mining in the Rapid Creek watershed.

Dated this 3 day of February, 2020.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Steve Allender, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-069

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE'S FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE JENNY GULCH GOLD EXPLORATION PROJECT BY F3 GOLD, LLC

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Forest Service, Mystic District has given preliminary approval to F3 Gold LLC to explore for gold in the Rapid Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City has expressed its opposition to exploration and potential gold mining in the Rapid Creek watershed during a specified comment period; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid Creek watershed and its connected aquifers are the sources for Rapid City's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City is a major owner of the outflow of the waters of the Pactola Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid Creek watershed, including Pactola Reservoir, is a major recreation and tourism area, providing significant revenue to Rapid City's economy; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the quality and quantity of the water supply is of utmost importance to the City and to Ellsworth Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, objections on approval of the F3 Gold LLC Jenny Gulch project are due to the U.S. Forest Service, Mystic District, by August 22, 2022; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City that due to the potential risk to the Rapid Creek watershed, the City's water supply, and the local economy, the City expresses opposition to the Forest Service's finding of no significant impact and its preliminary decision to issue the permit to allow gold exploration in the Rapid Creek watershed.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2022

CITY OF RAPID CITY
s/Steve Allender
Mayor

ATTEST
s/Pauline Sumption
Finance Director
(SEAL)

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – Items 35 – 39

CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – Items 35 – 37

Alcohol Licenses

- 35. Roam'n Around LLC DBA Roam'n Around for a new Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License at 512 Main Street, Suite 140
- 36. West Boulevard Neighborhood Association, 1601 Mt. Rushmore Road, Suite 3, for a SPECIAL EVENT on-sale malt beverage license and an on-sale wine license for an event scheduled for September 10, 2022 at the West Boulevard Neighborhood Association Block Party. *(There is a map on file at the RC Finance Office for the parameters of the block party.)*

Assessment Rolls

- 37. LF072722-05 – Approve Resolution No. 2022-059B a Resolution Levying Assessment for Downtown Business Improvement District 2022