

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT
Deer Creek Mine Expansion (PMR 19-001)
(State Clearinghouse # 2019049052)**

Project Title:

Deer Creek Mine Expansion PMR 19-001 (State Clearinghouse # 2019049052).

Project Location:

The existing facility and proposed Project site are located at 27671 Avenue 120, Porterville, CA 93257. The proposed expansions area site is approximately 0.84 miles east of Road 272 and abutting Avenue 120 along a portion of its northeastern side. The existing facility is located on APN 305-190-021 while the proposed expansion area is located on APN 305-190-022. The Project site is located in Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M, and can be found within the Success Dam United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle.

Project Description:

The Project consists of a ± 20 -acre expansion to the footprint and operations of the existing and currently operational Deer Creek Mine facility. The Applicant, Deer Creek Rock Co., Inc. currently operates a rock and gravel surface mining operation on a ± 110 -acre site. The Applicant is requesting to increase its transport limitation from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 tons of aggregate annually. The proposed Project would result in an increase from 42,300 trips per year to a maximum of 60,000 trips per year (i.e., an increase of 17,700 trips per year). This will require approximately three (3) additional employees, resulting in a workforce of approximately 30 employees (20 in first shift and 10 in second shift). The customer base from the proposed Project is anticipated to remain mostly from within Tulare County. The Applicant is proposing to increase production of the existing mining permit and will include both lateral and depth expansion. All proposed mining activities will take place within the proposed excavation area. As a condition of the permit, and since the proposed Project is in the AE-40, reclamation of the site will result in the property being reclaimed to grazing/open space standards for eventual agricultural re-use. A current, approved Reclamation Plan is on file with Tulare County.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impact:

The Project's potentially significant environmental impacts include: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire. Mitigation measures will be recommended, where feasible, to mitigate potentially significant impacts.

EIR Availability:

A copy of the draft SEIR will be available for review at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 624-7000, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm) and (Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am).

A copy of the draft SEIR may also be obtained and/or reviewed at the following locations:

Visalia Branch Library	Tuesday through Thursday: 09:00 am – 8:00 pm
200 West Oak Avenue	Friday: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Visalia, CA 93291	Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Terra Bella Branch Library	Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am–12:00 pm
23825 Avenue 92	
Terra Bella, CA 93270	

The Deer Creek Mine Expansion PMR 19-001 draft SEIR can be found at Tulare County Web Site:
<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/projects/planning-projects/applicant-projects/deer-creek-mine-expansion/>

Contact for More Information: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner (559) 624-7121 (**para Español llame Jose Saenz (559) 624-7102**).

The draft SEIR has a review period of **45** days, starting on **November 20, 2019** and ending **January 3, 2020**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the DEIR should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

After the close of the public comment review period on the draft SEIR established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission at a date to be determined later. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

Reed Schenke,
Director, Resource Management Agency