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CROW WING COUNTY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE BORG-KNIFE RIVER AGGREGATE MINING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Crow Wing County announces that an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) has been prepared for a proposed aggregate mining / extractive use operation in portions of the northwest and southwest quarters of section 12 adjacent/near Dullum Road in Oak Lawn Township in Crow Wing County, MN. Knife River Resources Company proposes to open a 91-acre non-metallic mineral mine, producing construction sand and gravel. The project would mine sand and gravel under a proposed Conditional Use Permit for a G4 type extractive use, which would allow for topsoil removal, natural material removal, crushing, screening, washing, processing, and stockpiling of bituminous and demolitions materials, and hot mix asphalt plant operations with bituminous processing. Mining will only commence once necessary permitting has been completed. Knife River would only place a hot mix asphalt plant at the site if awarded a road construction job in the vicinity. It is estimated that approximately 20 construction seasons of material, approximately one million tons, are available in the mine.

An EAW is a document that is designed to set out the basic facts necessary to determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for a proposed action. The purpose of the EAW process is to disclose information about potential environmental impacts of a project. The worksheet contains 20 questions focusing on the project's environmental setting, the potential for environmental harm, and plans to reduce the harm.

The public can review a copy of the EAW and associated documents on the County's website at www.crowwing.us/environmental. Comments on the EAW must be submitted to Crow Wing County by August 11, 2022 at 5:00pm, and may be submitted to the Land Services Office at landservices@crowwing.us or mailed to 322 Laurel Street, Suite 15 Brainerd, MN 56401, attn.: "EAW". The Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners will make a decision on the need for an EIS at a regularly scheduled County Board meeting on August 23, 2022.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Land Services Office at (218) 824-1010 or landservices@crowwing.us to discuss land use activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.crowwing.us/environmental

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