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Date: June 24, 2013

To: Parties on the EAW Distribution List
Other Interested Parties

From: Jill Townley, Environmental Review Planner
Environmental Policy and Review Section
DNR – Division of Ecological and Water Resources

Re: Gilmore Creek Stream Restoration Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to describe the environmental effects associated with a proposed project called Gilmore Creek Stream Restoration in Alango Township, St. Louis County for a project serving as compensatory mitigation for loss of an unnamed stream at Northshore Mining Company's Babbitt mine. The project will restore a portion of offsite degraded creek, Gilmore Creek, to its original plan and profile; reestablishing natural stream processes, improving floodplain connectivity and stabilizing hydrology.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on July 8, 2013, with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the EQB Monitor. The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from July 8 to August 7, 2013. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- MDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155;
- MDNR Northeast Regional Headquarters, 1201 East Highway 2
Grand Rapids, MN 55744;
- Minneapolis Public Library, Government Documents, 300 Nicollet Mall,
Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55401;
- Chisholm Public Library, 300 West Lake Street, Chisholm, MN 55719; and
- Cook Public Library, 103 South River Street, Cook, MN 55723

The EAW is also posted on the DNR's website at mndnr.gov. (Click on "Public Input", then under the "Environmental Review" scroll-down list select "Gilmore Creek EAW"). Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5168.

Written comments on the EAW must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 to the attention of Jill Townley, Planner, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4025. Electronic or e-mail



comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Gilmore Creek EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 296-1811.

For additional information, or copies of the EAW, please call (651) 259-5168.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Townley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jill Townley, Environmental Review Planner
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Attachment: Gilmore Creek Stream Restoration EAW