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April 5, 2023

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Applicant/Owner:

Geofortis Minerals, LLC

File No.:

Initial Study #2021-006

Project:

Proposal for a Use Permit and Reclamation Plan to establish an 83-acre pozzolan materials year-round mining operation, with batch mining and screening operations on a seasonal schedule and loading and daily hauling operations on a year-round schedule. Approximately 5 acres would be on Public Lands while the remaining 78 acres is split-estate land where the Federal Government retains the mineral rights administered by the BLM.

Zoning:

A-1 (General Agriculture District)

Location:

The Project site is located in Lassen County approximately 5.5 miles north of

the intersection of US Highway (Hwy) 395 and California State Route 70.

A.P.N.:

145-030-016-000; 145-050-004-000; 145-050-012-000; 145-030-017-000

Staff Contact:

Cortney Flather, Natural Resources Coordinator

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Lassen County is the Lead Agency for the project identified above and is preparing a Mitigated Negative Declaration stating that there is no substantial evidence in the record, as currently filed, which indicated that the proposed project (considering proposed mitigation measures) may have a significant effect on the environment.

The public review period for this project has been established from April 6, 2023 to May 6, 2023. Any comments you may have regarding this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted to the Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services prior to the end of the review period. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study for this project are available for inspection at the Department of Planning and Building Services at the address given in the header above, as well as online at:

https://www.lassencounty.org/dept/planning-and-building-services/environmental-documents-noticing-and-attachments.

If you have any questions concerning the project, please contact Cortney Flather, Natural Resources Coordinator, at (530) 251-8269 or <u>cflather@co.lassen.ca.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Maurice L. Anderson,

**Environmental Review Officer** 

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Distribution: Geofortis Minerals LLC (applicant); Avalanche Funding (surface estate owner); Michael Sherman (Mitchell Chadwick); County Administrative Officer; County Fire Warden/CAL FIRE; C. Environmental Health Department; Lassen Co. Fish & Game Commission; Co. Public Works; Co. Public Works/Road Siv; Co. Public Works/Transportation; Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board; Department of Conservation Division of Mine Reclamation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Fish and Wildlife (Redding); Caltrans District 2; State Clearinghouse; Bureau of Land Management (Carson City); Lassen National Forest; U.S. Army Corp of Engineers; Susanville Indian Rancheria; Honey Lake Maidu; Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California; Native American Heritage Commission; Co. Air Pollution Control Officer; Supervisor Ingram; Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative

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