

Public Scoping Report

Dewey Conveyor Project

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INTRODUCTION

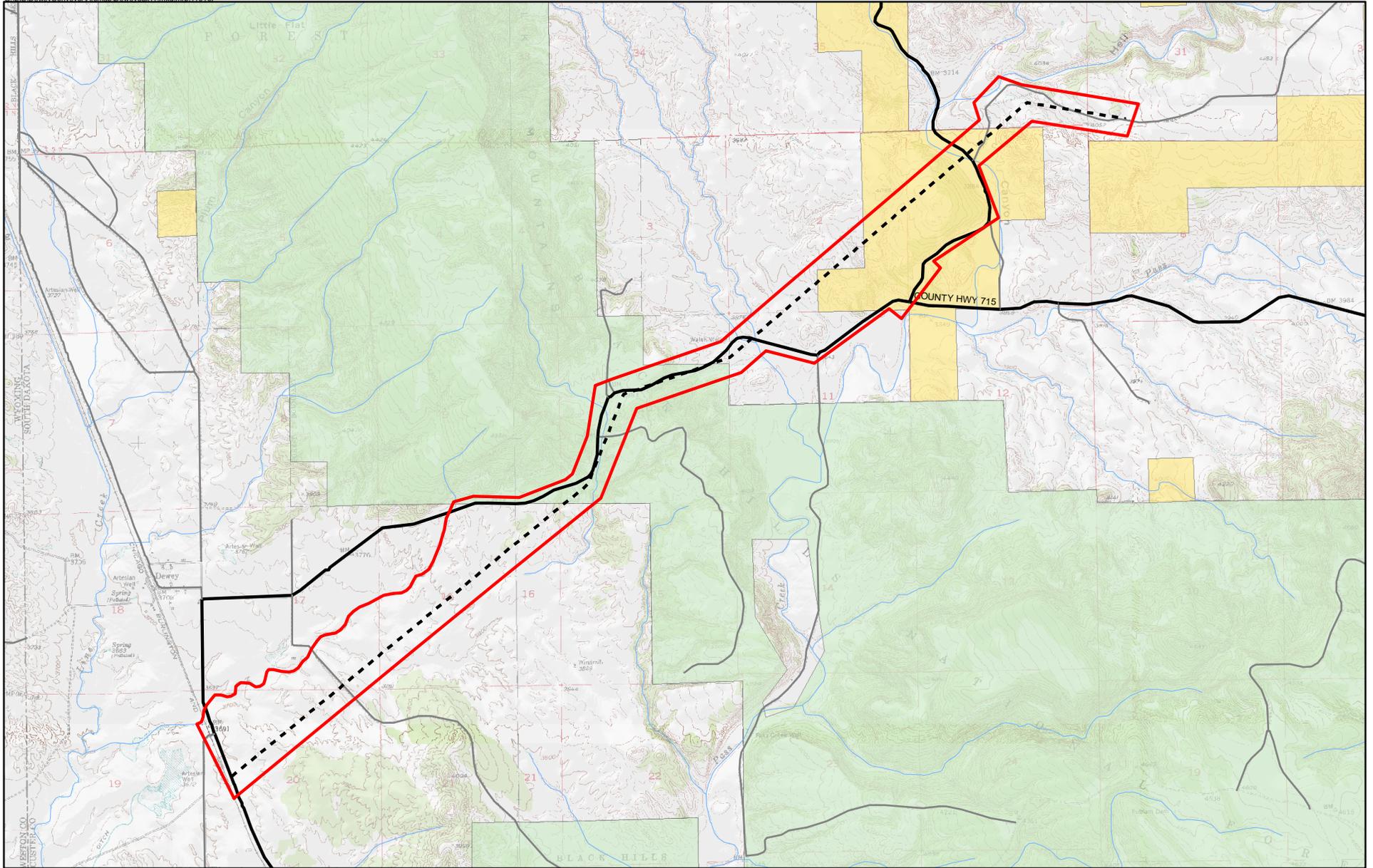
This report describes the scoping process for the Dewey Conveyor Project. It also documents the scoping process, and summarizes the comments received during the public scoping process that identify issues raised and suggested alternatives to the proposed action.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) initiated scoping for GCC Dacotah's (GCCD) proposed Dewey Conveyor Project on October 2, 2007 when a Notice of Intent (NOI) to publish an environmental impact statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register.

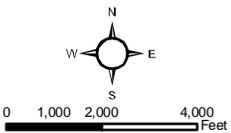
Brief Project Description

GCCD, Inc. (GCCD) seeks a 100-foot wide right-of-way (ROW) and associated easements for access roads for a conveyor crossing one and one-half miles of National Forest and about one mile of lands administered by BLM. The conveyor would also cross private land owned by GCCD. GCCD is proposing to construct an enclosed, seven-mile long conveyor belt to transfer limestone from a new quarry site, southwest to a new rail load-out facility along an existing rail line near Dewey, SD (see **Figure 1**).

The proposed action includes an elevated, enclosed conveyor belt and a one lane service road and access points. On level ground, the elevated conveyor would be about 16 feet high (at the top), and would provide about 6 feet of minimum vertical clearance beneath the structure. Support structures would be constructed at intervals of 25 to 40 feet depending on terrain. GCCD has requested a 200 year ROW easement or permit for their year-round operation.



November 2007



- Conveyor
- Project Area
- River/Stream
- County Road
- Local Road
- BLM Land
- USFS Land



Project Area Map
Proposed Right-Of-Way
GCC Conveyor
Custer County, South Dakota

SCOPING PROCESS

The BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement on October 2, 2007 in the Federal Register. Publication of the NOI began a 60-day comment period. The comment period was extended to January 11, 2008 in order to accommodate a later public meeting held in Dewey, South Dakota. BLM provided a website with project information that also described the various methods of providing public comment on the proposed action including an e-mail address where comments could be sent electronically.

Public Meetings

Three public meetings in towns near the project area were scheduled to facilitate information exchange and gather public comments regarding the proposed Dewey Conveyor Project. An additional meeting was scheduled and the comment period was extended to ensure that the public had adequate time to submit project related comments. Meetings were held in Edgemont, S.D. on November 5th, Custer, S.D. on November 6th, Newcastle, WY on November 7th, and Dewey, S.D. on December 3rd, 2007.

Public notification for the initial three scoping meetings appeared in local news papers on November 5 and 6, 2007. Notification was also published on the BLM Dewey Conveyor Project website the same day. Notification regarding extension of the EIS comment period and the additional public meeting in Dewey, S.D. was provided to local papers, placed on the BLM website on November 19th, 2007, and letters were sent directly to 92 local residents. Fifty-one attendees were documented by signing in on a voluntary sign-in sheet at the respective public meetings (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1. DEWEY CONVEYOR SCOPING MEETINGS

Where	When	Number Signed In
Edgemont	November 5, 2007	10
Custer	November 6, 2007	9
Newcastle	November 7, 2007	12
Dewey	December 3, 2007	20

The public meetings used an “open house” format. Information on the project was provided on poster boards showing the purpose and need, location (including 2 maps), a list of preliminary issues identified by the agencies, and photographic simulations of the proposed conveyor belt. Representatives from BLM, Forest Service, and GCCD were on hand to provide additional information and discuss the project with attendees. Comment forms were provided at the meetings, along with information on other ways to provide comments during the scoping process.

Written Comments

Ten written comment letters or forms were received. . Full copies of all ten of the written comments can be found in **Appendix A**. One comment form was received at the November 5th meeting in Edgemont, one letter was received electronically, and eight letters or forms were received by mail at the BLM South Dakota Field Office.

COMMENT ANALYSIS

Issues were identified by reviewing the comment documents received. Many of the comments identified similar issues; all of the public comment documents (**Appendix A**) were reviewed and the following section provides a summary of the issues, concerns, and/or questions raised. For this report, the issues have been grouped into one of the four following categories:

- Issues or concerns that could develop an alternative;
- Issues or concerns that could result in a mitigation measure, or a better description or qualification of the alternatives;
- Issues or concerns that could be addressed by effects analysis; and
- Issues or concerns outside the scope of the Dewey Conveyor Project EIS.

The comments discussed below are paraphrased from the original comment letters. To a minor degree, some level of interpretation was needed to identify the specific concern to be addressed. Many of the comments identified similar issues; to avoid duplication and redundancy similar comments were grouped together and then summarized.

Additionally, the Forest Service and BLM identified preliminary issues, which are listed in the *Agency Identified Issues* section.

Alternative Development

Comments in this category will be considered in the development of alternatives.

- Move conveyor and crusher to the west side of the BLM property.
- What will be the impact on visual quality of the natural area from this project?
- Object to the physical appearance of the conveyor.

Alternative Design Criteria and Mitigation Measures

Comments in this category can be addressed through design criteria in the alternative descriptions or through mitigation measures to reduce impacts or protect resources.

- Describe the obligatory relationship that the federal government shares with Tribal Nations and the American public.
- Document how the proposed project will meet federal laws that require the preservation of important historic, archeological, and cultural aspects of our national heritage.
- Avoid displacement of Native American cultural resources.
- There may be historic Indian campsites with many teepee rings in the conveyor route.
- Describe how the impacts of dust will be monitored.
- Make the conveyor high enough to allow fire fighting equipment to pass underneath it.
- Make the conveyor high enough to allow livestock to pass underneath it.
- Document guarantees to protect the pristine area (mining area).
- Describe the daily use of the conveyor (3 to 4 rail cars a day).
- Describe how the scenic vistas of the Canyon will be protected.
- Describe how vehicles and wildlife would get from one side (of the conveyor) to the other.

- I'm concerned about trespass on private property adjacent to the project area.

Effects Analysis

Comments in this category will be described in detail in the affected environment section of the EIS or addressed in the effects analysis for each alternative.

Air Quality

- Analyze the impacts of trucking or otherwise transporting the limestone to the load-out facility on air quality.
- Analyze the impact the future quarry will have on air quality.
- How much dust will be generated?
- How much dust will be generated in Dewey at the rail spur?
- Dust is always bad. Will be worse with more traffic.
- Dust from the train is bad enough.

Tax or Property Value Assessment

- What agency would assess the real estate values?

Project Cost

- What is the cost of the project in today's dollars?

Social and Economic Impacts

- What are the long term economic effects on the community?
- How many people will be employed in the short and long term?
- How will property values and taxes change?
- How would this property be classified, real estate or other?
- How many potential workers with school age children will reside in the school district?
- Would the tax burden of individuals change in the area with taxation of this project?
- How will the conveyor system be taxed?
- Will road maintenance costs increase and raise taxes?

Effects During Construction

- How will the environment be affected during construction and over the long term?

Noise

- How much noise will be generated?
- What will the noise level be in Dewey associated with the rail spur.
- What noise will be generated by trucking or otherwise transporting the limestone to the load-out facility?
- Noise from the train is bad enough.

Private Property

- I'm concerned about trespass on private property adjacent to the project area.

Public Safety

- What will be the impacts on the health of humans, livestock, wildlife, streams, and wetlands from dust?

Rail Load-Out Facility

- The rail load-out facility is a connected action and should be analyzed as such in the DEIS.

Threatened and Endangered Species

- Analyze the impacts of trucking or otherwise transporting the limestone to the load-out facility on threatened and endangered species.

Transportation

- How would the conveyor affect road access and other roads in the area?
- Custer County cannot keep up with road maintenance in this Cement land area now, so with more traffic, including heavy equipment, the roads in this area will worsen. The wash boards and ice (in winter) are a continual problem.
- Fire equipment, livestock, people, wildlife, ranch equipment all need to pass freely as they do now.

Visuals

- The conveyor would be an eyesore compared to the natural landscape.
- What will be the impact on visual quality of the natural area from this project?
- What will be the impact on visual quality from the future quarry be on unspoiled beauty in Black Hills.
- What is the long term effect on the landscape and how will the conveyor fit in?
- Canyon Beauty - should remain intact.
- No one wants the view from their land ruined - nor do they want their property value lower because of the production of cement - whatever it may be.
- Object to the physical appearance of the conveyor.

Water

- How much water would be required and where would it come from for the operation?
- What will be the impact of trucking or otherwise transporting the limestone to the load-out facility on ground and surface water?
- What will be the impact of the future quarry on water quality and the effects of diesel fuel and ammonium nitrate on ground water quality? Note: this issue will be analyzed as either a connected action or a cumulative effect.
- We live in a dry area and our ranches already rely on inadequate wells, so water is a very real issue.
- We do not welcome a large enterprise coming in to take water, or lower the water table, water that is so necessary to ranchers.

Wetland and Riparian Areas

- What will be the impact of trucking or otherwise transporting the limestone to the load-out facility on wetlands and riparian areas.

Wildlife

- What will be the impact of the future quarry will inflict on wildlife? Note: this issue will be analyzed as either a connected action or a cumulative effect.

Issues or Concerns Outside the Scope of the EIS

Comments in this category are outside the scope of analysis and will not be addressed in the EIS. Rationale for considering these comments out-of-scope is included.

The comment was made "*I would rather see livestock grazing on the public lands in question*".

This suggested alternative is outside the scope of the EIS because the BLM and the Forest Service are not making a decision on the mining.

However, much of the area proposed for mining is private land and the surface rights and much of the underlying mineral rights are owned by GCC Dacotah. In a much smaller area proposed for mining, the BLM owns the surface rights and GCC Dacotah as staked mining claims on the underlying mineral rights. Therefore, this suggested alternative is out of scope, because BLM and the Forest Service, as the decision makers on this project, do not have the authority to invalidate GCCD's mineral claims on public lands which have where these claims are presumably valid and have already be staked.

The comment was made "*Relocate the last 3 miles of the NW part of Pass Creek Rd. ...We would like these last 3 miles of Pass Creek Rd closed and relocated to the south of our ranch on the Cement land.*"

This alternative was not considered in detail for this EIS because it is Out of scope for the BLM/FS decision and is not related to the decision on the conveyor ROW.

**APPENDIX A
WRITTEN COMMENTS**



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Ref: EPR-N

Marian Atkins, Field Manager
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Belle Fourche, SD 57717

Re: GCC Dacotah Cement Dewey Conveyor
Project near Dewey, South Dakota
Scoping comments

Dear Ms. Atkins:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) has reviewed the *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS) for the GCC Dacotah Cement Dewey Conveyor Project near Dewey, SD. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will direct preparation of the EIS that considers an application for right-of-way on lands administered in part by the SD Field Office of BLM, and an application for a special use permit within the Black Hills National Forest. We provide these comments in anticipation of our review of the Draft EIS (DEIS) and in accordance with our authorities and responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The proposed action is to construct, operate, maintain and terminate approximately seven miles of an enclosed above-ground conveyor belt to transfer crushed limestone from a quarry site to a rail loading facility near the town of Dewey in Custer County, SD. The proposed conveyor belt would cross about 1.5 miles of National Forest and about one mile of BLM-administered public land. The rest of the corridor is owned by the project proponent.

The proposed action includes construction of a rail load-out facility in Dewey. The load-out facility is a connected action, and impacts from construction and operation of that facility must be evaluated in the DEIS. Because the limestone mining operation is not dependent on the conveyor belt, EPA recommends that the No Action Alternative include a thorough analysis of

the impact of BLM and the Forest Service not approving the right-of-way and/or the special use permit. This analysis would include impacts from trucking or otherwise transporting the limestone to a load-out facility on air quality, cultural resources, noise, threatened and endangered species, ground and surface water, wetlands and riparian areas.

BLM has indicated that an ethnographic study is being conducted to determine how Native Americans are using Teepee Canyon, where the mining operation will be located. Information from that study should be included in the DEIS, as well as a description of how the scenic vistas of the Canyon will be protected. In general, the DEIS must disclose how the proposed project will meet federal laws that require preservation of important historic, archeological and cultural aspects of our national heritage.

Thank you for your willingness to consider our comments at this stage of your planning process. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our comments, please contact me at (303-312-6004) or Jody Ostendorf (303-312-7814) of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Syoboda', with a large, stylized initial 'L'.

Larry Syoboda
Director, NEPA Program
Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation

Please accept these as my formal comments regarding the GCC Dacotah Cement Dewey Conveyer Project.

I have concern about public safety and resource monitoring. How will federal and local agencies monitor the dust impacts from this operation.

Breathing in heavy particulate causes health concern for humans, livestock and wildlife including streams/wetlands that house aquatic community. The visual quality of the natural area will certainly be changed by this project.

It is my understanding that county entities want federal money, yet do not initiate responsible and respectful resource monitoring. I am very concerned about the Native American cultural resources in this project area. When ancient cultural artifacts are displaced from their location on the natural landscape within the boundaries of our public lands, historic context is dismantled. This supports stereotypical misinformation that disperses the true facts about original peoples' cultural connection to the holy lands of North America.

County and federal agency couplings provide a place to help educate local government about the obligatory relationship that the federal government shares with Tribal Nations and the American public. Taxpayers no longer perceive Native Americans as foreigners in their homelands even if influential local officials and business owners do. There are many instances when mining industry companies were given access to public lands and they abandoned their responsibilities for clean up and restoration.

Public trust is again lost and in these dire economic times I as taxpayer and citizen need demonstrated action to preserve and restore rural national treasure viewsheds so that our future health and well-being is protected.

Livestock leasing is my preference for the use of Bureau of Land Management and USDA forest service acreage.

Sincerely yours; Nancy Kile, 2614 Moose Dr., Sturgis, SD 57785 phone:
605-720-0282 kile@rushmore.com

Comment Form
Dewey Conveyor Project EIS
Wednesday November 7, 2007
Newcastle, Wyoming



Following attendance at the recent meeting (briefing) held at the
Forest Service Building in Newcastle, WY. on Wednesday, 7 November,
'07 concerning the "Dewey Conveyor Project EIS", I came away even
MORE concerned and worried about the irreversible damage that the
future quarry will inflict upon one of the last vestiges of unspoiled
beauty on earth. By that I am referring to the air, water, wildlife
and general beauty of the Southern Black Hills and the contamination and
pollution of same. The total disregard and lack of respect for
private property is evidenced by their (GCC DAKOTAH) illustrated maps
and drawings, depicting the conveyor crossing a portion of private
property (i.e. NE 1/4 SEC. 10; T 6S; R 1E) without any communication
whatsoever with the present owners. Having only recently owned land
along the Northern border of the proposed quarry, I am well aware of
their lack of respect for other peoples property, as they trespassed
across our land with machinery, never once seeking permission.

Furthermore, I am extremely concerned about the use of diesel fuel and
ammonium nitrate for blasting, and that combinations Use back if needed
(SEE BACK PLEASE)

Your Name: _____
Address: Homer W. DejmeK
City, State, Zip: P.O. Box 716
Newcastle, WY., 82701
Affiliation: LAND OWNER - BLACK HILLS; Concerned citizen!

**Comments should
be post marked by
November 23, 2007**

This comment form will become part of the administrative record which will be made available for public review and will be subject to Freedom of Information Act requests.

E-mail: MT South Dakota FO@blm.gov. (Please include GCC Dacotah Transportation Facility in the subject line).
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affect on the underground water. The land and rock formations in the Southern Black Hills are fragile, as is realized when a proposed highway north of Jewel Cave may be permanently cancelled due to possible damage to the cave. With all of their (GCC DAACIAH) deeded land, why are mining sites necessary immediately adjacent to private property (i. e. SIC 19; T 55; R 25) AND on BLM land, which is owned by the citizens of these United States?

I sincerely feel there needs to be MUCH thought and consideration given by BOTH the U.S. Forest Service and the BLM before ANY permits are extended to a foreign owned Cement Plant!

Very sincerely,

A deeply concerned citizen

Homer W. Dejneke

Mr. Homer W. Dejneke
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December 11, 2007

RE: Contemplated Dewey Conveyor Project

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Don Emch. I am the superintendent of the Elk Mountain School District. As you know, the contemplated Dewey Conveyor Project EIS is within the boundaries of the Elk Mountain School District taxing entity. We have discussed the issue at our school board meetings, thus I am writing on behalf of the administrators and governing board of the school district.

While there may be numerous other concerns to address by the residents of the area, our comments as board members and school administrators of the district would address the following:

Number of Employees:

- How many families both temporary and long term would be employed with the project?
- How many potential workers with age school children would reside within the district?
- The school district would need advance notice so that it could properly prepare for any student influx.

Project Cost:

A project of this magnitude could conceivable cost millions of dollars. What is the estimated cost of construction in today's dollars?

Classification of Property:

Would this project be classified as real estate or would it be labeled something else?

Assessment:

Would the real estate be assessed by Custer County or would it be assessed centrally by the South Dakota Department of Revenue?

Potential Effect on other Taxpayers:

If the project is classified as real estate it would increase the taxable valuation of all taxing entities that have jurisdiction: county, school district, fire district, etc. The increase in taxable valuation would then lower the dollar amount

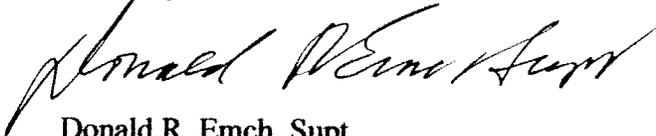
of taxes paid by other individual or corporate taxpayers because there would be more valuation on which to spread the needed taxes.

Other Issues:

1. How would the environment be affected during construction?
2. What would be the long lasting effect on the environment and landscape while the conveyor is operating?
3. How much noise would be generated during operation?
4. How much dust, etc. would be generated during operation?
5. How would the conveyor fit into the natural landscape of the area in terms of aesthetic congruity?
6. How would the conveyor affect road and other arterial access? How would vehicles and or animals get from one side to the other? (Some roadways such as the German Autobahn and some US Interstate Highway systems have grassed over passes to accommodate wildlife, etc.)
7. What would the long terms economic effect to the residents and greater community of the area?
8. How much water would be required? Where would water come from? (Potable water v. dust suppression water.)

We feel that before plans for the project proceed further, the previous questions and comments need to be discussed and answered to the satisfaction of the interested parties. It would be unwise to proceed with a project of this magnitude until these questions, and other comments and questions have been satisfactorily addressed and resolved.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Emch, Supt.
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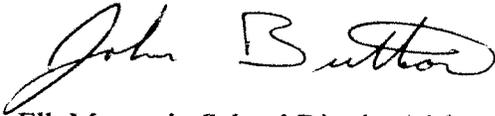
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Comment Form
Dewey Conveyor Project EIS

Monday December 3, 2007
Dewey, South Dakota



1. We are concerned first of all to the fact that the conveyor would be an eyesore compared to what we have now.
2. we know that it would go through an old Indian Camp site where there are many Teepee Rings.
3. At the Dewey site we are concerned about the noise level and the dust when filling railroad cars.
4. we are concerned about the effect the proposed project will have on property values and also on taxes.
5. Due to increased truck activity the county will have more road maintenance which will raise our taxes.

Use back if needed

Your Name:

John & Marjory Holmes

Address:

10062 West Dewey Road

City, State, Zip:

Edgemont, SD 57735

Affiliation

Rancher in Dewey

Comments should
be post marked by
January 11, 20087

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Comment Form
Dewey Conveyor Project EIS
Monday December 3, 2007
Dewey, South Dakota



Letter ATTACHED

Use back if needed

Your Name: *William M Smith*
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: *26482 DEWEY Rd*
Edgement S. DAK 57735
Affiliation: *Residing in the middle*

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December 27, 2007

Bureau of Land Management
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RE: GCC Dacotah Transportation Facility

To Whom It May Concern:

On December 2, 2007, I attended the meeting in Dewey conducted with the cement plant, BLM, and Forestry Officials. The purpose of this meeting was to answer any questions, and receive comments from the public concerning the proposed conveyor system the cement plant from Rapid City wants to build in the Dewey area.

Issues of concern by the locals were water supply, noise, dust, taxes, access for fire and agricultural problems as well as the actual location of the conveyor system. Not a single issue was answered with an acceptable or reasonable answer.

Water use hasn't been a concern because Rapid City doesn't experience water problems. We live in a very dry area, and our ranches already rely on inadequate wells so water is a very real issue.

Noise as well as dust concerns were brushed off as they are to be governed to industry standards as what is harmful or not. When either is over the limit, hearing and respiratory protection is required. All we'll have for noise or dust control is a sign saying use protection in these areas. I don't propose to sit on my front porch wearing either.

Taxes: as to how this conveyor is to be taxed has not even remotely been considered.

Access for fire hasn't been considered as the conveyor is to be six feet off the ground, not enough clearance for fire equipment. Six feet off the ground is not even enough to ride a horse or move cattle under.

Location of this conveyor was drawn on a map and displayed for public view but was stated to be inaccurate.

My house will be at the start of this conveyor system, and in fact I will be looking directly at it from my front door, as well as listening to the crusher running. That pretty

much means my property value will plummet. I don't want to look at or listen to this crusher or conveyor so moving the location of both to the west side of the BLM property will insure this.

A complete project picture with guarantees on the future needs to be submitted by the cement plant to insure that in the future this pristine area is not ruined by a full scale mining operation.

I, myself do not buy into the statement that this conveyor will be used to load out only 3 – 4 rail cars a day. The math doesn't add right when you consider Rapid City has a 100 year old plant with 50 years of mineable product left and the Dewey area has 200 years worth of product and possibly a 25+ million dollar conveyor system in place to move product to the rail system. I can see a plant in the Dewey area in the future with a conveyor, crusher and mine running 24 hrs a day.

Property values need to be greatly considered as well as all of the above stated issues and concerns.

Archeological sites need to be protected no matter how insignificant they are at this time. Tomorrow's technology might deem them invaluable.

I do hope that the decisions made and anyone who's signature or participation in making the decisions and contracts will be held accountable for their part in protecting and managing the public lands for the future use and beauty of generations to come to enjoy. I have not seen any accountability amongst government since Richard Nixon took responsibility for his actions. Technicalities seem to be overlooked and loopholes found because of stupid mistakes that are so easily overlooked.....case in point...is the deadline date on the comment sheet that was provided.

Sincerely,



William M. Smith
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Edgemont, SD 57735
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Monday December 3, 2007
Dewey, South Dakota



1) Roads. Custer County cannot keep up with road maintenance in this Cement land area now, so with more traffic, including heavy equipment, the roads in this area will worsen. The wash boards and ice ^(in winter) are a continual problem.

2) Dust. This is always bad. Will be worse with more traffic

★ 3) Relocate the last 3 miles of the N.W. part of Pass Creek Rd. This part of the road goes between our house and barn area. The dust, the traffic and the danger is a problem, not to mention the speeders who pass thru. We would like these last 3 miles of Pass Creek Rd closed and relocated to the south of our ranch on the Cement land. There is a very good route that the road could take and connect it with the Dewey Rd. Relocating this 3 mi section of Pass Creek Rd would also eliminate th:

4) Taxes Custer County cannot afford to lose any more property taxes. How will the Cement land Use back if needed be taxed? Over-

Your Name: Bill & Susan Paulston
Address: 10666 Pass Creek Rd
City, State, Zip: Edgemont SD 57735
Affiliation: land owner bordering cement land

Comments should be post marked by January 11, 20087

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Taxes - None of us want our taxes to go up, either

- 5) Historical Sites. Tipi Rings on the Cement land should be saved.
- 6) Canyon Beauty - should remain intact
- 7) Landowner Views - no one wants the view from their land ruined - nor do they want their property value lower because of the production of cement - whatever it may be.
- 8) Access - Fire equipment, livestock, people, wildlife ranch equipment. all need to pass freely as they do now.
- 9) Dust, Noise, Pollution - None of us want these. We value our wide open spaces. This is why we live here. The train noise going thru Dewey is bad enough.
- 10) Water - this area has a lack of water. Wells and springs are going dry. We do not welcome a large enterprise coming in to take water, or lower the water table, ^{water} that is so necessary to ranchers.

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Dewey Conveyor Project EIS

Monday December 3, 2007
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My house is located about an eighth mile north of the cement land boundary. The sign on the cement land reads "future quarry site". I am concerned for my view as well as dust, noise, traffic and even pollution sifting across our hay fields which are just across the fence. Also, water is very scarce in this area. What water needs are you going to require? There are many concerns with the cement project including taxes and land values to name a few.

Travis Paulton
10693 Pass Creek Rd
Edgemont, SD 57735

Live across the boundary of cement land

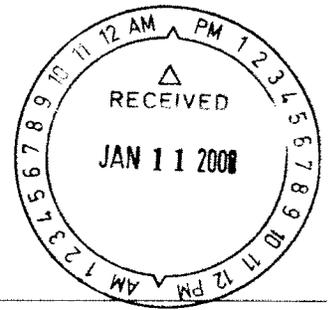
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We really object to the physical appearance of the conveyor but are realistic enough to know the project will evolve over the years and might be altogether different than presently planned.

We want to express our concern about the placement of the conveyor - we may need to drive a vehicle or ride a horse under it when managing our cattle.

Use back if needed

Your Name: Henry + Mary Hallenbeck
Address: 645 Oak St
City, State, Zip: Dewey, SD 57735
Affiliation: Forest permittee

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