

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Homestake Mining Company, PO Box 40, Sargents, CO 81248, 505-471-0434, has filed an application for an amendment to their Regular 112d(3) Designated Mining Operation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act. The mine is known as the Pitch Mine. The permit amendment is for purposes of updating the final reclamation plan. The mine is located in parts of Sections 15 and 16, Township 48 North, Range 6 East, New Mexico Prime Meridian.

The proposed date of commencement is 2019, and the proposed date of completion is 2059. The proposed future use of the land is Wildlife Habitat and Rangeland. Additional information and the tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, 303-866-3567, or at the Saguache County Clerk and Records Office, PO Box 176, Saguache, CO 81149, or at the above-named applicant.

Comments must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on September 11, 2019.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Request for Bids Tree Grinding

The City of Gunnison is soliciting proposals for tree and limb grinding at the City Tree Dump. Bidders must furnish their own equipment and an experienced operator. Equipment must be a tub grinder in good working order and capable of processing large tree trunks and limbs. The project consists of approximately 40-50 hours of onsite grinding, please submitted bids on a per hour basis. Contact Lisa Starkebaum for further information, 970-641-8341 or lstarkebaum@gunnisonco.gov. Sealed bids marked 2019 Tree Grinding on the outside of the envelope must be submitted by September 3, 2019 at 1:30 pm and will be opened September 3, 2019 at 2:15 pm. The City of Gunnison reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received in response to this solicitation and to waive any irregularities. The City will accept the submittal deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Request for Bids Material Crushing

The City of Gunnison is soliciting proposals for material crushing and stacking at the City Tree Dump. Bidders must furnish their own equipment and an experienced operator. Equipment must be able to screen material to 3/4. The project consists of approximately 40-60 hours of onsite crushing, please submitted bids on a per hour basis. Contact Lisa Starkebaum for further information, 970-641-8341 or lstarkebaum@gunnisonco.gov. Sealed bids marked 2019 Material Crushing on the outside of the envelope must be submitted by September 3, 2019 at 1:30 pm and will be opened September 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm. The City of Gunnison reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received in response to this solicitation and to waive any irregularities. The City will accept the submittal deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Request for Proposals for Engineering Services: Bus Pullouts on Hwy. 135 in Almont

The Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority (GVTA) is seeking quotes for engineering services to design and oversee the construction of two bus pullouts along Hwy. 135 at our Almont bus stops.

The GVTA will work with its partners and the selected engineer to determine the best location of the pullouts with the intent being to have them as close as possible to existing stop locations. The project design is contingent upon input from CDOT but will likely consist of two (one northbound and one southbound) paved pullout locations 55 long by 10 wide with a 7-1 taper for deceleration and a 4-1 taper for acceleration of the bus. Each pullout will have a 55 long by 4 wide paved pedestrian area and the pullouts will be up to 4 from the current shoulder for a maximum width of the newly paved area of 18. Each pullout will have a 20 x 7 concrete pad to serve as a waiting

area and to support a shelter which will be supplied by GVTA. Each shelter will be a prefab structure of approximately 9 x 5 which will include a bench, trash receptacle, and solar powered light which will be installed by a contractor selected for the construction phase. This project will require a building permit from Gunnison County for the shelters and a construction/utility permit from CDOT for construction of the pullouts/shelters in their right of way. The GVTA intends to complete this project in the spring and summer of 2020.

The time schedule for the selection of an engineer for this project is as follows, but is subject to change:

- Solicit firms and Advertise for RFPs on August 14, 2019
- Receive and open RFPs on September 20, 2019
- Recommendation to GVTA Board and award contract on September 27, 2019
- Execute contract with selected firm on or before October 4, 2019
- Issue a Notice to Proceed and conduct a pre-design meeting with firm on October 9, 2019

To receive a copy of the full Request for Proposals and submission requirements, please contact GVTA Special Projects Manager, Anthony Poponi at apoponi@gunnisonvalleyrta.org or 808-421-8855.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Pitkin is soliciting cost proposals for snow removal services for Winter 2019-2020. The services to be provided will consist of plowing approximately 20 blocks. The contractor selected to provide requested services will be required to mobilize within two (2) hours of being notified that services are needed. A copy of the formal Request for Proposals which identifies cost proposal requirements and street segments in Pitkin that are to be plowed may be obtained by contacting the Pitkin Town Clerk, P.O. Box 9, Pitkin, Colorado 81241, by email at thetownof-pitkin@gmail.com or by telephone at 970-787-0968. A minimum of \$100,000.00 in general liability insurance will be required. Cost proposals are to be submitted in accordance with the Request for Proposals by noon on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. A pre-bid conference to review the work to be performed will be held at 10:00AM on September 4, 2019 at Town Hall in Pitkin, Colorado.

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A GLANCE INTO HISTORY

Cowboys and Schoolmarms



An example of an early-day one room school. Edna McKee teaching in one of Gunnison County's typical country schools.

The one-room structures that were Gunnison County's homestead era country schools were often built on land donated by a rancher. This being the case, it could be said that local ranchers contributed greatly to the business of country schools. They also sabotaged that business on a regular basis by marrying the schoolmarms.

Teachers marrying local bachelor ranchers or ranch hands was a very common practice locally in the early days, and there are countless examples of it. This usually ended the teaching career for a woman because most early-day schools did not allow a teacher to be married. The arrival of a new schoolmarm was always noted with great interest among the local single men and it was unusual for one to last too long without a marriage proposal. This practice, of course, created a shifting procession of inexperienced teachers.

Marriage to a cowboy may not have always been an easy job, but neither was teaching in a one-room school. More than one young woman gave it up in the face of difficulty, not the least of which was contending with troublesome older boys. Those teachers that stayed on a year or more had a tall order to fill. There were great moral expectations of teachers in the pioneer days; they were advised to be dignified, practice patience, be enthusiastic, earnest, neat in dress, choice in speech, punctual, thorough, firm, generous and kind — among other things. These were the standards according to an 1886 book titled “How to Organize and Teach in a Country School.”

One such example of the cowboy/schoolmarm marrying tradition was Gertrude Bain. She was typical of the early-day schoolmarms and enjoyed a brief career in teaching and then gave it up for marriage to Tomichi valley rancher Palmer

Vader. Gertrude had attended local one-room schools herself and graduated from Colorado State Normal School (now Western), earning her teaching certificate in 1914. She taught briefly in the coal mining camp of Floresta, which was an extremely isolated mining camp located high in the West Elk Mountains west of Crested Butte. The school term fell between July and Christmas, closing down for the heavy snow months.

At Floresta Gertrude boarded and roomed with the mine superintendent's family. Her salary was \$40 a month, paid by C.F.& I. Coal Company. For this job, paying about \$2 a day, Gertrude performed the seemingly impossible task of teaching students of all ages, all at the same time.

Young Gertrude added to her already heavy duties the job of commuting many miles on the weekends. The mining camp may have proved dull on her days off so Gertrude regularly returned to her home near Parlin, east of Gunnison, getting a free ride part of the way in the caboose of a coal train. This rigid schedule ended in 1918 with Gertrude's “yes” to rancher Palmer Vader's marriage proposal. Thus ended her teaching career and from then on, according to her 1984 obituary, “She worked by her husband's side to carve out a home, raise their children, till the soil, raise a garden, and keep their home neat and clean.” Whether Gertrude Bain Vader discovered upon quitting her teaching career that she had opted for an easier job is not now known.

- Judy Buffington Sammons (The following information has been taken from local author Judy Buffington Sammons' book “Tall Grass and Good Cattle – A Century of Ranching in the Gunnison Country.” Judy's six books on local and western Colorado history are available at area book stores.)

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