

ORDINANCE NO. 96-871

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE 9 OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY CODE. (SURFACE MINING & RECLAMATION)

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 5 of Title 9 of the Plumas County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 5. Permit to Mine & Reclamation

Section 9-5.01. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose and intent of this Chapter is to ensure the continued availability of important mineral resources, while regulating surface mining operations as required by California's Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (Public Resources Code Sections 2710 et seq.), as amended, hereinafter referred to as "SMARA", Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 2207 (relating to annual reporting requirements), and State Mining and Geology Board regulations (hereinafter referred to as "State regulations") for surface mining and reclamation practice (California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 2, Chapter 8, Subchapter 1, Sections 3500 et seq.), to ensure that:

(a) Adverse environmental effects are prevented or minimized and that mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition which is readily adaptable for alternative land uses.

(b) The production and conservation of minerals are encouraged, while giving consideration to values relating to recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage, and aesthetic enjoyment as set forth in the County General Plan.

(c) Residual hazards to the public health and safety are eliminated.

Section 9-5.02. Definitions.

Borrow Pits shall mean excavations created by the surface mining of rock, unconsolidated geologic deposits or soil to provide material (borrow) for fill elsewhere.

Exploration or Prospecting shall mean the search for minerals by geological, geophysical, geochemical, or other techniques, including, but not limited to, sampling assaying, drilling, or any surface or underground work needed to determine the type, extent, or quantity of the minerals present.

Haul Road shall mean a road along which material is transported from the area of excavation to the processing plant or stock pile area of the surface mining operation.

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