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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 6, 2022
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**DNR Seeking Public Comments On
Flambeau Mining Company Petition For
Issuance Of Final Certificate of Completion
Of Reclamation For Its Reclaimed Mining
Site In Rusk County
DNR To Host Public Hearing at 4 p.m. July 6,
2022**

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public review and comment on Flambeau Mining Company’s petition seeking issuance of a certificate of completion of reclamation for the industrial outlot portion of its mining site near Ladysmith in Rusk County.

The DNR is also seeking public comments on its preliminary determination regarding issuance of the certificate of completion and its proposed decision as contained in a draft revised mining permit which would replace the existing mining permit.

Flambeau Mining Company was issued a mining permit and other necessary permits to operate an open pit copper mine in early 1991. Ore shipments from the mining site began in 1993 and continued for more than four years. Site reclamation, including backfilling of the pit, was substantially completed by the end of 1999.

Flambeau Mining Company was later issued a certificate of completion of reclamation for 149 acres of the 181-acre mining site in 2007. The remaining 32 acres, referred to as the industrial outlot, includes an area for which the original reclamation plan was modified to allow alternate uses of the project buildings and adjacent areas. The site currently includes a DNR Service Center, Xcel Energy's power line maintenance shop and an equestrian trailhead.

The DNR has made a preliminary determination that Flambeau Mining Company has met its obligations under the approved reclamation plan, as modified in 1998, and that the certificate of completion covering the industrial outlot portion of the mining site should be issued in accordance with applicable laws and rules. In addition, the DNR is proposing to issue a revised mining permit which will delineate the ongoing obligations of Flambeau Mining Company including site monitoring and maintenance, surface water management, compliance with applicable groundwater standards, annual reporting, and financial assurance requirements.

The DNR will host a virtual public hearing via Zoom to receive public comments between 4 - 6 p.m. on July 6, 2022. Members of the public may also provide in-person testimony may at the DNR Ladysmith Service Center, N4103 State Highway 27, Ladysmith, WI 54848. Written comments will be accepted through July 21, 2022.

Details for registering to attend and testify at the virtual hearing along with instructions for submitting written comments and further information regarding the certification of completion process are available on [the DNR’s Reclaimed Flambeau Mine webpage](#).

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: Flambeau Mining Company Public Hearing

WHEN: 4 - 6 p.m. July 6, 2022
**WHERE: Wisconsin DNR Ladysmith Service Center, N4103 State Highway 27,
Ladysmith, WI 54848.**

To join the meeting virtually via Zoom, please register online.

Do you remember the book written by R. Churchill et. al. entitled: THE BUZZARDS HAVE LANDED-THE REAL STORY OF THE FLAMBEAU MINE IN RUSK COUNTY, WISCONSIN? You can find it on the internet.

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