Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Lead Agency Responsibilities for the Springhill Mine Between the City of Mt. Shasta and the County of Siskiyou

Springhill Mine is currently operating aggregate processing and extraction activities within the jurisdiction of the City of Mt. Shasta and operating aggregate processing activities within the jurisdiction of Siskiyou County. Springhill Mine seeks to expand future mining operations to property within the jurisdiction of Siskiyou County at the following locations: APNs:021-060-010, 057-771-360-057-771-070-057-771-080).

The purpose of the expansion is to extend the life of the mine and not to increase the intensity of current mining operations. Current mining operations within the jurisdiction of the City of Mt. Shasta will be unaffected by the expansion. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and CEQA Guideline Section 15051, local agencies may cooperate to determine who will act as the Lead Agency for Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) and related California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) responsibilities.

When two or more agencies have a substantial claim to be the lead agency, the agencies may, by agreement, designate an agency as the lead agency. An agreement may also provide for cooperative efforts by two or more agencies, by contract, joint exercise of powers, or similar devices.

The responsibilities of each jurisdiction shall be as follows:

Responsibility	Agency
SMARA & CEQA for the entire Springhill Mining Operation	County of Siskiyou
Land Use Authority & CEQA for projects occurring in each	City of Mt. Shasta and
respective jurisdiction	County of Siskiyou

The County of Siskiyou is identified as the Lead Agency for all SMARA responsibilities (including annual inspections) for the Springhill Mine. The City of Mount Shasta relinquishes any SMARA related responsibilities for the Springhill Mine.

The County of Siskiyou is identified as the Lead Agency for all CEQA responsibilities for the Springhill Mine related to SMARA compliance. The City of Mount Shasta relinquishes any CEQA responsibilities for the Springhill Mine related to SMARA compliance.

Both the County of Siskiyou and the City of Mount Shasta will keep Land Use authority for each respective jurisdiction. Both jurisdictions will maintain separate Use Permits and related CEQA compliance mandates.

This MOU will become effective upon the submittal of a complete Reclamation Plan Amendment application to Siskiyou County, which proposes to expand the Spring Hill Mine into County jurisdiction. Should the proposed expansion project be denied, this MOU will become null and

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void. This MOU shall remain in effect for the duration of the permitted mining operations, reclamation, and closure.

The formal acknowledgement of responsibilities has been signed by each respective jurisdiction:

City of Mount Shasta

Todd Juhasz, City Manager

Date: May 28, 2025

County of Siskiyou

Angela Davis Angela Davis, County Administrator

Date: 5/28/2025