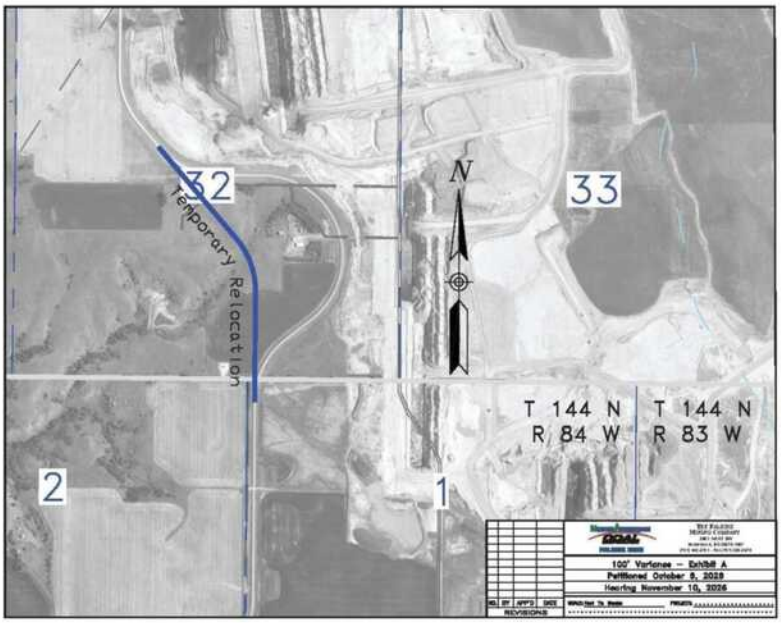


Notice of Hearing for Petition

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PERMITTING SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE OUTSIDE RIGHT-OF WAY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed by The Falkirk Mining Company, P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota 58576, with the Board of McLean County Commissioners requesting that the Commissioners permit and approve the conducting of surface coal mining operations within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way line of the following public roads:

a. Both sides of the relocated County Road 17 located in the S2 and the NW4 of Section 32, Township 145 North, Range 83 West

Falkirk asserts that the interests of the public and the interests of affected landowners will be protected from the proposed surface coal mining operations.

A hearing on the Petition will be held by the Board of McLean County Commissioners in the McLean County Courthouse at Washburn, North Dakota, on the 10th day of November, 2026, at 9:00 am. CDT for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence bearing upon the above request by Falkirk. Statements may be made orally or in writing at the time of the public hearing. The Petition is on file in the office of the McLean County Auditor and may be viewed by interested persons during regular office hours.

By order of the Board of McLean County Commissioners.

Beth Knutson, County Auditor

(Oct. 22 & 29, 2026)