



## Sandfire Resources America Announces Legal Proceedings Update for the Black Butte Copper Project

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Mont., July 05, 2022 -- **Sandfire Resources America Inc. ("Sandfire America" or the "Company")** announces that the District Court has issued an order on remedies that will allow Phase I Construction of the Black Butte Copper Project to be completed under the existing permit.

Jerry Zieg, Senior Vice President, stated, "Although we continue to strongly disagree with the Court's initial April 8<sup>th</sup> Order, we are pleased with Judge Bidegaray's decision today to allow us to continue with its development of the Black Butte Copper Project. Sandfire America maintains that our Black Butte Copper Project is the best and most environmentally sound mining project ever proposed in Montana and that DEQ properly permitted all phases of the Project."

The order on remedies is in regard to the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ruling in a lawsuit against the Montana Department of Environmental Quality ("**Montana DEQ**") and Tintina Montana Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company ("**Tintina Montana**"), filed by mining adversaries on June 4, 2020, challenging the Black Butte Copper Project. The ruling found that the Montana DEQ had violated aspects of the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act (MMRA) in its grant of a Mine Operating Permit for the Black Butte Copper Project. On July 1, 2022, plaintiffs and defendants filed a joint motion recommending a stipulated order for remedies.

By granting the stipulated motion, the Judge's Order will allow Tintina Montana to complete Phase I Construction under the existing permit while it pursues an appeal of the April 8<sup>th</sup> Order.

The Company is also concurrently working on strategies to complete additional test work, analysis, and reporting for additional authorizations from Montana DEQ with the objective of moving the project past Phase 1 of the Permit.

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