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**Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for SUMMO USA Corporation; Lisbon Valley Open Pit Copper Mine in San Juan County, UT**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the final environmental impact statement prepared for SUMMO USA Corporation's Lisbon Valley Open Pit Copper Mine in San Juan County, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been prepared, under third party contract, by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Moab District Office. The FEIS has been prepared to analyze impacts and alternatives for SUMMO USA Corporation's proposed Lisbon Valley Open Pit Copper Mine. The proposed project would occur on 1103 acres of federal, state, and private lands located in San Juan County, Utah.

Copies of the FEIS can be obtained from the Moab District Office at 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah, or by calling (801) 259-6111 and requesting a copy of the document. Additionally, copies of the FEIS will be distributed to all attendees at the scoping meetings, public meeting, and individuals, agencies or companies that have previously submitted comments or requested to be placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the FEIS.

**DATES:** Following Federal Register publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the FEIS, a 30 day review period will be provided prior to issuance of the Record of Decision. The anticipated date of EPA Federal Register publication is February 14, 1997. The Record of Decision would not be issued until after the 30 day review period is complete.

**ADDRESSES:** Request for copies of the FEIS should be addressed to: Kate Kitchell, Moab District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah, 84532.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Jackson, Project Coordinator, Moab Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah, 84532, (801) 259-6111.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS analyzes a proposal by SUMMO USA Corporation of Denver, Colorado, to develop an open pit copper mining and heap leaching operation on 1103 acres of private fee lands, state leases and

unpatented mining claims in south Lisbon Valley, located approximately 18 miles southeast of LaSal, Utah, in San Juan County, Utah.

The copper ore would be mined by conventional open pit mining methods from four open pits, encompassing 231 total acres, utilizing drilling, blasting and ripping of the ore and associated overburden. Approximately 93 million cubic yards of overburden would be removed and stockpiled in three waste dumps encompassing 394 acres total.

Approximately 42 million cubic yards of copper bearing ore would be mined from the pits and hauled by truck to a 266 acre lined leach pad. The ore would be crushed and stacked on the leach pad to a height of 100 feet. The copper would then be recovered by a heap leaching method, utilizing low concentrations of sulfuric acid trickled through the stacked ore pad. The leached copper solution would emanate from the bottom of the leach pad, and be recovered in lined ponds after percolating through the stacked ore. This recovered solution would be further refined by standard solvent extraction and electrowinning processes located on-site.

The project is currently projected to have a 10 year mining life. The facilities are designed to mine an average of 16,500 tons of ore per day, to produce 17,000 tons of 99.99% pure copper cathodes per year. SUMMO would employ up to 143 people at one time over the life of the project. The construction workforce would be approximately 80 people. Processing would continue after mining ceases for an additional one year.

To the extent possible, reclamation would occur simultaneously with mining. Final closure and reclamation activities would take approximately 5 years. All waste dumps and the leach pad would be reclaimed in place by covering with a 12 inch layer of cover soil and re-vegetating. The leach pad would be rinsed with fresh water and chemically treated to reduce residual acidic levels in the stacked ore to neutral pH levels prior to closure. The 231 area of open pits would remain. Long-term monitoring of potential groundwater impacts would occur for a period of 25 years after mining operations are completed. Summo has proposed a reclamation bond of \$8.6 million dollars. Provisions would also require the posting of a long-term trust bond commensurate with the long-term monitoring requirements, to provide financial assurances in the event long-term monitoring identifies adverse impacts.

The FEIS analyzes environmental impacts from SUMMO's proposal, along with four alternatives designed to mitigate environmental impacts associated with this project, as identified during the scoping and public comment process. These alternatives are: (1) No Action, (2) Open Pit Backfilling, (3) Facility Layout, and (4) Waste Rock Selective Handling.

BLM's Preferred Alternative is a combination of the Facility Layout Alternative and the Waste Rock Selective Handling Alternative, which in essence would allow the project to proceed with modifications to the layout of waste rock dumps to minimize impacts to soils, sedimentation and visual resources, along with selectively handling potentially acid generating waste rock in the waste dump piles to eliminate to the extent possible the potential for long-term acid generation at the project site.

Dated: February 3, 1997.

Katherine Kitchell,

Moab District Manager.

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**State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Arizona Resource Advisory Council meeting, notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting will be held March 20, 1997, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the 1A Conference Room at the Bureau of Land Management Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The agenda items to be covered at the one-day business meeting include review of previous meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; Update on the Record of Decision of the Statewide Plan Amendment for Arizona Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management; and Reports by the Recreation and Public Relations Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; RAC Discussion on future meeting dates and locations. A public comment period will take place at 11:30 a.m. March 20, 1997 for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Stevens or Ken Mahoney, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona

State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9512.

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### Filing of Plats of Survey; California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested state and local government officials of the latest filing of Plats of Survey in California.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Unless otherwise noted, filing was effective at 10:00 a.m. on the next federal work day following the plat acceptance date.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clifford A. Robinson, Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451, (916) 979-2890.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The plats of Survey of lands described below have been officially filed at the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento, CA.

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

- T. 15 S., R. 12 E.*,—Dependent resurvey, (Group 1243) accepted January 8, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Hollister Resource Area.
- T. 7 S., R. 22 E.*,—Dependent resurvey, subdivision and metes-and-bounds survey, (Group 1252) accepted January 23, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the US Forest Service, Sierra National Forest.
- T. 4 N., R. 11 E.*,—Supplemental plat of the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of section 13, accepted January 28, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.
- T. 3 N., R. 14 E.*,—Supplemental plat of the  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of section 9, accepted January 29, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.
- T. 2 N., R. 12 E.*,—Supplemental plat of the  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of section 14, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.
- T. 2 N., R. 13 E.*,—Supplemental plat of the  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of section 14, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

*T. 15 N., R. 6 E.*,—Supplemental plat of the  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of section 1, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

*T. 15 N., R. 6 E.*,—Supplemental plat of section 13, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

*T. 18 N., R. 7 E.*,—Supplemental plat of the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of section 19, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

All of the above listed survey plats are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. The survey plats have been placed in the open files in the BLM, California State Office, and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the survey plats and related field notes will be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fee.

Dated: February 7, 1997.

Clifford A. Robinson,

*Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey.*

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### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** To allow the Department of the Interior and the public adequate time to fully evaluate the State's proposal to transfer lands to the State for a low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) facility at Ward Valley, California, the Bureau of Land Management proposes to extend a withdrawal of 1,000 acres of public land in San Bernardino County for two years, thereby preserving the land's current status pending a final decision. The land was withdrawn in 1994 for three years by PLO 7069. The extension will keep the land withdrawn and closed to application, location and entry under the agricultural land laws and the mining laws. The land is open to mineral leasing, and will remain so.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting on this withdrawal extension to maintain the status quo pending a final decision must be mailed, sent or submitted by May 15, 1997 at the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Bureau of Land Management (CA-930), 2135 Butano

Drive, Sacramento, California, 95825-0451.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Public Information Section, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California, 95825-0451, (916) 979-2800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 4, 1997, a petition was approved, allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to extend the withdrawal for two years on the following described public land from operation of the agricultural land laws and the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

San Bernardino Meridian

*T. 9 N., R. 19 E.*,  
Sec. 26,  $SW\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 27,  $S\frac{1}{2}S\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 34;  
Sec. 35,  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 1,000 acres in San Bernardino County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to allow two additional years for the Department of the Interior and the public to fully evaluate the State's proposal to license and locate a low-level nuclear waste facility in Ward Valley, California. Analysis as incorporated in the 1991 EIR/EIS found Ward Valley to be the superior alternative. Neither a right-of-way nor a cooperative agreement would preserve the current status of the land, and therefore they cannot substitute for a withdrawal.

The withdrawal does not authorize any activities on the lands in and of itself. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature may be allowed, but only with the approval of an authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management during the segregative period.

Water is not needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal action.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal extension must submit a request with their reasons for a public meeting to the California State Office (CA-930) by May 15, 1997. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the Federal Register at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Until May 15, 1997, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the