

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed coal exploration program is for the purpose of determining the quality and quantity of the coal in the area and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan, to be approved by the BLM. A copy of the coal exploration plan, as submitted by Farrell Cooper Mining Company, may be examined at the BLM, New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the BLM, Tulsa Field Office, 7906 East 33rd Street, Suite 101, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Carsten F. Goff,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-065-1990]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Gold Hill Project, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the Proposed Plan of Operations for Gold Hill Project and notice of scoping period.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 40 Code of Federal Regulations subparts 1500-1508, and 43 Code of Federal Regulations subpart 3809, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Station, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS), Tonopah Ranger District as a cooperating agency, will be directing the preparation of an EIS for the gold Hill Project, a proposed gold mine located on public lands in Nye County, Nevada. Round Mountain Gold Corporation (RMGC) has submitted a 43 CFR 3809 Plan of Operations to the BLM for the proposed mining project. A third-party contractor will prepare the EIS under the direction of the BLM.

During the scoping period, the Gold Hill Plan of Operations (Plan) will be presented to the local public during scoping meetings to be held in Round Mountain and Tonopah, Nevada. The BLM invites public comment on the scope of the analysis.

DATES: This notice initiates a 45-day public scoping period. Written comments on the scope of the EIS

should be post-marked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. by May 27, 2004 to ensure full consideration. The public will be notified of the two scoping meetings through the local news media at least 15 days prior to the meetings.

ADDRESSES: Scoping comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office, Attention: George Deverse, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Tonopah Field Station, Tonopah, Nevada, during regular business hours, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Deverse at the BLM Tonopah address or call (775) 482-7800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Round Mountain Gold Corporation has submitted a Plan of Operations (43 CFR 3809) for a gold mine (the Gold Hill Project), located 7 miles east of the town of Carvers, Nevada. The historic Gold Hill mine and mill operated in the 1930's within the proposed Gold Hill project area. The proposed Gold Hill Project is located in Nye County, Nevada, on public lands in sections 28, 29, 32, and 33, T. 11 N., R. 44 E., and sections 4, 5 and 6, T. 10 N., R. 44 E., Mount Diablo Meridian. The Project would disturb approximately 1,600 acres of public land. Major facilities at the proposed mine include two open pits of 380 acres and 105 acres in size. Gold-bearing ore and waste rock would be drilled, blasted, loaded and hauled from the open pits. Lower-grade gold ore would be loaded on the heap leach pad (280 acres) for chemical dissolution of the gold by a solution of sodium cyanide. Higher-grade ore would be trucked to a mill at the existing Round Mountain Gold mine located 5 miles to the south of the Gold Hill Project. Waste rock would be hauled to a waste rock dump (640 acres). The planned disturbances also include process plant

(25 acres) for extraction of the gold and a network of access and haul roads (170 acres).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Tonopah Ranger District will be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. Other Federal, State of Nevada, local agencies, tribal entities and public organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request, or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

Mark Storzer,

Associate Field Manager, Battle Mountain Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-500-0777-XM-241A]

Notice of Meeting, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 18, 2004 from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will continue on May 19, 2004 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Inn of the Rio Grande, 333 Santa Fe Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Smith, (719) 269-8500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15 member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Front Range Center, Colorado. Planned agenda topics on May 18 include: Manager updates on current land management issues; San Luis Valley Travel Management Planning; Healthy Forest Assessment; and Fuels Treatment Projects. On May 19 the Council will tour and discuss issues at the Blanca Wetlands and Zapata Falls Recreation Site.

All meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to make oral

comments to the Council at 9:30 a.m. on May 18, 2004 or written statements may be submitted for the Councils consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. The public is also welcome to attend the field tour on May 19, however they may need to provide their own transportation. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Front Range Center Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting. Meeting Minutes are also available at: http://www.blm.gov/rac/co/fracc/co_fr.htm.

Dated: April 6, 2004.

Linda McGlothlen,

Acting Front Range Center Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-260-09-1060-00-24 1A]

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet Monday, May 10, 2004, from 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., local time, and on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, from 8 a.m., to 12 p.m., local time.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet at the Hilton Tulsa Southern Hills, 7902 South Lewis Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136 or call (918) 492-5000. Written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO 260, Attention: Ramona Delorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, 89502-7147. Submit written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting no later than close of business May 5, 2004. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Neal, Wild Horse and Burro Public

Outreach Specialist, (775) 861-6583. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach *Ms. Neal* at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1 (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Meeting

Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief, Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

Monday, May 10, 2004 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

8 a.m. Call to Order & Introductions:
8:15 a.m. Old Business:
Approval of February 2004 Minutes
2005 Request for AB Nominations
2004-2006 Advisory Board Charter
8:45 a.m. FY'04 Program Update
9:30 a.m. Break
9:45 a.m. Old Business:
FY04 Funding Capabilities
Steering Committee Updates
Program Contingencies
National Adoption Plan
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Old Business: (continued)
2:30 p.m. Break
2:45 p.m. Old Business: Continued
Foundation MOU
Forest Service Agreement
4 p.m. Public Comments
4:45 p.m. Recap/Summary
5 p.m. Adjourn
5-6 p.m. Roundtable Discussion

Tuesday, May 11, 2004 (8 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

8 a.m. New Business—TBD
9 a.m. Board Recommendations
9:45 a.m. Break
10 a.m. Board Recommendations
11 a.m. Next Meeting/Date/Site—
Proposed Agenda Items
12 p.m. Adjourn

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

The Federal advisory committee management regulations (41 CFR 101-

6.1015(b)) require BLM to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public may make oral statements to the Advisory Board on May 10, 2004, at the appropriate point in the agenda. This opportunity is anticipated to occur at 4 p.m., local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon on May 10, 2004, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Advisory Board may limit the length of presentations. At previous meetings, presentations have been limited to three minutes in length. Speakers should address the specific wild horse and burro-related topics listed on the agenda. Speakers must submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or bring a written copy to the meeting.

Participation in the Advisory Board meeting is not a prerequisite for submission of written comments. The BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on management and protection of wild horses and burros are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, speakers should submit two copies of their written comments where feasible. The BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than that listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, the BLM will make them available in their entirety, including your name and address. However, if you do not want the BLM to release your name and address in response to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. The BLM will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will release all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, in their entirety, including names and addresses.