

DATES: To assure they will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft SEIS within 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following methods: Fax: (775) 753-0255, Mail: Leeville Project Manager, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deb McFarlane, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, (775) 753-0200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM signed a Record of Decision (ROD) for Newmont Mining Corporation's Leeville Project, an underground gold mine located on the Carlin Trend in northeastern Nevada, on September 25, 2002. The Leeville Mine includes three main ore bodies located approximately 2,500 feet below ground surface. Newmont is authorized to construct ancillary mine facilities, including construction of five shafts to access the ore bodies, shaft hoists, waste rock disposal facility, refractory ore stockpiles, facilities to support mine dewatering, and facilities to support backfill operations. Surface disturbance totals 486 acres. Four years of legal review resulted in a decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit holding that portions of the cumulative effects analysis were insufficient. In response, the BLM has updated the cumulative effects analyzed in Chapter 4 of the 2002 EIS, including information on any new or proposed projects that could contribute cumulative effects, and has issued this Draft SEIS which analyzes the cumulative effects analysis for Newmont Mining Corporation's Leeville gold mine in Eureka and Elko counties, Nevada. A copy of the Draft SEIS may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801. The Draft SEIS may also be found on the Elko Field Office Internet site at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_information/nepa.htm. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Final SEIS.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire

comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Ron Wenker,

State Director, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Newmont Mining Corporation's South Operations Area Project Amendment, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*) the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Newmont Mining Corporation's South Operations Area Project Amendment (SOAPA) in Eureka and Elko counties, Nevada, and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deb McFarlane, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, (775) 753-0200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM signed a Record of Decision (ROD) for Newmont Mining Corporation SOAPA project located on the Carlin Trend in northeastern Nevada, on July 26, 2002. That ROD authorized Newmont to mine an additional 350 feet below what had been previously authorized, to expand 139 acres of surface occupation, to expand waste rock disposal facilities and heap leach facilities, to continue

dewatering and ground water discharge to Maggie Creek, and to construct associated ancillary facilities. Four years of legal review resulted in a decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit holding that portions of the cumulative effects analysis were insufficient. In response, the BLM has updated the cumulative effects analysis for Newmont Mining Corporation's SOAPA project in Chapter 5 of the 2002 EIS, including, any new or proposed projects that could contribute to cumulative effects, and has issued a Draft SEIS. A copy of the Draft SEIS may be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801. The Draft SEIS may also be found on the Elko Field Office Internet site: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_information/nepa.htm. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Final SEIS.

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State Director, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Meeting of the California Desert Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of BLM-administered public lands on Friday, September 28, 2007 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, September 29 from

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the BLM Needles Field Office located at 1303 S. Highway 95, Needles, CA.

The Council and interested members of the public will depart for the field tour at 8 a.m. from the lobby of the Avi Resort, 10000 Aha Macav Parkway, Laughlin, NV. The public is welcome to participate in the tour but should plan on providing their own transportation, lunch, and beverage.

Agenda topics for the formal session on Saturday will include updates by Council members and reports from the BLM District Manager and five field office managers. Additional agenda topics are being developed. Once finalized, the field tour and meeting agendas will be published in a news release prior to the meeting and posted on the BLM California state Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/news/rac.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment for items not on the agenda will be scheduled at the beginning of the meeting Saturday morning. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

While the Saturday meeting is tentatively scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., the meeting could conclude prior to 3:00 p.m. should the Council conclude its presentations and discussions. Therefore, members of the public interested in a particular agenda item or discussion should schedule their arrival accordingly.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Razo, BLM California Desert District External Affairs (951) 697-5217.

Dated: August 27, 2007.

Steven J. Borchard,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-190-07-1610]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Clear Creek Management Area, California, and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office, Hollister, California, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA); and by this notice announces public scoping meetings. The RMP will replace the existing planning decisions for the CCMA contained in the 1984 Hollister RMP and the associated CCMA RMP Amendments (1986, 1995, 2006).

DATES: Written comments and resource information should be submitted within 30 calendar days of the last scheduled public scoping meeting. The BLM will announce public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues through local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/CCMA_RMP.html at least 15 days prior to the first meeting. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written scoping comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* cahornmp@ca.blm.gov.
- *Fax:* (831) 630-5055.
- *Mail:* Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Hollister Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Sky Murphy, Telephone (831) 630-5039; e-mail Sky_Murphy@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Field Office, Hollister, California intends to prepare a RMP with an associated EIS for the Clear Creek Management Area and announces public scoping meetings.

The planning area is located in southern San Benito and western Fresno counties. This planning activity encompasses approximately 63,000 acres of public land. The plan will

fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. These issues also guide the planning process. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit formal scoping comments within 30 days after the last public meeting. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date regarding the existing issues and concerns with current land management. The major issues that will be addressed in this planning effort include: impacts to public safety and human health from naturally-occurring asbestos and past mining activities; designation and management of special management areas; ecosystem management and desired conditions; wildland and prescribed fire management; livestock grazing; motorized and non-motorized recreation management; lands available for disposal or of interest for acquisition; and potential for energy development.

Issues identified through public scoping will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the EIS as to why we placed an issue in category two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the RMP. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the 90-day scoping period.