

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[CA065-1492]

**Final Environmental Impact Statement/  
Environmental Impact Report for  
Soledad Mountain Project in Kern  
County, CA****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the County of Kern, State of California have prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Soledad Mountain Project, a proposed gold mining operation on public and private lands in Kern County, California.

**DATES:** Comments on the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement must be postmarked no later than Oct. 19, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Resource Area, 300 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, California 93555, Attention: Ahmed Mohsen, EIS Coordinator.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ahmed Mohsen-EIS Coordinator (760) 384-5421.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Final EIR/EIS is to present BLM and Kern County's response to public and agency comments on the Draft EIS/EIR and issues and concerns presented in the two public meetings held on June 24th & 25th, 1997. This is an abbreviated Final EIS/ERI formatted in accordance with NEPA Regulations at 40 CFR 1503.4(c). In order to provide continuity, response to the comments has been formatted and organized to fit within the body of the document circulated for public review in June and July 1997. Since this had been a joint federal/state process, administrative procedures for each lead agency govern the schedules and documentation requirements after completion of the Final EIS/ERI. Kern County Board of Supervisors held a public meeting on September the 8th in Bakersfield, California to review and consider the certification and adoption of the EIR and the issuance of the appropriate permits for the operation. After completion of the 30-day public review, BLM would consider and respond to any comments received during this

period in the Record of Decision (ROD) document. The ROD is the final document produced by the process. It outlines the process by which project decisions were reached. A notice of availability of the ROD will be published in the **Federal Register** and other media when it is completed.

**Greg Thomsen,***Acting Area Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[ID-957-1430-00]

**Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey; Idaho**

The plats of the following described land were officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m. September 4, 1997.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Second Standard Parallel North (south boundary, T. 9 N., R. 32 E.), portions of the Eighth Auxiliary Meridian East (each boundary), and of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of sections 1 and 2, and of a metes-and-bounds survey in sections 1 and 2, T. 8 N., R. 32 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group 952, was accepted September 4, 1997.

The dependent resurvey of a portion of the Second Standard Parallel North (south boundary) T. 9N., R. 33 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group 952, was accepted, September 4, 1997.

These surveys were executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

All inquiries concerning the survey of the above described land must be sent to the Chief, Cadastral Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1657.

Dated: September 4, 1997.

**Duane E. Olsen,***Chief Cadastral Survey or for Idaho.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[ID-957-1430-00]

**Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey; Idaho**

The plat of the following described land was officially filed in the Idaho

State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m., September 4, 1997.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of the 1960 fixed and limiting boundary in section 15, T. 3 N., R. 41 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group 941, was accepted, September 4, 1997.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

All inquiries concerning the survey of the above described land must be sent to the Chief, Cadastral Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709-1657.

Dated: September 4, 1997.

**Duane E. Olsen,***Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-940-5700-00; CACA 38601]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and  
Opportunity for Public Meeting;  
California****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 40 acres of National Forest System land in Plumas County to protect the Soda Rock area. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing and the Materials Act of 1947.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by December 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** State Director, BLM (CA-931), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825-0451.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Either Duane Marti, BLM California State Office, 916-978-4675, or David Bauer, Plumas National Forest, Forest Service, 916-283-2050.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 5, 1997, the Plumas National Forest, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2), subject to valid existing rights:

**Mount Diablo Meridian**

T. 25 N., R. 9 E.,  
Sec. 3, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The area described contains 40 acres in Plumas County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the Soda Rock area, which is located near Indian Falls and along Indian Creek.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the California State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. 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.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are determined to be compatible with the use of the land by Forest Service.

Dated: September 9, 1997.

**David McInay,**

*Chief, Branch of Lands.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission; Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission will be held on September 30, 1997 at 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Westin Bonaventure

Hotel, located at 404 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA.

The Commission was authorized on December 11, 1991, by Pub. L. 102-211, for the purpose of advising the Secretary of the Interior in the development of a General Management Plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site.

The members of the Commission are as follow: Dr. Dorothy I. Height; Ms. Barbara Van Blake; Ms. Brenda Girton-Mitchell; Dr. Savanna C. Jones; Dr. Bettye J. Gardner; Bettye Collier-Thomas; Mr. Eugene Morris; Dr. Rosalyn Terborg-Penn; Mrs. Bertha S. Waters; Dr. Frederick Stielow; Dr. Sheila Flemming; Dr. Ramona Edelin; Mrs. Romaine B. Thomas; Ms. Brandi L. Creighton; and Dr. Janette Hoston Harris.

The purpose of these meeting will be to continue planning and developing a general management plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. This meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish further information concerning this meeting or wish to file a written statement or testify at the meeting may contact Ms. Marta C. Kelly, the Federal Liaison Officer for the Commission, at (202) 673-2402. Minutes of these meetings will be available for public inspection 4 weeks after the meeting at the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site, located at 1318 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

Dated: September 11, 1997.

**Richard E. Powers,**

*Associate Superintendent, National Capital Region.*

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Proposed collection: Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a)

Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Send comments on or before September 30, 1997.

**ADDRESS INFORMATION TO:** Mary Ann Ball, Bureau of Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, DC (202) 712-1765 or via e-mail MBall@USAID.Gov.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Number:* OMB 0412-0012.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Title:* Supplier's Certificate Agreement with the U.S. Agency for International Development—Invoice and Contract Abstract.

*Type of Submission:* Renew.

*Purpose:* The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) finances goods and related services under its Commodity Import Program which are contracted for by public and private entities in the countries receiving the USAID assistance. Since USAID is not a party to these contracts, USAID needs some means to collect information directly from the suppliers of the goods and related services and to enable to USAID to take appropriate action against them in the event they do not comply with the applicable regulations. USAID does this by securing from the suppliers, as a condition for the disbursement of funds a certificate and agreement with USAID which contains appropriate representations by the suppliers.

*Annual Reporting Burden:*

Respondents: 400.

Total annual responses: 3,600.

Total annual hours requested: 1,800.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

**Willette L. Smith,**

*Acting Chief, Information Records Division, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau of Management.*

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