

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendments to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendments to St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact, which were executed on June 18, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective August 21, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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

[NV-030-1220-00]

Nevada: Closure of Certain Public Land in the Winnemucca District for the Management of Lands Located Around the Burning Man Event

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Amend temporary closure and restriction of public lands in Washoe and Pershing Counties.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Certain lands in the Winnemucca District, Pershing and Washoe Counties, Nevada would be temporarily closed or restricted to camping, vehicle use and firearms use from 6 p.m. August 30 to 6 a.m. September 8, 1998. This closure is being made in the interest of public safety at the location of an event known as the Burning Man Festival. This event is expected to attract at least 12,000 visitors this year.

The following areas in and around the Burning Man event site are closed to discharge and display of firearms:

T. 33 N., R. 23 E., Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 35; Sec. 36.

T. 32 N., R. 23 E., Sec. 1; Sec. 2; Sec. 11; Sec. 12.

T. 33 N., R. 24 E., Sec. 19; Sec. 30; Sec. 31.

The following public lands are temporarily closed to landing, taking off, and taxiing aircraft except for authorized and emergency aircraft:

T. 32 N., R. 23 E., Sec. 1; Sec. 2; Sec. 11; Sec. 12.

T. 33 N., R. 23 E., Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 35; Sec. 36.

T. 33 N., R. 24 E., Sec. 1; Sec. 2; Sec. 3; Sec. 4; Sec. 8; Sec. 9; Sec. 10; Sec. 11; Sec. 12; Sec. 14; Sec. 15; Sec. 16; Sec. 17; Sec. 18; Sec. 19; Sec. 20; Sec. 21; Sec. 29; Sec. 30; Sec. 31.

T. 33½ N., R. 24 E., Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 27; Sec. 28; Sec. 33; Sec. 34; Sec. 35; Sec. 36.

T. 33 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 3; Sec. 4.

T. 34 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 27; Sec. 28; Sec. 33; Sec. 34; Sec. 35; Sec. 36.

The lands involved are located in the Mount Diablo Meridian and located north of Gerlach, Nevada. A map showing the temporary closure area is available from the following BLM office: Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, (702) 623-1500. Any person who fails to comply with this closure notice issued under 43 CFR Part 8364 may be subject to the penalties provided for in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Sincerely yours,

Colin P. Christensen,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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

[NV-020-1990-10]

Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a mining Plan of Operations (POO) amendment for the Rayrock Mines, Inc., Marigold Mining Company's (MMC) expansion project located on public and private lands in Humboldt County, Nevada, and; notice of scoping period and public meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy

Act of 1969 and, title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 3809, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be directing the preparation of an EIS for the proposed expansion of a mine in Humboldt County, Nevada. The EIS will be prepared by contract and funded by Rayrock Mines, Inc. Public meetings will be held to identify issues to be addressed in the EIS, and to encourage public participation in the review process. Representatives of the BLM and MMC will be summarizing the POO and accepting comments from the audience. The BLM invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis.

DATES: Two scoping meetings will be held. The first is on Tuesday, October 5, 1998 at the Battle Mountain Field Office of the BLM, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada. The second will be Wednesday, October 6, 1998, at the Winnemucca Field Office of the BLM, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada. Both meetings are scheduled to run from 7-9 p.m. Written comments on the POO and scope of the EIS will be accepted until the close of business, October 23, 1998. The Draft EIS is expected to be completed by August 16, 1999, when the document will be made available for public review and comment.

ADDRESSES: Scoping comments may be sent to: District Manager, Winnemucca Field Office BLM, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445, Attn: Gerald Moritz, Marigold Mine EIS Project Coordinator.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald Moritz, Winnemucca Field Office BLM, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca NV 89445, phone (702) 623-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This EIS will address the issues of geology, soils, water resources, vegetation, wildlife, grazing management, air quality, aesthetic resources, cultural resources, ethnographic concerns, paleontologic resources, land use, access, recreation, social and economic values related to project development. In addition, the EIS will address cumulative impacts for the above listed resources.

MMC has been operating the Marigold Mine, an open-pit gold mine at the site, since 1998. The Marigold Mine is located on public and private lands approximately five miles south of the Valmy Exit on Interstate Highway 80, in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately 43 miles east of Winnemucca and approximately 12 miles west of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The Marigold Mine uses conventional open pit mining methods including drilling, blasting, loading, and hauling

ore and overburden material. The total mining rate for the existing open pits is 1,700,000 tons per month. Processing operations include milling of high grade ore and utilizing heap leach technology to retrieve gold from the lower grade ore. Waste rock is delivered to waste dumps, or backfilled into portions of the mined out pits. The total project boundary encompasses approximately 10,480 acres of public and private lands. Total approved disturbance under existing operations is approximately 1,349 acres, located on public and private lands.

The proposed action would be to expand existing mining facilities and to construct new facilities, increasing surface disturbances from 1,349 acres to 2,058 acres. Of the 710 acres of new disturbance proposed, approximately 254 acres would be disturbed on BLM-administered public land with 456 acres of disturbance on private lands. Upon approval of this expansion proposal, mining would continue through the year 2006 at approximately the current level of production of existing operations. The proposed expansion includes the following:

1. Construct two new pits and expand existing pits.
2. Construct one new waste dump and expand existing waste dumps.
3. Develop one new heap leach facility and expand existing heap leach facility, including new solution ponds.
4. Construct a new tailing dam facility.
5. Redirect two stream drainages by installing creek diversions.
6. Construct haul roads and miscellaneous access roads.
7. Construct associated ancillary facilities, including a utility corridor.
8. Amend operations boundary.

In addition to the above, the mine reclamation plan would be amended to include recontouring slopes, ripping compacted areas, where needed and covering with suitable plant growth medium, and seeding. Heap leach facilities would be detoxified by rinsing the pads with fresh water. Buildings, process structures, and other equipment would be removed from the site at the end of mining. Foundations would be buried in place prior to growth medium application and revegetation. Equipment, electrical and instrumentation, piping, miscellaneous fencing, and mobile trailers would also be removed from the site or returned to local vendors.

The main issues identified thus far in the project expansion are; sequential backfilling of pits, cumulative air quality effects, visual impacts due to the

proximity of Interstate 80, hydrology, and impacts to bat habitat.

Federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the BLM's decision on the POO are invited to participate in the scoping process. The Authorized Officer will respond to public input and comment as part of the final EIS. The decision regarding the proposal will be recorded as a Record of Decision, which is subject to appeal under 43 CFR part 4.

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Colin P. Christensen,

Acting Field Office Manager, Winnemucca.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-41-5700; WYW128798]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW128798 for lands in Sublette County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW128798 effective April 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Theresa M. Stevens,

Acting Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-5700-01; N-62369]

Lander County, Nevada; Notice of Realty Action: Sale of Public Land in Lander County, Nevada, by Non-Competitive Sale Procedures

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management

ACTION: Non-competitive sale of public lands in Lander County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The following described lands have been examined and found suitable for direct sale to Bullion Monarch Company at the appraised fair market value of \$95,000. Authority for the sale is in Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, 1713, 1719).

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 19 N., R. 43 E.,
Sec. 13, lot 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
Totalling 94.21 acres.

The above-described lands are hereby classified for disposal in accordance with Executive Order 6910 and the Act of June 28, 1934, as amended.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Craggett, Realty Specialist, at the above address or at (702) 635-4168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This parcel of land near Austin, Nevada, is being offered by direct sale to Bullion Monarch Company, owner of the milling operation on the parcel. The land is not required for Federal purposes and is identified as suitable for disposal in the Shoshone-Eureka Resource Management Plan.

Conveyance of the available mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. Acceptance of the sale offer will constitute an application for the available minerals and the purchaser will be charged a \$50.00 nonrefundable filing fee for the mineral interests.

The proponent will have 30 days from the date of receiving the sale offer to accept the offer and to submit a deposit of \$28,500 (30 percent of the purchase price), the \$50 mineral filing fee, and money for publication costs. The purchaser must submit the rest of the purchase price, \$66,500, within 90 days from the date the sale offer is received. Payments may be by certified check,