

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and to 43 CFR 3809, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be directing the preparation of an EIS for the proposed gold mine expansion in Humboldt County and Lander County, Nevada. This EIS will be prepared by contract and funded by the proponent, Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation. A public meeting 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 Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation will be summarizing the POO and accepting comments from the audience. The BLM invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis.

DATES: A scoping meeting will be held September 24, 1996 at the Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada from 7–9 p.m. Written comments on the Plan of Operations and the scope of the EIS will be accepted until October 15, 1996. The Draft EIS is expected to be completed by the end of May, 1997, at which time the document will be made available for public review and comment.

ADDRESSES: Scoping comments may be sent to: District Manager, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445; ATTN: Rod Herrick, Project Manager.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rod Herrick, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445 (702) 623–1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation of Albuquerque, New Mexico has submitted to the Winnemucca District Office of the BLM, a POO for expansion of the Trenton Canyon Mine. The POO describes proposed expansion of Trenton Canyon Project mining operations onto public land in Humboldt and Lander Counties, Nevada. The mining operation was previously permitted on fee land by permit from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. About 122 million tons of oxide overburden and interburden will be removed to mine about 30 million tons of oxide ore. The proposed expansion would result in additional disturbance to public and private lands of approximately 1,872 acres. Future key production facilities would include mine pits, waste rock disposal piles, heap leach pads, solution/overflow ponds, access and haul roads, and a carbon-column circuit. Loaded carbon

will be transported to the nearby Lone Tree Mine for gold stripping. Nonprocessing ancillary facilities to support the mine would include an office, shop, warehouse, water supply system, sewage system, electrical distribution system, propane system, bioremediation cells, barrel handling facilities, and explosives magazine, and various materials storage areas.

The EIS will address the issues of geology, minerals, soils, water resources, vegetation, wildlife, grazing management, air quality, aesthetics, cultural resources, paleontological resources, land use, access, recreation, social and economic values related to the mine expansion.

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: September 5, 1996.

Ronald B. Wenker,

District Manager, Winnemucca, Nevada.

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[CA–010–1430–01; CAS 1198, CACA 23586]

Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Classification and Opening Order; California

August 23, 1996.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: This notice terminates the existing recreation and public purposes classification CAS 1198. The land will be opened to the operation of the public land laws including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregation of record and the requirements of applicable law. The land has been and remains open to the operation of the mineral leasing laws. It should be noted however, that the subject tract shall remain segregated in support of exchange proposal CACA 36926FD.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Termination of the classification is effective on September 12, 1996. The land will be open to entry at 10 a.m. on the same date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Folsom Resource Area Office, 63 Natoma St, Folsom, CA. 95630 (916) 985–4474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 9, 1976, the lands described below were classified as suitable for lease or sale pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, 869–1 to 969–4) and the land was segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and the general mining laws:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 14N., R. 9E.,

Sec. 25, portion of lot 5 (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$), and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (the subject land is now a portion of lot 14 per supplemental plat of survey approved August 22, 1996)

Capital Mountain Camp, Inc. is voluntarily relinquishing their R&PP lease CACA 23586, effective September 12, 1996, for the above described public lands.

Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 CFR 2091.7–1(B)(1). Recreation and Public Purposes Classification CAS 1198 is hereby terminated in its entirety September 12, 1996.

At 10 a.m. on September 12, 1996, the above described land will become open to the operation of the public land laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregation of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Because this property is included in exchange proposal CACA 36923, the subject land shall continue to be segregated. Notation to the public land law records on May 21, 1996, segregated the above tract from appropriation under the public land laws and the mineral laws for a period of five (5) years from the date of notation; said segregation is in accordance with regulations in 43 CFR 2001.1–2.

At 10 a.m. on September 12, 1996, the above described land will become open to location under the mining laws, subject to the valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregation of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Any such attempted appropriation including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with federal law. The bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts. The land will remain open to the mineral leasing laws.

Dated: August 23, 1996.
 Ron Fellows,
District Manager.
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[UT-080-96-1040-08]

Notice: Notice of Intent To Amend Diamond Mountain Resource Management Plan and Price River Management Framework Plan, Vernal and Price Field Offices, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend the Diamond Mountain Resource Management Plan, Vernal Field Office, and the Price River Management Framework Plan, Price field Office, Utah to provide management of acquired lands in the Nine Mile Canyon area and prepare the associated Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.5-5), notice is given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will consider proposed amendments to the 1994 Diamond Mountain Resource Management Plan and the 1983 Price River Management Framework Plan.

The proposed plan amendment would address future management of acquired lands within the Nine Mile Canyon area of the Vernal and Price Field Offices. An environmental assessment would be prepared to identify the environmental consequences of this action and determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement is needed. Public comment will be actively solicited throughout the planning and environmental assessment processes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1993 BLM received as a donation 762.44 acres, more or less, from Pacific Enterprises Oil Company, Dallas, Texas. These lands are situated in Townships 11 and 12 South, Range 18 East, Salt Lake Base and Meridian, sections 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, and section 3, respectively. Generally these lands are located near the confluence of Nine Mile Creek and the Green River, in northeastern Utah. All but 40 acres of the involved acres are within Uintah County; the remaining acreage is within Carbon County, Utah. This proposed amendment is necessary to update and expand the decisions in existing plans to include these donated lands.

Decisions generated during this planning process would address the acquired land and could supersede some affected land use planning decisions presented in the RMP and MFP. At this time general planning issues to be addressed include:

1. Should the area, especially the riparian areas, be grazed, and if so, to what extent?

2. What special management is needed within the Desolation Canyon National Historic Landmark?

3. What amount and type of access should be allowed, including access to private minerals?

4. Are these lands suitable for inclusion as wilderness?

5. What is the functionality and condition of riparian lands within these acquired lands? What management should be determined to maintain and/or enhance the riparian resource?

Public scoping meetings will be held in Price and Roosevelt, Utah. These meetings will be announced in local newspapers and through other local media. Formal public participation will be requested for review of the preliminary and final RMP and MFP in 1997. Notice of availability of these documents will be published at the appropriate times.

These documents will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team which includes specialists in vegetation, cultural resources, recreation, wildlife/fisheries habitats, realty, and minerals. Other disciplines may be represented as necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Trogstad, Project Leader, Vernal Office, 170 South, 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078. Business hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, telephone (801) 781-4460, fax (801) 781-4410.

Dated: September 4, 1996.
 David E. Little,
Associate State Director, Utah.
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[OR-957-00-1420-00: G6-0251]

Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 28 S., R. 4 W., accepted July 25, 1996
 T. 4 S., R. 6 W., accepted July 1, 1996
 T. 36 S., R. 7 W., accepted July 26, 1996
 T. 9 S., R. 10 W., accepted August 2, 1996
 T. 13 S., R. 10 W., accepted August 13, 1996
 T. 14 S., R. 10 W., accepted August 13, 1996
 T. 36 S., R. 14 W., accepted August 2, 1996

Washington

T. 3 N., R. 12 E., accepted August 8, 1996
 T. 31 N., R. 10 W., accepted June 28, 1996

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue,) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: September 3, 1996.
 Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,
Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.
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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 230 acres of National Forest System land in