

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynn Pettit, Project Manager, at (702) 635-4000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Battle Mountain Gold Mining Company has recently submitted a proposal to develop a mining facility at the south end of the Battle Mountain Range, in Lander County, Nevada, approximately 15 miles southwest of Battle Mountain. The proposed mining development will involve an expansion of the current heap leaching and tailings facilities, and a new mill. One extracted from proposed open pits will be processed for gold recovery by milling and heap leaching processes. Dewatering will be necessary in order to mine several of the proposed open pits. To prevent anticipated pit lake quality problems due to the composition of the host rock in one of the pits, Battle Mountain Gold is proposing a permanent ground water conveyance system that would begin at an entry way within the pit, travel downgradient through an underground drainage system to a portal opening and from there travel via an above ground channel to a location that would serve as an infiltration basin and/or wetland. The majority of the waste rock will be partially, or completely, backfilled into open pits and used to cap existing copper leach run-of-mine dumps. The total land disturbance (private + public) over the life of the mine could reach 1,909 acres. Land previously disturbed by mining related activity would make up 1,278 of these acres.

Potentially significant and significant direct, indirect, cumulative and residual impacts from the proposal will be analyzed in the EIS. Significant issues to be addressed in the EIS include those relating to air quality, surface and ground water resources, geochemistry, reclamation, and social and economic values, and cumulative impacts. Additional significant issues to be addressed may arise during the scoping process. Federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the BLM's decision on this plan of operation are invited to participate in the scoping process.

Dated: January 30, 1995.

Michael C. Mitchel,

Acting District Manager.

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Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bennett Hills Draft Resource Management Plan and Amendment to the Jarbridge Resource Management Plan, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: The Shoshone District Bureau of Land Management announces the intent to prepare a supplement to the Bennett Hills Draft Resource Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and Amendment to the Jarbridge Resource Management Plan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 40 CFR 1502.9(c) implementing the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, the Bureau of Land Management's Idaho State Director has determined the need to prepare a supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bennett Hills Draft Resource Management Plan issued for public comment on April 1, 1994. This action is taken to allow the agency to fully consider and incorporate comments received on the draft.

DATES: No date has been set for the release of the Supplement. Notification of release will be made in the **Federal Register** and local news media. The Supplement will be circulated for an additional 90-day public comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Project Manager William H. West, Shoshone District Bureau of Land Management, P.O. 2-B, Shoshone, Idaho 83352, telephone (208) 886-7203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 20, 1990, the Shoshone District Bureau of Land Management published a Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Resource Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bennett Hills Resource Area. On March 25, 1992, the Boise District of the Bureau of Land Management published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Amendment to the Jarbridge Resource Management Plan to be incorporated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bennett Hills Draft Resource Management Plan. On April 1, 1994, a Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in the **Federal Register** and the public was invited to comment.

The public comment period ended on July 1, 1994, with 170 comment letters received containing over 400 individual comments. The comments identified new actions, standards and guidelines not contained in the Draft. The

comments include specific suggestions for livestock management prescriptions in riparian areas, proposals for new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and land exchanges to accommodate recent community expansion needs that were not contained or analyzed in the Draft.

The comments also provided clarity and focus to the public's desires and needs not found in the original scoping for the Draft in 1990. At the time of the original scoping, five open houses were held at different locations in the valley; however, less than 30 people attended and, despite concerted efforts to solicit public opinion, only 66 total comments were received during the formal scoping period. The scoping comments were very broad in nature and often dealt with general BLM policy questions not directed toward actions within the jurisdiction of the RMP. Comments received on the Draft were directed toward management actions on the planning area and within the scope of a Resource Management Plan decision. Additionally, because of the long lag time from the scoping to the publication of the Draft, the public's wishes for management of the public land had changed.

Dated: January 31, 1995.

Robert D. Cordell,

Area Manager, Bennett Hills Resource Area.

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[CO-056-1430-00]

Seasonal Road Closure

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with 43 CFR 8364.1(a) Closure and Restriction. Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 the following Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roads in Conejos, Rio Grande, and Saquache Counties will be temporarily closed to motorized vehicle use to protect roads and fragile resources during the wet conditions of the spring thaw.

Conejos County: Cumbres Toltec Rd. (#5035), Bighorn Rd. (#5041), Las Mestas Rd. (#5048), Poso Loop Rd. (#5046), RaJadero Rd. (#5065), Posito Creek Rd. (#5075), Capulin Peak Rd. (#5060) and Cinder Pits Rd. (#5055).

Rio Grande County: Bronson Peak Rd. (#5100), Spring Gulch Rd. (#5105), and the Nine Mile Road access onto BLM Rd. #5100.

Saquache County: Poncha Loop Rd. (#5325), Clover Creek Rd. (#5330), Dorsey Creek Rd. (#5331), Noland Gulch Loop Rd. (#5305), Clayton Cone Rd.

(#5310), Findley Gulch Rd. (#5290), Poison-Dry Loop Rd. (#5275), Cabin Draw Rd. (#5265), Ward Gulch Rd. (#5260), Antelope Creek Rd. (#5250), Trickle Mountain Rd. (#5255), Big Dry Gulch Rd. (#5242), Taylor Canyon Rd. (#5248), Decker Creek Rd. (#5335) and Squaw Creek Rd. (#5245).

DATES: This closure is in effect from March 1 through May 31 and shall remain in effect unless revised, revoked or amended.

ADDRESSES: Comments can be directed to the Area Manager, San Luis Resource Area, 1921 State Street, Alamosa, CO 81101 or District Manager, Canon City District Office, 3170 E. Main, Canon City, CO 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Howard, Area Manager at (719) 589-4975.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Roads will be reopened to travel when dry soil conditions allow. These restrictions do not apply to emergency, law enforcement and Federal, State or other government personnel who are in the area for official or emergency purposes and who are expressly authorized or otherwise officially approved by BLM. Any person who fails to comply with this closure order will be subject to the penalties provided by 43 CFR 8360.0-7 which includes fines not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Notice of this closure will be posted at the San Luis Resource Area Office and the Canon City District Office.

Donnie R. Sparks,
District Manager.

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Notice of Proposed Modification of Public Land Order (PLO) 5605; Transfer of Jurisdiction in Leavenworth County, Kansas

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) has requested a modification of PLO 5605 to formally change the use and benefitting agency of 24 acres from a part of a Federal correction facility for the DOJ to a Frontier Army Museum under the Department of Army. The land has been and remains closed to surface entry and mining but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

DATES: Comments should be received by May 10, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clarence Houglund, BLM, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502-0115, 505-438-7593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOJ proposes to modify the withdrawal made by PLO 5605 dated October 13, 1976, which withdrew the following described land from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 8 S., R. 23 E.,

A tract of land situated in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 26, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete monument (#29) located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 26 on the Fort Leavenworth Military Reservation; thence S. 19°45'13" E., 657.44 ft. along the reservation boundary, which is contiguous to the easterly boundary of the Federal Penitentiary under the jurisdiction of the DOJ, to a 4-inch bolt in Grant Avenue, said bolt being in the easterly boundary of said Federal Penitentiary, from which said bolt the bearing and distance to a reference iron pin formally in the north boundary line of the City of Leavenworth is S. 19°45'13" E., 104.28 ft.; thence Westerly, approximately 914 ft. along the north right-of-way line of Metropolitan Avenue to the east line of the Kansas Power and Light (KPL) easement; thence N. 01°14'34" E., 461.11 ft. along the east line of said KPL easement; thence N. 86°25'25" E., 48.09 ft. along the east line of said KPL easement; thence N. 05°27'41" W., 388.76 ft. to a point in the old boundary of the Fort Leavenworth Military Reservation the same being the east line of the said KPL easement; thence N. 71°55'09" W., 409.20 ft. along said KPL easement and along said old boundary of said reservation to a point; thence Northerly along said KPL easement approximately 1000 ft., parallel to the north line of Metropolitan Avenue, to a point in the present boundary of Fort Leavenworth Military Reservation, said point being in the center of Corral Creek; thence in a Southerly direction upstream, along the center of the ditch, approximately 643 ft. along the present reservation boundary to a point, said point being in the old reservation boundary; thence Southeasterly, approximately 161 ft., along the present reservation boundary to the point of beginning.

The area described contains 24 acres more or less, in Leavenworth County.

On October 13, 1976, 269.60 acres within the Fort Leavenworth Military Reservation were withdrawn and reserved for use of the DOJ for use by the Bureau of Prisons in connection with the operation of the Leavenworth

Federal Penitentiary. The DOJ has determined that 24 acres of this withdrawal is no longer needed for the Federal correction facility and has agreed to a transfer of the 24 acres to the Department of Army for the Frontier Army Museum. No change is proposed in the segregative effect of the withdrawal.

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 modification of use and transfer of jurisdiction may present their views in writing to the Deputy State Director, Resource Planning, Use, and Protection, BLM, at the above address.

Dated: January 25, 1995.

Gilbert J. Lucero,

State Director.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Habitat Conservation Plan, Environmental Assessment, and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit of Desert Tortoise Related to the Use of the Tuacahn School and Performing Arts Center Access Road, Ivins, Washington County, Utah

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Heritage Arts Foundation (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973. The Applicant has been assigned Permit Number PRT-798634. The requested permit, which is for a period not to exceed 2 years, would authorize the incidental take of the threatened desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*). The proposed take would occur as a result of further improvement and continued use of an access road to the Tuacahn School and Performing Arts Center (Tuacahn Center) in Ivins, Washington County, Utah. The road was constructed by the Applicant but has been deeded to the city of Ivins. It is anticipated that the road will be paved and will serve employees, students, and visitors of the Tuacahn Center.

The Applicant has prepared a habitat conservation plan and an environmental assessment for the incidental take permit application. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of