

The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because selling not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

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## Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a Proposed Gold Mining/Processing Operation

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be directing the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) by a third party contractor on the impacts of a proposed gold mining/processing operation known as the Imperial Project, which would be located on public lands in Imperial County in southern California. Comments are being requested to help identify significant issues or concerns related to the proposed action, to determine the scope of the issues (including alternatives) that need to be analyzed, and to eliminate from detailed study those issues that are not significant. Supporting documentation should be included with comments recommending that the EIS address specific environmental issues.

**DATES:** For Scoping Meetings and Comments: Public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates: 7 pm PST, Monday, April 17, 1995, at the El Centro Community Center, 375 South First Street, El Centro, California 92243; 7 pm MST, Tuesday, April 18, 1995, at the Best Western Yuma Inn Suites, Palm Canyon Room, 1450 Castle Dome Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85365. Written comments must be filed no later than Friday, April 21, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Area Manager, Bureau

of Land Management, El Centro Resource Area, 1661 South Fourth Street, El Centro, California 92243, ATTN: Environmental Coordinator.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas F. Zale (619) 337-4400

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chemgold, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Glamis Gold, Inc., submitted a Plan of Operation to the BLM's El Centro Resource Area office for the proposed Imperial Project in December, 1994. The project would be located on unpatented lode claims south of the Chocolate Mountains, approximately 45 miles northeast of El Centro, California and 20 miles northwest of Yuma, Arizona, on land administered by the BLM. The project would include mining, waste rock and heap leach facilities, miscellaneous roads and buildings, and reclamation of disturbed lands. The project would consist of up to three (3) open pits, four (4) waste rock stockpiles, one (1) heap leach facility, one (1) water well field and pipeline, one (1) power substation and power line, and one (1) processing facility, and would operate for approximately twenty (20) years. Up to 120,000 tons of ore and waste rock would be mined per day. Processing and reclamation activities would be expected to continue for up to five (5) years after cessation of mining. If approved, approximately 1,600 acres of land would be disturbed and later reclaimed as the result of this project.

A tentative project schedule is as follows:  
Begin Public Comment/Scoping Period—  
March 1995  
Hold Public Scoping Meetings—April 1995  
File Draft EIS—October 1995  
Hold Public Meetings on Draft EIS—  
November 1995  
File Final EIS—January 1996  
File Record of Decision—March 1996  
Begin Project Construction—July 1996  
Dated: March 15, 1995.

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### Order Providing for Opening of Land; Washington

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This action will open 480 acres of land to surface entry, mining, mineral leasing and geothermal, subject to the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to National Forest System

lands. The land has been eliminated from a Forest Service exchange proposal.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 28, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pamela Chappel, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, 503-952-6170.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the General Exchange Act of March 20, 1922 (16 U.S.C. 485, 486), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), and the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of August 20, 1988 (43 U.S.C. 751), the following described Federal land has been eliminated from the initial exchange proposal between the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, and Weyerhaeuser Company, Tacoma, Washington:

#### Willamette Meridian

T. 13 N., R. 4 E.,

Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 480 acres in Lewis County.

At 8:30 a.m., on April 28, 1995, the land will be opened to operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid existing applications received at or prior to 8:30 a.m., on April 28, 1995, will be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter will be considered in the order of filing.

At 8:30 a.m., on April 28, 1995, the land will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws. Appropriation under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. Sec. 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.

At 8:30 a.m., on April 28, 1995, the land will be opened to applications and offers under the mineral leasing laws and the Geothermal Steam Act.

Dated: March 15, 1995.

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*Acting Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.*

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