

comments during the morning session, Saturday, February 17. Members of the public may submit written statements to the Commission at the address listed above, or at the meeting. If you wish to make a 5 minute oral presentation, please call the Commission office at (303) 236-6211 prior to February 9. Members of the public making oral presentations should submit a written copy of their remarks at the meeting. Seating and oral presentations at the meeting will be limited and therefore on a first come basis.

Dated: January 23, 1996.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Availability for Talapoosa Mining Inc.'s Talapoosa Mine Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Comment Period and Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability for the draft environmental impact statement (EIS), for Talapoosa Mining Inc.'s Talapoosa Mine Project, Lyon County, Nevada; and notice of comment period and public meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1500-1508, and 43 CFR 3809, notice is given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, with the assistance of a third-party consultant, a Draft EIS on the proposed Talapoosa Mine Project, and has made copies available for public and agency review.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS must be submitted or postmarked to the BLM no later than April 2, 1996. Oral and/or written comments may also be presented at a public open-house meeting, to be held:

February 13, 1996

4:00-7:00 p.m.

McAtee Building, 2495 Ft. Churchill Rd., Silver Springs, NV.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft EIS should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District Office, 1535 Hot Springs Rd., Carson City, Nevada 89706, Attn.: Ron Moore, Talapoosa Mine EIS Project Manager. A limited number of copies of the Draft EIS may be obtained at the

same address. In addition, the Draft EIS and supporting documentation are available for review at the following locations: BLM, Carson City District Office, Carson City, Nevada; BLM, Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada; University of Nevada, Library, Reno, Nevada and the Silver Springs Library, Silver Springs, Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Moore, Talapoosa Mine EIS Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Rd., Carson City, Nevada 89706, (702) 885-6155.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Talapoosa Mining Inc. has submitted a Plan of Operations for the construction, operation, and reclamation of a gold/silver heap leach mining operation at the historic Talapoosa mine site, north of Silver Springs, Nevada. The operation would include a new open pit mine, leaching facilities, haul and access roads, and utility corridors. Operations are expected to last from seven to ten years. The operations would be primarily on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District Office, Lahontan Resource Area, with a portion on private lands controlled by Talapoosa Mining Inc. The project area would encompass 2,673 acres, with 2,340 acres of public land administered by the BLM, and 333 acres of private land. Approximately 596 acres of surface disturbance would result from the construction and operation of the proposed mine.

This Draft EIS analyzes the environmental impacts associated with the proposed mine and ancillary facilities, and the no action alternative. In addition, the Draft EIS focuses on the issues of water quality and quantity, social and economic values, noise and visual quality that were identified through public scoping.

A copy of the Draft EIS has been sent to all individuals, agencies, and groups who have expressed interest in the project or as mandated by regulation or policy. A limited number of copies are available upon request from the BLM at the address listed above.

Public participation has occurred during the EIS process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the Federal Register in March 1995, and an open scoping period was held for 30 days. Two public scoping meetings to solicit comments and ideas were held in April 1995. All comments presented to the BLM throughout the EIS process have been considered.

To assist the BLM in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action and alternatives, comments on the Draft EIS should be as

specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters in the document. Comments may address the adequacy of the Draft EIS and/or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the document. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. After the comment period ends on the Draft EIS, comments will be analyzed and considered by the BLM in preparing the Final EIS.

Dated: January 23, 1996.

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District Manager, Carson City District Office.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will hold a joint meeting to discuss coordination of activities that support Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission coastal fisheries management plans under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act and the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 14, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NMFS Headquarters, Silver Spring Metro Center, Building III, Room 3404, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Lubinski, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 840, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 358-1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held pursuant to Public Law 103-206 and Public Law 102-103. Minutes of the meetings will be maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and the National Marine Fisheries Service, F/CM, Metro Center, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and will be available for public inspection during regular business