

ADDRESSES: Scoping comments may be sent to: District Manager, Winnemucca District Office BLM, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445, Attn: Ken Loda, Project NEPA Coordinator.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Loda, Winnemucca District Office BLM, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445, phone (702) 623-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Kinross-Goldbanks Mining Company of Winnemucca, Nevada, has submitted to the Winnemucca District Office of the BLM a POO for development of the Goldbanks Mine. This is a precious metals project located in Pershing County, approximately thirty miles south of Winnemucca, Nevada. The project site is located in the Goldbanks Hills on the east flank of the East Range. The project will ultimately consist of two separate mining areas and associated waste rock dumps, and a heap leach process area, various ancillary facilities, and two access roads. The total project area encompasses approximately 16,208 acres of BLM-administered public land and 160 acres of fee land. Approximately 2,761 acres of public land will be disturbed by the proposed action. During the eleven year production life 85,583,000 tons of ore and 261,252,000 tons of overburden and interburden will be mined.

Operations are scheduled to begin the spring of 1998. The Goldbanks Project will consist of two open pits and two rock waste rock dumps, a crushing facility and leach pad, a class III landfill site, bioremediation area, an office, laboratory and truck shop/warehouse facility, roads, power lines and water lines to support the operation. An existing road right-of-way to the project area has previously been obtained from the BLM. All proposed activities are planned on public land administered by the BLM. At present the only currently permitted activities are exploration drilling.

Reclamation of the facilities will include detoxification of the heap leach facility, grading of the waste rock dumps and heap leach facility, removal of all buildings and facilities followed by topsoil replacement and revegetation. The Main Zone pit will not be backfilled but a berm will be constructed following mining. The KW pit may be backfilled to near natural ground level, or may be left unfilled.

This EIS will address the issues of geology, minerals, soils, water resources, vegetation, wildlife, grazing management, air quality, aesthetic

resources, cultural resources, ethnographic concerns, paleontological resources, land use, access, recreation, social and economic values related to project development.

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: October 18, 1996.

Colin P. Christensen,
Acting District Manager, Winnemucca.
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Green River Basin Advisory Committee, Colorado and Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the Green River Basin Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the dates, time, and schedule and preliminary agenda for a meeting of the Green River Basin Advisory Committee (GRBAC).

DATES: November 13, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and November 14, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn, 1675 Sunset Drive, Rock Springs, WY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Trevino, GRBAC Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, telephone (307) 775-6020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The topics for the meeting will include:

- (1) Subgroup report
- (2) Cumulative impacts task force report
- (3) Update of Southwest Wyoming Resource Evaluation study
- (4) Further response from Interior Department on GRBAC Preliminary Report
- (5) Public comment.

This meeting is open to the public. Persons interested in making oral comments or submitting written statements for the GRBAC's consideration should notify the GRBAC Coordinator at the above address by November 11. The GRBAC will hear oral comments beginning at 4:00 p.m. on November 13. The GRBAC may establish a time limit for oral statements.

Dated: October 29, 1996.

Michael Dombeck,
Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management.
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Bureau of Land Management, Challis Resource Area, Idaho

ACTION: Amendment to extend public comment period on Challis Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS).

SUMMARY: On Friday, August 2, 1996 a Notice of Availability of the Challis Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 150, page 40431. That notice indicated that the public comment period for the Challis Draft RMP/EIS would end November 21, 1996.

The comment period has been extended and will remain open through January 6, 1997.

DATE: The public comment period for the Challis Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been extended and will remain open through January 6, 1997.

ADDRESS: Written comments may be submitted at any time during the comment period to the Bureau of Land Management, Salmon Field Office, Route 2, Box 610, Salmon, Idaho 83467.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathe Rhodes, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the address above, or telephone (208) 756-5440.

Dated: October 25, 1996.

Ted Graf,
Acting District Manager.
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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to withdraw approximately 230.71 acres of public land in Park County, to protect important cave resource values found in the Spirit Mountain Caverns located