

9. Approval of prescribed burning plans of less than 2000 acres when in compliance with policies and guidelines established by a current management plan addressed in earlier NEPA analysis.

10. Approval of forestation projects with native species and associated protection and site preparation activities on less than 2000 acres when consistent with policies and guidelines established by a current management plan addressed in earlier NEPA analysis.

**I. Land Conveyance and Other Transfers.**

Approvals or grants of conveyances and other transfers of interests in land where no change in land use is planned.

**J. Reservation Proclamations.**

Lands established as or added to a reservation pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 467, where no change in land use is planned.

**K. Waste Management.**

1. Closure operations for solid waste facilities when done in compliance with other federal laws and regulations and where cover material is taken from locations which have been approved for use by earlier NEPA analysis.

2. Activities involving remediation of hazardous waste sites if done in compliance with applicable federal laws such as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (Pub. L. 94-580), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Pub. L. 96-516) or Toxic Substances Control Act (Pub. L. 94-469).

**L. Roads and Transportation.**

1. Approval of utility installations along or across a transportation facility located in whole within the limits of the roadway right-of-way.

2. Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes and paths adjacent to existing highways and within the existing rights-of-way.

3. Activities included in a "highway safety plan" under 23 CFR Part 402.

4. Installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, small passenger shelters, traffic signals, and railroad warning devices where no substantial land acquisition or traffic disruption will occur.

5. Emergency repairs under 23 U.S.C. 125.

6. Acquisition of scenic easements.

7. Alterations to facilities to make them accessible for the elderly or handicapped.

8. Resurfacing a highway without adding to the existing width.

9. Rehabilitation, reconstruction or replacement of an existing bridge structure on essentially the same alignment or location (eg. widening, adding shoulders or safety lanes, walkways, bikeways or guardrails).

10. Approvals for changes in access control within existing right-of-ways.

11. Road construction within an existing right-of-way which has been acquired for a HUD housing project, and for which earlier NEPA analysis already exists.

**M. Other.**

1. Data gathering activities such as inventories, soil and range surveys, timber cruising, geological, geophysical, archeological, paleontological and cadastral surveys.

2. Establishment of non-disturbance environmental quality monitoring programs and field monitoring stations including testing services.

3. Approval of an Application for Permit to Drill for a new water source or observation well.

4. Approval of conversion of an abandoned oil well to a water well if water facilities are established only near the well site.

5. Approval and issuance of permits under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470aa-ll) when the permitted activity is being done as a part of an action for which an NEPA analysis has been, or is being prepared.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

Dr. Willie R. Taylor,

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.*

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**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Final Environmental Impact Statement, Notice of Availability**

**ACTION:** Notice of availability, final environmental impact statement for the Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation's Twin Creeks Mine Expansion Project.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Winnemucca District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, by third party contractor, and made available for a 30-day public review, the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation's Twin Creeks Mine Expansion Project, located in Humboldt County, Nevada.

**DATES:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement will be distributed and made available to the public on December 20, 1996. The period of availability for public review for the Final Environmental Impact Statement ends on January 21, 1997. At that time a

Record of Decision will be issued regarding the Proposed Action.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445. The Final Environmental Impact Statement is available for inspection at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office (Reno); Lander and Humboldt County Libraries; and the University of Nevada library in Reno, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gerald L. Moritz, Project Manager, at the above Winnemucca District address or telephone (702) 623-1500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement has been reproduced in its entirety and contains the original analysis presented in the Draft EIS (issued July 5, 1996), with all text changes highlighted. In addition, the Final EIS also includes an evaluation of two additional alternatives, the West Side alternative (overburden/interburden reconfiguration) and the East Side alternative (stormwater control), that were not analyzed in the Draft EIS. Also included in the Final EIS are responses to comments received by BLM during the public comment period on the Draft EIS. The EIS analyzes the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts associated with continued mining and expansion of the South pit, ore processing facilities, overburden and interburden storage areas, expanded dewatering system and water disposal facilities, diversion of Rabbit Creek and tributaries, and ancillary facilities.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

Ron Wenker,

*Winnemucca District Manager.*

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**Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey; Idaho**

The plat of the following described land was officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9:00 a.m. December 9, 1996.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines, of the 1895 meanders of the left bank of the Snake River, and of the 1960 meanders of an island designated as lot 16 in section 3, and the survey of the median line of a relicted channel of the Snake River in section 3, T. 6 S., R. 8