

6111 and requesting a copy of the document. Additionally, a copy of the ROD will be mailed to individuals, agencies or companies that commented during the scoping process, or on the Draft EIS.

**DATES:** Parties adversely affected by the Record of Decision have until July 2, 1997, to file a Notice of Appeal in the office which issued this decision (43 CFR 4.411 and 4.4413). The decision to allow RGC to develop its oil and gas leases and other related facilities is in full force and effect, effective on the date of this publication of the Notice of Availability. A petition for a stay of the decision must be filed in accordance with the above cited regulations.

**ADDRESSES:** A notice of Appeal should be addressed to: Bill Lamb, Utah State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 45155, 324 South State Street, Room 301, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daryl Trotter, Project Coordinator, Moab District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah 84532, (801) 259-6111.

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**Katherine Kitchell,**

*Moab District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the County of Kern, State of California have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Soledad Mountain Project, a proposed gold mining operation on public and private lands in Kern County, California.

**DATES:** Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement must be postmarked no later than July 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Resource Area, 300 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, California 93555, Attention: Ahmed Mohsen, EIS Coordinator.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ahmed Mohsen-EIS Coordinator (760) 385-5421.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** Public meetings are planned for:

*Date:* Tues. June 24, 1997.

*Time:* 7:00 p.m.

*Place:* Halsey Auditorium, Rosamond Elementary School, 1981 Rosamond Boulevard, Rosamond, California.

*Date:* Wed. June 25, 1997.

*Time:* 7:00 p.m.

*Place:* Mojave Elementary School Auditorium, Mojave Elementary School, 15800 "O" Street, Mojave, California.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The purpose of the Draft EIR/EIS is to present BLM and Kern County's comparative analysis of the impacts of the Proposed Action and Alternatives on the physical, biological, social and economic resources of the area. The Proposed Action is a mining proposal to extract minerals from the subsurface, process the ore using chemical leaching methods and place the waste rock adjacent to the processing and mining areas. Alternatives to the Proposed Action include variations on the duration and placement of waste rock. After careful consideration of the impacts of the Proposed Action and all the alternatives, BLM has identified a Preferred Action in response to regulatory requirements, issues raised, resources present, impact analysis results and the effectiveness of mitigation and reclamation measures.

A public scoping process was initiated by the BLM and Kern County to identify issues and concerns relating to the proposed mining operation and assist the lead agencies in formulating alternatives to the Proposed Action. The scoping process was designed to provide an opportunity for receipt of verbal and written comments from the public organizations and government agencies. This was achieved through two public meetings, newspaper publications, **Federal Register** notice and notice of preparation of an EIR/EIS, Project description, resource inventories and public meeting proceedings were made available on the world wide web. Site can be reached with the following address: <http://www.ca.blm.gov/> GoldenQueen.

The project area includes approximately 1,690 acres of which 1,219 acres are privately owned land and 471 acres are unpatented mining claims on public lands administered by the BLM. The proposed surface disturbance is 930 acres of which 735 acres are on private land and 195 acres are on public land.

Five alternatives to the Proposed Action are analyzed in detail: (1) No Action, (2) Increased Mining and Processing Rate, (3) Decreased Mining and Processing Rate, (4) Reduced Project Size, and (5) Partial Backfilling.

**Lee Delaney,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Sierra Front/Northwest Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting Locations and Times

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

**ACTION:** Resource advisory council meeting locations and times.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Council meetings will be held as indicated below. The agenda includes a short business meeting, public comment period, and a two-day field trip.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ron Wenker, Winnemucca District Manager, or Bud Cribley, Assistant District Manager for Non-Renewable Resources, BLM-Winnemucca District, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445 (702) 623-1500.

**DATES, TIMES:** Dates are June 26 and 27, 1997. The council will meet at Bruno's Restaurant in Gerlach, Nevada at 9:00 a.m. on June 26, and will depart for the field trip at 9:30 a.m. Destinations include: Spring Island, Trego Springs, Black Rock Hot Spring, Double Hot Springs. A short business meeting, approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting and public comment period will be at the luncheon stop at 12:30 at