

ore and overburden material. The total mining rate for the existing open pits is 1,700,000 tons per month. Processing operations include milling of high grade ore and utilizing heap leach technology to retrieve gold from the lower grade ore. Waste rock is delivered to waste dumps, or backfilled into portions of the mined out pits. The total project boundary encompasses approximately 10,480 acres of public and private lands. Total approved disturbance under existing operations is approximately 1,349 acres, located on public and private lands.

The proposed action would be to expand existing mining facilities and to construct new facilities, increasing surface disturbances from 1,349 acres to 2,058 acres. Of the 710 acres of new disturbance proposed, approximately 254 acres would be disturbed on BLM-administered public land with 456 acres of disturbance on private lands. Upon approval of this expansion proposal, mining would continue through the year 2006 at approximately the current level of production of existing operations. The proposed expansion includes the following:

1. Construct two new pits and expand existing pits.
2. Construct one new waste dump and expand existing waste dumps.
3. Develop one new heap leach facility and expand existing heap leach facility, including new solution ponds.
4. Construct a new tailing dam facility.
5. Redirect two stream drainages by installing creek diversions.
6. Construct haul roads and miscellaneous access roads.
7. Construct associated ancillary facilities, including a utility corridor.
8. Amend operations boundary.

In addition to the above, the mine reclamation plan would be amended to include recontouring slopes, ripping compacted areas, where needed and covering with suitable plant growth medium, and seeding. Heap leach facilities would be detoxified by rinsing the pads with fresh water. Buildings, process structures, and other equipment would be removed from the site at the end of mining. Foundations would be buried in place prior to growth medium application and revegetation. Equipment, electrical and instrumentation, piping, miscellaneous fencing, and mobile trailers would also be removed from the site or returned to local vendors.

The main issues identified thus far in the project expansion are; sequential backfilling of pits, cumulative air quality effects, visual impacts due to the

proximity of Interstate 80, hydrology, and impacts to bat habitat.

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: August 13, 1998.

**Colin P. Christensen,**

*Acting Field Office Manager, Winnemucca.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-41-5700; WYW128798]

#### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW128798 for lands in Sublette County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW128798 effective April 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Theresa M. Stevens,**

*Acting Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-5700-01; N-62369]

#### Lander County, Nevada; Notice of Realty Action: Sale of Public Land in Lander County, Nevada, by Non-Competitive Sale Procedures

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management  
**ACTION:** Non-competitive sale of public lands in Lander County, Nevada.

**SUMMARY:** The following described lands have been examined and found suitable for direct sale to Bullion Monarch Company at the appraised fair market value of \$95,000. Authority for the sale is in Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, 1713, 1719).

#### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 19 N., R. 43 E.,  
Sec. 13, lot 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
Totalling 94.21 acres.

The above-described lands are hereby classified for disposal in accordance with Executive Order 6910 and the Act of June 28, 1934, as amended.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Craggett, Realty Specialist, at the above address or at (702) 635-4168.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This parcel of land near Austin, Nevada, is being offered by direct sale to Bullion Monarch Company, owner of the milling operation on the parcel. The land is not required for Federal purposes and is identified as suitable for disposal in the Shoshone-Eureka Resource Management Plan.

Conveyance of the available mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. Acceptance of the sale offer will constitute an application for the available minerals and the purchaser will be charged a \$50.00 nonrefundable filing fee for the mineral interests.

The proponent will have 30 days from the date of receiving the sale offer to accept the offer and to submit a deposit of \$28,500 (30 percent of the purchase price), the \$50 mineral filing fee, and money for publication costs. The purchaser must submit the rest of the purchase price, \$66,500, within 90 days from the date the sale offer is received. Payments may be by certified check,

postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the U. S. Department of the Interior—BLM. Failure to meet conditions established for this sale will void the sale and any money received for the sale will be forfeited.

The patent, when issued, will contain a reservation to the United States for a right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890, 26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945, and will be subject to:

1. Right-of-way CC-022158 for State Route 305, having a width of 200 feet from centerline;

2. Rights-of-way N-11441, N-12678, and N-46509 held by Sierra Pacific Power Company for electrical power distribution lines; and

3. Valid existing rights.

Publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** segregates the subject lands from all appropriations under the public land laws, except sale under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The segregation will terminate upon issuance of the patent or 270 days from date of publication, whichever ever occurs first.

For a period of 45 days from the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Battle Mountain Field Manager at the above address. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of timely filed objections this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The land will not be offered for sale until at least sixty days after the date this notice was published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

**M. Lee Douthit,**

*Associate Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### 60 Day Notice of Intention to Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Yellowstone National Park.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service proposes to conduct visitor surveys of the economics of winter use and wildlife in the national parks, national forests, and communities of the Greater Yellowstone Area. The surveys would be used in a forthcoming draft Environmental Impact Statement on Winter Use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway and for the final Bison Management Environmental Impact Statement.

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed surveys. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The NPS goal in conducting these surveys is to incorporate the results into a forthcoming draft Environmental Impact Statement on Winter Use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway and for the final Bison Management Environmental Impact Statement.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before October 20, 1998.

**SEND COMMENTS TO:** John Sacklin, Planning Office, Yellowstone National Park, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190, phone: 307-344-2021, fax: 307-344-2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Sacklin, phone: 307-344-2021, fax: 307-344-2023, email: john\_sacklin@nps.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Economics of Winter Use and Wildlife in the National Parks, National Forests, and Communities of the Greater Yellowstone Area.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*OMB Number:* To be requested.

*Expiration Data:* To be requested.

*Type of request:* Request for new clearance.

*Description of need:* The National Park Service needs information about the economics of winter use and wildlife in the national parks, national forests, and communities of the Greater Yellowstone Area to incorporate in a forthcoming draft Environmental Impact Statement on Winter Use in

Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway and for the final Bison Management Environmental Impact Statement.

*Automated data collection:* At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors about their perceptions, expectations, and preferences in the Greater Yellowstone Area.

*Description of respondents:* A sample of individuals who use the parks and forests in the Greater Yellowstone Area.

*Estimated average number of respondents:* 2600.

*Estimated average number of responses:* Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

*Estimated average burden hour per response:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* 1 time per respondent.

*Estimated annual reporting burden:* 867 hours.

**Diane M. Cooke,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer, WASO Administrative Program Center, National Park Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items in the Possession of the Chippewa National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Cass Lake, MN

**AGENCY:** National Park Service

**ACTION:** Notice

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10 (a)(3), of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the Chippewa National Forest, USDA Forest Service which meet the definition of "unassociated funerary objects" under Section 2 of the Act.

The 15 cultural items consist of a sherd from a ceramic mortuary vessel, fragmented and burned bone (fish and mammal) from a concentration associated with a funerary timber crib, a fragment of birchbark, and charcoal and charred wood fragments with soil matrix from a burned timber crib surrounding a burial.

In 1977, these items were recovered during legally authorized excavations of portions of two burial mounds at the Winnibigoshish Dam site (21 IC 4) near