

local and federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; and the holders of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) permits and/or contracts. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved by the Authorized Officer or their representative.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed 12 months, as well as the penalties provided under Oregon State law.

The public land is temporarily closed to unauthorized public use under this order and will be posted with signs at points of public access.

The purpose of this emergency temporary closure is to protect persons from potential harm and protect valuable public property from unauthorized abuse.

This closure is effective from August 5, 1999 until this notice is rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Wenker, District Manager, Medford District Office at (541) 770-2200.

Dated: August 5, 1999.

Aaron Horton,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-3809]

Notice of Availability; Environmental Impact Statement; South Pipeline Project; Proposed Expansion of Existing Gold Mining/Processing Operations; Lander County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

COOPERATING AGENCIES: Nevada Division of Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the South Pipeline Project, Lander County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508 Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, notice is hereby given of the availability for comment of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, prepared by the Battle Mountain BLM, which analyzes the environmental effects of the South Pipeline Project, the No Action

Alternative, and the Pipeline Backfill Alternative.

DATES: Written comments must be post-marked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. on October 5, 1999. Comments may also be presented at public meetings to be held:

August 30, 1999 (7-9 pm) BLM office, Battle Mountain, NV

August 31, 1999 (7-9 pm) Crescent Valley, NV Community Center

A limited number of copies of the Draft EIS may be obtained at the Battle Mountain BLM Field Office.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published in the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Foulkes, Battle Mountain BLM at (775) 635-4060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cortez Gold Mines, Inc. (CGM) proposes to extend gold mining operations at the Pipeline Mine within the Gold Acres Mining District in Lander County, approximately 30 miles southeast of Battle Mountain, Nevada. The South Pipeline Project (Proposed Action) would include an expansion of the existing open pit and waste rock disposal sites, and the development of heap leach and ancillary facilities. The Proposed Action would require surface disturbance of 4,450 acres, all of which is public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Mining operations are expected to occur seven-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day, for an additional 10 years (total life of 18 years).

Gerald M. Smith,

Field Manager, Battle Mountain Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Sierra Front/Northwest Great Basin Resource Advisory Council-Subgroup Meeting, Notice of Meeting Location and Time, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council Subgroup 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 Subgroup meeting will be held as indicated below. The topic for discussion will be the draft Black Rock Management Plan.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Time will be allocated for public comments. The public comment period for the council meeting is listed below. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Robert Stewart at the Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, telephone (775) 885-6000.

DATE & TIME: The council will meet on Friday, August 27, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Bureau of Land Management Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV, in the main conference room. If due to unforeseeable problems this site is not available, the meeting will be rescheduled. Public comment will be received during the course of the meeting, as determined by the subgroup leader.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Reed, Field Office Manager, Winnemucca Field Office, telephone (775) 623-1500.

Dated: August 6, 1999

Terry A. Reed,

Field Office Manager.

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