

(c) The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,

(d) Suggestions to reduce the burden including use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please submit your comments to the persons listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please note that comments, names and addresses of commentators, will be available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish your name and address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law.

Type of review: Renewal.

Title: Tribal Self-Governance Program.

Affected Entities: Tribes and tribal consortiums wishing to enter into a self-governance compact.

Size of Respondent Pool: 85.

Number of Annual Responses: 257.

Hours Per Response: 42 hours.

Bureau Information Collection

Clearance Officer: Ruth Bajema, 202-208-2574.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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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, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) 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 of the FEIS, prepared by the Battle Mountain BLM, which analyzes the environmental effects of the South Pipeline Project (Proposed Action), the No Action Alternative, and the Pipeline Backfill Alternative.

DATES: Written comments must be postmarked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. on April 3, 2000. Copies of the FEIS may be obtained at the Battle Mountain BLM Field Office.

ADDRESS: 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 (775) 635-4060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cortez Gold Mines, Inc. 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 BLM. Operations are expected to occur seven-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day, for an additional 10 years (total life of 18 years).

Dated: February 22, 2000.

M. Lee Douthit,

Associate Field Manager, Battle Mountain Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ES; N-66131]

Realty Action: Lease/Purchase for Recreation and Public Purposes in Lincoln County, NV.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Lincoln County, Nevada has been identified and examined and will be classified under Section 7 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1272), as amended (43 U.S.C. 315f), as suitable for lease/purchase under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The described lands are hereby classified as suitable for lease/purchase under the authority of Section 212 of the Act of October 21, 1976; 43 U.S.C. 1761. **DATES:** On or before March 20, 2000, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed Conveyance for classification of the lands to the Assistant Field, Nonrenewable Resources.

ADDRESSES: Written Comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Gene L. Drais Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Finn, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (775) 289-1849.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described parcel of land, situated in Lincoln County is being offered for lease/purchase under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 1 N., R. 67 E. sec. 22, NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ Containing 10 acres, more or less.

The lands are hereby classified for public purpose use as school sites and/or other school facilities, 43 CFR 2410, 2430.4(a) and (c). The Lincoln County School District intends to use the land to construct and operate a kindergarten through sixth grade school for residents in Pioche and surrounding areas. A right-of-way would also be acquired to access the proposed site. The lease and/or patent, when finalized, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States: