

The remainder of this notice, with the exception of the December 18, 2000 date, and a minor correction of the internet web page address from "imperial project" to "imperial\_\_project" is identical to the November 9th notice.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and 40 CFR 1503.4, this is notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the County of Imperial have jointly published the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Final EIS/EIR) on the proposed Imperial Project. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final EIS/EIR for the Imperial Project, proposed by Glamis Imperial Corporation is an open-pit gold mine on about 1,500 acres of public land. The project is located on BLM-administered public lands in an unincorporated area of southeastern Imperial County, California. The Final EIS/EIR contains the BLM preferred alternative.

Interested citizens are invited to review a copy of the Final EIS. The entire document will be available on the internet at [http://www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro/imperial\\_\\_project](http://www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro/imperial__project). The document also is available by request to the BLM El Centro Field Office on CD-ROM. The CD-ROM is in Adobe Acrobat Reader format, and contains a free download of Acrobat Reader so it can be opened easily.

A limited number of paper copies of the Final EIS are available, and a copy may be obtained by telephoning or writing the contact person listed below. Public reading copies are available at the following public libraries:

List of Libraries to Which Copies of the Final EIS/EIR Have Been Sent

Arizona Western College Library, 9500 South Avenue 8 East, Yuma, AZ 85365  
 Holtville Library, 101 East Sixth Street, Holtville, CA 92250  
 BLM Library SC-322A, Bldg. 50, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225  
 Brawley Public Library, 400 Main Street, Brawley, CA 92227  
 Calexico City Library, 850 Encinas Avenue, Calexico, CA 92231  
 El Centro Public Library, 539 State Street, El Centro, CA 92243  
 Imperial County Library, 1647 West Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243  
 Imperial County Free Library, 939 West Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243  
 Imperial Valley College Library, 380 East Aten Road, Imperial, CA 92251  
 Imperial Public Library, 200 W. Ninth Street, Imperial, CA 92251

Meyer Memorial Library, 225 West Main Street, Calipatria, CA 92233  
 Palo Verde District Library, 125 W. Chanslor Way, Blythe, CA 92225  
 San Diego City Public Library—Clairemont, 2920 Burgener Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92110-1027  
 San Diego City Public Library—Logan Hills, 811 South 28th Street, San Diego, CA 92113-2498  
 San Diego City Pub. Library—Mission Hills, 925 West Washington Street, San Diego, CA 92103-1895  
 San Diego City Public Library—Oak Park, 2802 54th Street, San Diego, CA 92105-4941  
 San Diego City Public Library—Paradise Hills, 5922 Rancho Hills Drive, San Diego, CA 92139-3137  
 San Diego County Public Library, 2130 Arnold Way, Alpine, CA 91901-9499  
 San Diego County Public Library, 652 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-0297  
 San Diego County Public Library, 1309 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, CA 92014-2693  
 San Diego County Public Library, 201 E. Douglas, El Cajon, CA 92020-4519  
 San Diego County Public Library, 8055 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91941-5097  
 San Diego County Public Library, 1406 Monicito Road, Ramona, CA 92065-2296  
 San Diego County Public Library, 700 Eucalyptus Avenue, Vista, CA 92084-6245  
 San Diego State University Library, 720 Heber Avenue, Calexico, CA 92231  
 Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter Office Library, 3820 Ray Street, San Diego, CA 92104-3623  
 Yuma County Library District, 350 South 3rd Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364.

**DATES:** Public comments on the Final EIS/EIR will be accepted at the BLM El Centro Field Office until close of business on December 18, 2000. Unless specifically requested otherwise, names of commentators will be available to the public. BLM will be rendering a decision on the proposed Project no sooner than mid-December 2000.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Comments on the Final EIS/EIR should be addressed to Mr. Glen R. Miller, BLM El Centro Field Office, 1661 S. 4th St., El Centro, CA 92243. To obtain copies of the Final EIS/EIR, contact Mr. Miller at (760) 337-4473. Fax requests may be sent to the attention of Mr. Glen Miller at (760) 337-4490. Requests also may be placed through email at: [gmliller@ca.blm.gov](mailto:gmliller@ca.blm.gov). Please specify either CD-ROM or the specific volume(s) desired (see Supplemental Information below). Include your name, complete mailing

address (no P.O. Boxes), and phone number on all requests.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

A Draft EIS/EIR was published in November 1997, with a comment period closing on April 13, 1998.

A Recirculated Supplement to the Draft EIS/EIR (SDEIS/EIR) was released in March 1999.

The Final EIS/EIR incorporates changes based on public comments received on the Draft EIS/EIR. The Final EIS/EIR contains the BLM Preferred Alternative, along with responses to written comments received during the 135-day public comment period for the Draft EIS/EIR. Both the Solicitor's Opinion on regulation of hardrock mining in the California desert, and a report of the task force of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation are included as appendices to Volume I. The Final EIS/EIR has 3 volumes:

- Volume I—Main Text—(incorporates changes to DEIS/EIR, text and appendices)
- Volume II—Technical Appendices—(this is identical to the DEIS/EIR Volume II)
- Volume III—Public Comments to the Draft EIS/EIR and Responses to Comments—Written Comment Letters from Individuals/Petitions/Form Letters

Dated: November 9, 2000.

**Greg Thomsen,**  
*Field Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[CO-14000-01-1610-DH]**

**Resource Management Plan Amendment**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Glenwood Springs Field Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to Amend the Glenwood Springs Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the White River Field Office RMP for the Roan Plateau Area.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations in CFR 1610.2 and 1610.5-5. BLM intends to write an Environmental Impact Statement which will amend the RMP for the Glenwood Springs Field Office (GSFO) approved in January of 1984 and

the White River Field Office RMP of 1997.

The planning area is northwest of the town of Rifle, Colorado. It generally includes all BLM managed public lands west of State Highway 13 and north of Interstate 70, east of Parachute Creek, and roughly south of the Garfield County Rio Blanco County line. The amendment will consider management changes to the on approximately 73,367 acres (68,447 surface and 4,455 sub-surface, including 4,455 surface/sub-surface acres within the White River Resource Area). Boundaries may be adjusted after the scoping phase of planning is completed.

The BLM proposes to develop a scientifically sound, community supported strategy for the management of the public lands in the Roan Plateau area. The EIS will be prepared using an inter-disciplinary approach to insure the integration of biological, social and environmental values. The disciplines of the preparers shall be appropriate to the scope and issues identified in the scoping process. The analysis for the amendment will be embodied with the analysis for the EIS.

The amendment will focus on the major needed land use allocation decisions including; oil and gas management, wilderness suitability, special area designations (Area of Critical Environmental Concern, Wilderness Study Area, etc.) and travel management. The amendment will also review and analyze the multiple of public land uses and resource issues as identified by scoping and necessary to develop a proactive integrated management strategy.

**DATES:** The BLM can best utilize your input if you submit written comments pertaining to management concerns; important social, economic and environmental values; resource use; resource development and resource protection before January 31, 2001. A public scoping meeting will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on December 13, 2000 at the Rifle Fire Department, 1850 Railroad Ave in Rifle, Colorado 81650.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Field Manager, Glenwood Springs Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 50629 Highway 6 & 24, P.O. Box 1009, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests to be placed on a mailing list should be mailed to the address above. You can also telephone Brian Hopkins at (970) 947-2840 or e-mail him at [bhopkins@co.blm.gov](mailto:bhopkins@co.blm.gov). Documents and maps relevant to the planning process

will be available for public review at the Glenwood Springs Field Office and, as feasible, available on the Glenwood Springs Field Office website <http://www.co.blm.gov/gsra/roanplateau.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In November, 1997 Public Law 105-85 directed the transfer of jurisdiction of the area formally known as the (NOSR) from the Department of Energy (DOE) to the BLM. The transfer directed that the lands be managed in accordance with laws applicable to public lands, including Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA.).

BLM has been providing custodial surface management for some activities on the Naval Oil Shale Reserve (NOSR) for many years under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Energy. The formal transfer of the lands to the BLM has broadened BLM's overall management responsibilities and created the need to amend the RMPs for the GSFO and the WRFO. From a planning and public involvement standpoint it is efficient to include the identified adjacent lands in the planning process.

The foremost goal of the planning process is to ensure opportunities for the public to participate in the planning process. Individuals will have the opportunity to attend public meetings and field trips, write letters, telephone and meet with directly with the planning staff.

**Anne Huebner,**

*Glenwood Springs Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-160-1220-00]

#### Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (sec. 309), the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council for Central California will meet in Sacramento.

**DATES:** Thursday and Friday, November 30-December 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM-California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 12 member Central California Resource Advisory Council is appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to advise the Bureau of Land Management on public land issues. On Friday morning, the Council will hold a satellite teleconference with Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, and will meet with new BLM-California State Director Mike Pool. Other agenda items for the two meetings include a discussion of the BLM land exchange program, and a review of Council's proposed standards and guidelines for the recreation program. There will be a public comment period at 11:30 a.m. Thursday and at 1 p.m. on Friday at which time the Council will hear comments on any public land issue. Written comments will also be accepted, either at the meeting or at the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry Mercer, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, telephone 661-391-6010.

Dated: November 9, 2000.

**Ron Fellows,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Imperial Sand Dunes Vehicular Use Closure

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, El Centro Field Office, California Desert District.

**ACTION:** Temporary closure of parts of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Management Area to off-highway vehicle and other vehicular use in compliance with court-approved stipulations resulting from a lawsuit involving the Endangered Species Act.

**SUMMARY:** On March 16, 2000 a lawsuit was filed against the Bureau of Land Management by Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. The basis of the lawsuit is that BLM has not yet consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as required by the Endangered Species Act, on the effects of the California Desert Conservation Area Plan on species listed by the Service as threatened or