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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terri Knutson, Oil-Dri EIS Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, (775) 885-6156.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Oil-Dri Corporation of Nevada (Oil-Dri) has submitted a Plan of Operations for the construction, operation, and reclamation of a mining operation and processing facility located approximately ten miles north of the Reno/Sparks area in Hungry Valley, Washoe County, Nevada. The proposed mining operation, known as the Reno Clay Plant Project, would be located on 305 acres of public and 40 acres of private land and would result in the development of two open pit mine areas, construction of a processing facility, construction and/or upgrade of haul and access roads, and continued exploration activities. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2001 and continue for approximately 20 years.

The Draft EIS analyzes the environmental impacts associated with the proposed mining and processing facilities, two access alternatives, and the no action alternative. Issues analyzed include geology, minerals, paleontology, air resources, aesthetics (visual & noise), water resources, soils, vegetation, range resources, wildlife, special status species, land use, access, recreation, cultural resources, Native American Religious Concerns, social & economic resources, and Environmental Justice.

A copy of the Draft EIS has been sent to all individuals, agencies, and groups who have expressed interest in the project or as mandated by regulation or policy. A limited number of copies are available upon request from the BLM at the address listed above. In addition, the document is available on the Carson City Field Office Home Page at the address above.

Public participation has occurred throughout the EIS process. A Notice of

Intent to Prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 2000 (Pages 43779-43780) and the 30-day public scoping period was initiated. A public open house was held in Reno on August 8, 2000 and additional presentations were made to three Washoe County Citizen Advisory Boards and to a community meeting at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

To assist the BLM in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action and alternatives, comments on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible. Comments should also refer to specific pages or chapters in the document. After the comment period ends, all comments will be analyzed and considered by the BLM in preparing the Final EIS.

Dated: April 23, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-090-1990EX-01]

#### Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Reclamation of the Zortman and Landusky Mines in Phillips County, Montana. This is a supplement to the 1996 Final EIS on Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions at the Zortman and Landusky Mines. The Draft Supplemental EIS addresses 12 reclamation alternatives, six for the Zortman Mine and six for the Landusky Mine. The BLM and Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are co-lead agencies for the preparation of the Supplemental EIS. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council are participating agencies.

**DATES:** The comment period on the Draft Supplemental EIS will end on July 9, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all written comments to Zortman/Landusky Mine Reclamation Plan SEIS, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160. Comments may also be sent electronically to:

*ZLReclamation\_EIS@blm.gov*. Please include your name and complete mailing address on all comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Haight, 406-538-1930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This EIS is a draft supplement to the March 1996 Final EIS Zortman and Landusky Mines Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions. With the bankruptcy of the mines' operator, Zortman Mining, Inc., the BLM and DEQ are overseeing reclamation at the mines. The Draft Supplemental EIS has been prepared to analyze additional reclamation alternatives developed by the agencies that may constitute a substantial change from those presented in the 1996 Final EIS. The Draft Supplemental EIS presents 12 reclamation plans, six for reclamation of the Zortman Mine and six for reclamation of the Landusky Mine. The reclamation plans were developed based upon public scoping comments and through consultation with the Fort Belknap government and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Draft Supplemental EIS discloses the environmental consequences of each alternative. Alternative Z6 is identified in the Draft Supplemental EIS as the DEQ and BLM preferred reclamation alternative for the Zortman Mine, and Alternative L4 is identified as the preferred reclamation alternative for the Landusky Mine. The identification of the preferred alternatives does not constitute an agency decision but is intended to help focus public comment on the alternatives more likely to be selected.

**Authority:** Sec. 102, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 853 (42 U.S.C. 4332).

Dated: May 1, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-360-01-1430-EU; CACA-37660]

#### Notice of Realty Action, Noncompetitive Sale of Public Lands in Trinity County, California for Community Purposes, Case File CACA-37660

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Redding Field Office, Redding, CA.

**ACTION:** Notice of segregation and sale of public land.