

Federal officer, or his or her designee, in connection with special needs for advice, may call additional meetings. A Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected by the Committee from among its' members annually.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Committee. Individuals may nominate themselves for Committee membership. You may obtain nomination forms from the BLM or Forest Service by contacting the individuals listed in **ADDRESSES** above. To make a nomination, you must submit a completed nomination form, letters of reference from the represented interests or organization, and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualification, to the offices listed above. You may make nominations for the following categories of interest, as specified in the Act: (1) A representative of the County of Riverside, California; (2) a representative from each of the following cities: Cathedral City and Indian Wells; (3) a representative of the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy; (4) a representative of the Winter Park Authority. Nominations to the Committee should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the Advisory Committee.

Committee members will be appointed to serve 3-year terms. All members will serve without pay but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expense at the current rates for government employees under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

The Secretary of the Interior will make appointments to the Committee with the concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Dated: July 8, 2002.

**Danella George,**

*Monument Manager, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, National Monument, Bureau of Land Management.*

Dated: July 3, 2002.

**Laurie Rosenthal,**

*District Ranger, Idyllwild Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[NV-010-1990-EX]**

**Final Environmental Impact Statement; Leeville Project, Eureka Co., NV**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Elko Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, by third party contractor, a Final Environmental Impact Statement on Newmont Mining Corporation's Leeville Project, located in Eureka County, Nevada.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement will be distributed and made available to the public on July 26, 2002. The period of availability for public review for the Final Environmental Impact Statement ends August 26, 2002. At that time a Record of Decision will be issued regarding the Proposed Action.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801. The Final Environmental Impact Statement may also be downloaded from the Elko Field Office Internet site at <http://www.nv.blm.gov/elko>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah McFarlane, Project Manager, at the above Elko Field Office address or telephone (775) 753-0200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposed action is to develop and operate an underground mine and ancillary facilities, including dewatering. An abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement has been produced. The abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement contains copies of substantive comments received on the draft EIS, responses to those comments, and an errata section with specific modifications and corrections to the draft in response to the comments. Alternatives analyzed include the Proposed Action, No Action, (A) Eliminate Canal Portion of Water Discharge Pipeline System, (B) Backfill Shafts, and (C) Relocation of the Waste Rock Disposal Facility and Refractory Ore Stockpile. The Bureau of Land

Management's preferred alternative is to implement A, B, and C.

**Robert V. Abbey,**

*State Director, Nevada.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[NV-010-1990-EX]**

**Record of Decision; South Operations Area Project Amendment, Eureka Co., NV**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Record of Decision.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the signing of the Record of Decision on the proposed South Operations Area Project Amendment. The decision to approve the mining operation will be in full force and effect, when the Field Office Manager signs the Record of Decision

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The decision to approve the mining operation will be in full force and effect, on July 26, 2002 when the Field Office Manager signs the Record of Decision. A petition for a stay of the decision must be filed in accordance with 43 CFR 4.411 and 4.413. If you believe you are adversely affected by the Record of Decision you have 30 days, from the date of publication of this notice, to file a Notice of Appeal in the Elko Field Office (See 43 CFR 4.411 and 4.413).

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain a copy of the Record of Decision from: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, and you must also send a copy to: Office of the Regional Solicitor, Salt Lake City Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84138.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger Congdon, Project Coordinator, Elko Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801, (775) 753-0200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As authorized by Section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Elko Field Office prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under a third party contract, to analyze impacts and alternatives for Newmont Mining Corporation's proposed South Operations Area Project Amendment. The proposed project expansion would result in disturbance of an additional 1392 acres of federal and private lands located in Eureka County, Nevada. The

Notice of Availability of the Final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** April 26, 2002 (67 FR 20821).

The Elko Field Office Manager will sign the Record of Decision (ROD) concurrent with this notice approving the project and incorporating mitigating modifications analyzed under the proposed action. The decision to approve the mining operation will be in full force and effect, effective when the Field Office Manager signs the Record of Decision. A petition for a stay of the decision must be filed in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR part 4.

Copies of the ROD can be obtained from the Elko Field Office at 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, or by calling (775) 753-0200 and requesting a copy of the document. You may also download the document from the Elko Field office internet site at <http://www.nv.blm.gov/elko>. Additionally, we will mail a copy of the ROD to individuals, agencies or companies that commented during the scoping process, or on the Draft and Final EIS.

Dated: July 10, 2002.

**Helen Hankins,**

*Elko Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-02-5101-ER-F323; NVN66472, NVN73726, N-66150, N-61191]

#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Table Mountain Wind Generating Facility

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA) to (1) announce the 30-day waiting period per 40 CFR 1506.10 after publication of this Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Table Mountain Wind Generating Facility (WGF); and (2) announce locations where copies of the FEIS can be obtained for reading.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, a FEIS has been prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office for the Table Mountain WGF. The FEIS was prepared to analyze the impacts of issuing rights-of-way for arrays of wind turbines and ancillary facilities located on 300 acres of public land within the Table Mountain WGF study area administered by the BLM.

**DATES:** The FEIS 30-day waiting period will start with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publication in the **Federal Register** of the Notice of Availability for the FEIS on July 26, 2002. Copies of the FEIS will be mailed to individuals, agencies, or companies who previously requested copies.

**ADDRESSES:** Public reading copies of the FEIS will be available for reading at public libraries located at the following addresses:

- 650 West Quartz Avenue, Sandy Valley, NV
- 365 West San Pedro, Goodsprings, NV
- 4280 South Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV

A limited number of copies of the document will be available at the following BLM offices:

- Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV
- Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry Crockford, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301. Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401; telephone (505) 599-6333, cellular telephone (505) 486-4299, or electronic mail [jrockfo@nm.blm.gov](mailto:jrockfo@nm.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS addresses alternatives to resolve the following major issues: air quality, increased recreation, mining claims, birds and bats, big horn sheep, threatened or endangered species, cultural resources and traditional cultural properties, transportation, visual resources, noise, and socioeconomics. The proposed action and alternatives can be summarized as: Proposed Action—Construct arrays containing a total of 153 wind turbine generators (WTGs) consisting of a combination of the two sizes of turbines identified in Alternatives A and B, and ancillary facilities; *Alternative A*—Construct arrays containing a total of 187 NEG Micon Model 900/52 WTGs and ancillary facilities; *Alternative B*—Construct arrays containing a total of 135 NEG Micon Model 1500 C WTGs and ancillary facilities; and *Alternative C*—No Action.

The proposed action is the Agency Preferred Alternative. It is to construct, operate, and maintain a WGF producing 205-megawatts (MWs) and ancillary facilities on approximately 300 acres of public land within the Table Mountain

WGF study area. The fully constructed WGF would consist of arrays containing a total of 153 WTGs. The WTGs installed would be a combination of the NEG Micon Model 900/52 (each producing 800 kilowatts) and NEG Micon 1500 C (each producing 1.5 MWs) turbines. Ancillary facilities consist of access roads, underground and overhead 34.5 kilovolt (kV) distribution lines, 230 kV electric transmission lines, an electric sub-station, a control building, and various temporary use areas. The WGF would operate 24 hours per day, 365 days a year, and produce in excess of 460 million kilowatt-hours annually. The anticipated life of the facility would be longer than 20 years. The rights-of way would be granted for 20 years with the right to renew.

Alternative A would essentially be the same as the Proposed Action but would consist of arrays containing a total of 187 NEG Micon Model 900/52 WTGs and ancillary facilities. Under Alternative A, there would be 22 percent more towers, turbines, and transformers. This would cause an increase in total of land disturbance as compared to the Proposed Action.

Alternative B would essentially be the same as the Proposed Action but would consist of arrays containing a total of 135 NEG Micon Model 1500 C WTGs and ancillary facilities. Under Alternative B, there would be 12 percent fewer towers, turbines, and transformers. This would cause a reduction in total acres of land disturbance as compared to the Proposed Action.

Under the No Action Alternative, BLM would not issue right-of-way grants for the WGF and ancillary facilities. The WTGs, access roads, underground and overhead 34.5 kV distribution lines, 230 kV electric transmission lines, electric sub-station, control building, and various temporary use areas would not be constructed/ utilized. Wind resources at Table Mountain would remain undeveloped.

Public participation is occurring throughout the processing of this project. A Notice of Intent was filed in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2000. Two rounds of public meetings consisting of three meetings each were held. Comments presented throughout the process have been considered.

Dated: May 31, 2002.

**Angie C. Lara,**

*Acting Field Manager.*

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