

issued to protect the flat-tailed horned lizard will continue a current camping closure for this area.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynnette Elser, Resources Branch Chief, 1661 So. 4th St., El Centro, CA 92243 (760) 337-4420.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Discussion of the Supplementary Rule**

This rule is needed to support the Decision Record for the Western Colorado Desert Routes of Travel Designation (WECO ROT) Plan. Stakeholders participated in the development of this plan and have had opportunity to provide comments on this supplementary rule through the development of the WECO ROT Plan. This rule is final upon publication and applies to public lands within: SBM, T.14S., R.11E., Secs. 22, 27 and 28.

**II. Procedural Matters**

*Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference With Constitutionally Protected Property Rights (Takings)*

This rule does not represent a government action capable of interfering with Constitutionally-protected property rights. It is simply a ban on certain conduct that has implications to natural and cultural resource protection. Therefore, the Department of the Interior has determined that this rule will not cause a taking of private property or require further discussion of takings implications under this Executive Order.

*Executive Order 13132, Federalism [Replaces Executive Orders 12612 and 13083.]*

This rule will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. This rule does not come into conflict with any State law or regulation. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, BLM has determined that this rule does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

*Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform*

Under Executive Order 12988, the Office of the Solicitor has determined that this rule would not unduly burden the judicial system and that it meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

*Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments [Replaces Executive Order 13084]*

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, we have found that this rule does not include policies that have tribal implications. None of the lands included in this rule affects Indian lands or Indian Rights. Coordination was conducted through preparation of the WECO ROT Plan with all affected tribes.

*Paperwork Reduction Act*

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that the Office of Management and Budget must approve under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* The information collection requirements contained in the proposed rule are exempt from the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3518(c)(1). Federal criminal investigations or prosecutions may result from this rule and are exempt from the Paperwork Reduction Act.

*Authors*

The principal author of this rule is Chief Ranger Robert Zimmer.

**Supplementary Rule**

Under 43 CFR 8365.1-6, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rule on public lands in the West Mesa area of Imperial County, CA, adjacent to the Superstition Mountain OHV area, El Centro Field Office, California Desert District. A more detailed explanation as to the need for such a rule may be found in the Western Colorado Desert Routes of Travel Designation Decision Record signed January 31, 2003.

You must follow this rule:

1. No person may camp within the "No Camping Zone" located adjacent to the western boundary of the Superstition Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle Open Area. This area is located between the pole line road (old Route Y272) and the Superstition Open Area. Its boundaries are (1) from old Route Y272 approximately one mile northwest from the intersection of Wheeler Road going north to the open area, (2) the open area boundary, (3) Route Y272, and (4) from old Route Y272 approximately 2 miles northwest from the intersection of Wheeler Road going north to the open area.

**Penalties**

Under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR

8360.0-7 if you violate this supplementary rule on public lands within the boundaries established in the rule, you may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

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Dated: December 29, 2003.

**J. Anthony Danna,**

*Acting California State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[NM-922-04-1320-EL; OKNM 111344]

**Invitation To Participate: Exploration for Coal in Oklahoma**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of invitation for coal exploration license application.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, and to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 3410, members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Farrell Cooper Mining Company, on a pro rata cost-sharing basis in a program for the exploration of unleased coal deposits owned by the United States of America containing approximately 6,160.82 acres in Haskell, Latimer, and Le Flore Counties in the State of Oklahoma.

**DATES:** Written notice of intent to participate must be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this notice. Such written notice must include a justification for wanting to participate and any recommended changes in the exploration plan with specific reasons for such changes.

**ADDRESSES:** Any parties electing to participate in this coal exploration program shall notify in writing both, State Director, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, P. O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, and Farrell Cooper Mining Company, P. O. Box 11050, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72917.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ida T. Viarreal, New Mexico State Office, at (505) 438-7603 or Abe Elias, Tulsa Field Office, at (918) 621-4116.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proposed coal exploration program is for the purpose of determining the quality and quantity of the coal in the area and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan, to be approved by the BLM. A copy of the coal exploration plan, as submitted by Farrell Cooper Mining Company, may be examined at the BLM, New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the BLM, Tulsa Field Office, 7906 East 33rd Street, Suite 101, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dated: March 2, 2004.

**Carsten F. Goff,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-065-1990]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Gold Hill Project, Nye County, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Forest Service, Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the Proposed Plan of Operations for Gold Hill Project and notice of scoping period.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 40 Code of Federal Regulations subparts 1500-1508, and 43 Code of Federal Regulations subpart 3809, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Station, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS), Tonopah Ranger District as a cooperating agency, will be directing the preparation of an EIS for the gold Hill Project, a proposed gold mine located on public lands in Nye County, Nevada. Round Mountain Gold Corporation (RMGC) has submitted a 43 CFR 3809 Plan of Operations to the BLM for the proposed mining project. A third-party contractor will prepare the EIS under the direction of the BLM.

During the scoping period, the Gold Hill Plan of Operations (Plan) will be presented to the local public during scoping meetings to be held in Round Mountain and Tonopah, Nevada. The BLM invites public comment on the scope of the analysis.

**DATES:** This notice initiates a 45-day public scoping period. Written comments on the scope of the EIS

should be post-marked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. by May 27, 2004 to ensure full consideration. The public will be notified of the two scoping meetings through the local news media at least 15 days prior to the meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** Scoping comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office, Attention: George Deverse, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Tonopah Field Station, Tonopah, Nevada, during regular business hours, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the 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. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Deverse at the BLM Tonopah address or call (775) 482-7800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Round Mountain Gold Corporation has submitted a Plan of Operations (43 CFR 3809) for a gold mine (the Gold Hill Project), located 7 miles east of the town of Carvers, Nevada. The historic Gold Hill mine and mill operated in the 1930's within the proposed Gold Hill project area. The proposed Gold Hill Project is located in Nye County, Nevada, on public lands in sections 28, 29, 32, and 33, T. 11 N., R. 44 E., and sections 4, 5 and 6, T. 10 N., R. 44 E., Mount Diablo Meridian. The Project would disturb approximately 1,600 acres of public land. Major facilities at the proposed mine include two open pits of 380 acres and 105 acres in size. Gold-bearing ore and waste rock would be drilled, blasted, loaded and hauled from the open pits. Lower-grade gold ore would be loaded on the heap leach pad (280 acres) for chemical dissolution of the gold by a solution of sodium cyanide. Higher-grade ore would be trucked to a mill at the existing Round Mountain Gold mine located 5 miles to the south of the Gold Hill Project. Waste rock would be hauled to a waste rock dump (640 acres). The planned disturbances also include process plant

(25 acres) for extraction of the gold and a network of access and haul roads (170 acres).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Tonopah Ranger District will be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. Other Federal, State of Nevada, local agencies, tribal entities and public organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request, or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

**Mark Storzer,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-500-0777-XM-241A]

#### Notice of Meeting, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held May 18, 2004 from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will continue on May 19, 2004 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Inn of the Rio Grande, 333 Santa Fe Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Smith, (719) 269-8500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15 member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Front Range Center, Colorado. Planned agenda topics on May 18 include: Manager updates on current land management issues; San Luis Valley Travel Management Planning; Healthy Forest Assessment; and Fuels Treatment Projects. On May 19 the Council will tour and discuss issues at the Blanca Wetlands and Zapata Falls Recreation Site.

All meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to make oral