

consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM Protest Coordinator at (202) 452-5112 and e-mails to *Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov*. Please direct the follow-up letters to the appropriate address provided below. To be considered complete, your protest must contain at minimum, the following information: (1) The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest; (2) a statement of the issue or issues being protested; (3) a statement of the part or parts of the plan being protested; (4) a copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and (5) a concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be wrong. A protest merely expressing disagreement with the State Director's proposed decision without providing any supporting data will not be considered a valid protest.

All written protests must be mailed to one of the following addresses:

Regular Mail, Director, WO-210/LS-1075, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035, or Overnight Mail, Director, WO-210/LS-1075, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Department of the Interior, 1610 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

To be considered timely, your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Though not a requirement, it is suggested that protests be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. You are also encouraged, but not required, to forward a copy of your protest to the Monument Manager at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** above. This may allow the BLM to resolve the protest through clarification of intent or discussion with the protestor.

Please note that protests, including names and street addresses, are available for public review and/or release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Respondents who wish to withhold their name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under FOIA must state so prominently at the beginning of the written correspondence. Such requests

will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Following resolution of any protests of the proposed decision, a joint record of decision will be signed by the Regional Director of the Pacific West Region of the National Park Service and the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management for Idaho. A notice of availability of the record of decision will be published in the **Federal Register** and through local news media.

Dated: August 19, 2005.

K. Lynn Bennett,

Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Director.

Dated: August 17, 2005.

Patricia L. Neubacher,

National Park Service, Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability for the Ruby Hill Mine Expansion—East Archimedes Project Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; A Proposed Expansion of Existing Gold Mining/Processing Operations in Eureka County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

Cooperating Agencies: Nevada Department of Wildlife and Eureka County.

ACTION: Notice of availability for the Ruby Hill Mine Expansion—East Archimedes Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations found at 40 CFR 1500-1508, notice is hereby given of the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for comment, prepared by the Battle Mountain Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The statement analyzes the environmental effects of the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternatives.

DATES: Written comments must be post-marked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. (Pacific time zone) by no later than

30 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Comments, including names and addresses or respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. 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. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. Such requests to withhold your name or street address from public review will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or business, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. A limited number of copies of the Final Supplemental EIS may be obtained at the Battle Mountain BLM Field Office.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, attn: Caleb Hiner, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caleb Hiner, Battle Mountain BLM at (775) 635-4052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Action would develop the East Archimedes deposit which was defined in the original EIS (approved February 3, 1997) as a Reasonably Foreseeable Future Action. The Proposed Action would consist of an extension of the existing pit, expansion of the existing west and east waste rock disposal areas, the expansion of the existing heap leach pad, and construction of dewatering facilities. Under the Proposed Action an estimated additional 744 acres of disturbance would occur, all disturbance proposed under the expansion falls within the footprint of the project boundary as analyzed in the original EIS.

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Field Manager.

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