

information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies information collections that are contained in 43 CFR parts 3830 through 3838. The BLM will request that the OMB approve this information collection activity for a 3-year term.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the

public comments will accompany the BLM's submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection:

*Title:* Recordation of Location Notices and Mining Claims; Payment of Fees (43 CFR parts 3830–3838).

*Forms:*

- Form 3830–2, Maintenance Fee Waiver; and
- Form 3830–3, Notice of Intent to Locate a Lode or Placer Mining Claims.

*OMB Control Number:* 1004–0114.

*Abstract:* This notice pertains to information collections that are necessary for the recordation of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites; the annual

maintenance of such claims and sites; the collection of statutory location and maintenance fees; and the adjudication of mineral rights. The information collections covered by this notice are found at 43 CFR parts 3830 through 3838, and in the forms listed above.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 224,420.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 31,135 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this information collection request:

| Regulation<br>43 CFR part<br><br>(a)   | Estimated<br>number of<br>responses<br>annually<br><br>(b) | Estimated time<br>per response<br>(minutes)<br><br>(c) | Estimated<br>hours annually<br>(b × c)<br><br>(d) |
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| 3830—Locating, Recording, and Maintaining Mining Claims or Sites .....   | 111,274  | 8  | 14,837  |
| 3832—Locating Mining Claims or Sites .....   | 1,800  | 8  | 240   |
| 3833—Recording Mining Claims and Sites .....   | 1,800  | 8  | 240   |
| 3834—Required Fees for Mining Claims or Sites .....  | 100,000  | 8  | 13,333  |
| 3835—Waivers from Annual Maintenance Fees (Form No. 3830–2) .....  | 5,675  | 20   | 1,892   |
| 3836—Annual Assessment Work Requirements for Mining Claims .....   | 1,800  | 8  | 240   |
| 3837—Acquiring a Delinquent Co-Claimant's Interests in a Mining claim or Site .....  | 1,800  | 8  | 240   |
| 3838—Special Procedures for Locating and Recording Mining Claims and Tunnel Sites on Stockraising Homestead Act (SRHA) Lands (Form No. 3830–3) ..... | 271  | 25   | 113   |
| <b>Totals</b> .....  | <b>224,420</b>   | <b>93</b>  | <b>31,135</b>                                     |

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"*

*Burden:* The currently approved annual non-hour cost burden for Control Number 1004–0114 is \$6,775. All of the non-hour cost burdens are for non-refundable filing fees.

The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

The BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Jean Sonneman,**

*Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Land Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS–R6–ES–2009–N151; 60120–1113–0000–D2]**

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permits**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permits.

**SUMMARY:** We announce our receipt of applications to conduct certain activities pertaining to enhancement of survival of endangered species. The Endangered Species Act requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

**DATES:** Written comments on this request for a permit must be received by August 31, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written data or comments to the Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225–0486; facsimile 303–236–0027.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Document Availability**

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the

requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), by any party who submits a request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to Kris Olsen, by mail (see **ADDRESSES**) or by telephone at 303-236-4256. All comments we receive from individuals become part of the official public record.

### Applications

The following applicants have requested issuance of enhancement of survival permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

*Applicant:* Mike Phillips, Turner Endangered Species Fund, Bozeman, Montana, TE-219757. The applicant requests a permit to take black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

*Applicant:* Catherine Ortega, Ft. Lewis College, San Juan Institute of Natural Resources, Durango, Colorado, TE-220822. The applicant requests a permit to take Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

*Applicant:* David Johnson, Nelson Consulting, Inc., Durango, Colorado, TE-220648. The applicant requests a permit to take Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

*Applicant:* Katie Fessler, ZooAmerica, North American Wildlife Park, Hershey, Pennsylvania, TE-220820. The applicant requests a permit to possess black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) for public display and propagation in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

*Applicant:* Brian Graeb, U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, South Dakota Coop Unit, Brookings, South Dakota, TE-047249. The applicant requests a permit amendment to take pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Dated: July 23, 2009.

**Noreen E. Walsh,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Round Mountain Expansion Project, Nye County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Office has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Round Mountain Expansion Project in Nye County, Nevada, and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

**DATES:** To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS for the Round Mountain Expansion Project, Nye County, Nevada, within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the Draft EIS may be submitted by the following methods:

- *BLM Web site:* [www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle\\_mountain\\_field.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html).
- *Fax:* (775) 482-7810;
- *E-mail:* NV-E-mail Tonopah Field Office@blm.gov; or mail:
- *BLM, Attn:* Field Manager, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049.

Copies of the Draft EIS for the Round Mountain Expansion Project, Nye County, Nevada, are available in the BLM Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Office at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Williams, 775-482-7800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Round Mountain Gold Corporation, which is a joint venture of Kinross Gold Corporation and Barrick Gold Corporation, proposes to expand its

Round Mountain Mine, an existing open-pit gold mining and processing operation. The proposed Round Mountain Expansion Project is located in:

### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 9 N., R. 43 E.,  
 Sec. 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15  
 T. 9 N., R. 44 E.,  
 Sec. 6  
 T. 10 N., R. 43 E.,  
 Sec. 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, 35  
 and 36  
 T. 10 N., R. 44 E.,  
 Sec. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30 and  
 31  
 T. 11 N., R. 43 E.,  
 Sec. 25 and 36  
 T. 11 N., R. 44 E.,  
 Sec. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33  
 The area described comprises 15,395 acres, more or less.

The proposed project would increase the existing Round Mountain mine plan boundary by 3,122 acres to a total of 10,385 acres; expand the Round Mountain pit by 209 acres to approximately 1,289 acres; expand the dewatering operations by 1,325 gallons per minute (gpm) to a maximum rate of 7,525 gpm; conduct underground mining operations within the Round Mountain Pit; expand the north waste rock dump by 700 acres to approximately 1,919 acres; construct the new north dedicated leach pad with a footprint of approximately 538 acres, increase the daily production capacity of the Round Mountain mill from 11,000 tons per day to 22,000 tons per day; and increase tailings disposal capacity from a currently authorized 677 acres to approximately 1,563 acres.

Development in the Gold Hill area would include delineating a Gold Hill project boundary of approximately 4,928 acres; excavating an open pit with a footprint of approximately 222 acres; creating two waste rock dumps with combined footprints of approximately 552 acres; constructing and operating a heap leach facility and lined solution ponds with a footprint of approximately 300 acres and constructing a 1.1 mile transportation and utility corridor of about 66.2 acres between the Round Mountain area and the Gold Hill area. The primary method of processing low-grade ore in the Gold Hill area would be heap leaching.

Depending on economics, the Gold Hill operation may be developed either concurrently with the Round Mountain operation or sequentially as mining in the Round Mountain area approaches completion. Construction and operation of the Round Mountain Expansion Project is projected to begin in early 2010 followed by an estimated 13 years