

inspection at BLM's Bakersfield Field Office (3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308) and the California State Office (2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825). Interested persons may also review the CPNM PRMP/FEIS at the following Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/bakersfield>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the following addresses:

Regular Mail (U.S. Postal Service):  
Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538,  
Washington, DC 20035.

Overnight Mail (non-U.S. Postal Service): Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Johna Hurl, Carrizo Plain National Monument Manager, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, (661) 391-6093.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning area for the CPNM PRMP/FEIS falls within the Bakersfield Field Office's area of management responsibility. The planning area comprises the Carrizo Plain National Monument. A total of 200,000 acres of public lands are administered by the BLM in the planning area.

The decisions in the RMP will only apply to the BLM-administered public lands and mineral estate within the planning area.

Comments on the Draft RMP/EIS received from the public and internal BLM review were considered and incorporated, as appropriate, into the PRMP. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text and several changes to the decisions contained in the PRMP, including adding lands to be managed for Wilderness characteristics and limiting vehicle use on monument roads to street licensed vehicles only. However, these comments did not result in significant changes to the decisions in the PRMP. Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding this plan may be found in the Dear Reader Letter of the CPNM PRMP/FEIS and at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. If these conditions are met, the BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full 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](mailto:Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov).

All protests, including the follow-up letter (if e-mailing or faxing), must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Bald Mountain Mine North Operations Area Project in White Pine County, NV**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada Ely District has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed expansion of the existing plans of operation for Barrick Gold U.S. Inc.'s Bald Mountain Mine and Mooney Basin Mine. The two existing mines would be combined into one new expanded operation which would be called the North Operations Area. The Final EIS analyzes the environmental effects of the Proposed Action, two action alternatives, and the No Action Alternative.

**DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days following the Environmental Protection Agency's publication of a Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Print and compact disk copies of the North Operations Area Final EIS are available in the Ely District Office at 702 North Industrial Way, HC33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301. The document is available at: [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely\\_field\\_office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Bjorklund, phone: 775 289-1893, e-mail: [Lynn\\_Bjorklund@blm.gov](mailto:Lynn_Bjorklund@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Barrick Gold U.S. Inc. has submitted a proposal to expand and combine its existing Bald Mountain and Mooney Basin mines into one project area to be administered

under the North Operations Area Plan of Operation. The mines are located approximately 65 miles northwest of Ely, Nevada. This proposed expansion is entirely on unpatented mining claims on BLM-administered public land. The proposed North Operations Area would include 4,160 acres of previously permitted disturbance and 3,920 acres of new disturbance, for a total of 8,080 acres. The project would consist of extending existing open pits, expanding existing rock disposal areas and heap leach facilities, construction of a truck shop, additional exploration, concurrent reclamation, and continuing operation of existing facilities. The projected life of the existing mine operation would increase by approximately ten years under this proposed project.

The Draft EIS analyzed the Proposed Action and two action alternatives. The alternatives were a partial pit backfill and a leach pad alternative whereby the expansion of the Mooney Basin leach pad would be reduced by processing the ore at the existing Bald Mountain leach pad. Both the BLM and the Nevada Department of Wildlife have designated the partial pit backfill as the Preferred Alternative.

The Draft EIS was released for public review on December 19, 2008. Public meetings were held in Nevada during a 45-day public comment period in Ely, Elko, and Eureka, Jan. 6-8, 2009. A total of 17 comment letters were received throughout the comment period. All comments were analyzed and appropriate changes or clarifications were incorporated into the Final EIS. The BLM will prepare a Record of Decision for the proposed project no earlier than 30 days following the publication of the Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Final EIS.

**Authority:** 43 CFR part 3809.

**Jeffrey A. Weeks,**

*Associate District Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Proposed New Central Valley Project Water Service Contract, El Dorado County Water Agency, El Dorado County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Reopening of comment period for review of the Draft Environmental

## Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR).

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation is reopening the comment period for the Draft EIS/EIR to December 31, 2009. The notice of availability of the Draft EIS/EIR was published in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 2009 (74 FR 41453). The public review period ended on Friday October 16, 2009.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR will be accepted on or before December 31, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR to Ms. Elizabeth Dyer, Bureau of Reclamation, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, California 95630. Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR may be requested from Ms. Dyer at the above address, or by calling 916-989-7256. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are available for public inspection. The Draft EIR/EIS is also available from the following Web site: [http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\\_projdetails.cfm?Project\\_ID=26](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=26).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Dyer, Natural Resources Specialist, Reclamation, at 916-989-7256, [elizabethdyer@usbr.gov](mailto:elizabethdyer@usbr.gov); or Tracey Eden-Bishop, Water Resources Engineer, El Dorado County Water Agency, 530-621-5392, [tracey.eden-bishop@edcgov.us](mailto:tracey.eden-bishop@edcgov.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The focus of the Draft EIS/EIR is to evaluate the potential environmental and socio-economic impacts of the new Central Valley Project (CVP) water service contract authorized under Public Law 101-514. At the project-level, the EIS/EIR addresses the potential hydrologic changes to the American River basin and the CVP/State Water Project including the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. At the programmatic level, the EIS/EIR addresses potential long-term effects and indirect effects of this new water contract within the context of existing policies, infrastructure, public services, and population demographics as supported by the El Dorado County General Plan and EIR. Since no new facilities or infrastructure are part of this new CVP water contracting action, no direct impacts of this new water contract are included in the analysis.

*Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:*

- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, CO 80225; *telephone:* 303-445-2072.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Public Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898; *telephone:* 916-978-5100.

- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Central California Area Office, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, CA 95630.

- El Dorado County Water Agency, 3932 Ponderosa Road, Suite 200, Shingle Springs, CA 95682.

- Georgetown Branch Library, 6680 Orleans Street, P.O. Box 55, Georgetown, CA 95634.

Before including your name, 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.

Dated: November 2, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item: The Oregon Historical Society, Portland, OR

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate a cultural item in the control of The Oregon Historical Society (Society), Portland, OR, that meets the definition of “unassociated funerary object” under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service’s administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the cultural item. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

The object is a Jefferson Peace Medal, dated 1801 (#84-84) (the “Medal”). It is 5.5 cm in diameter and constructed of

two pieces of silver fastened together with a collar. On the obverse is a likeness of President Thomas Jefferson with the legend, “Th. Jefferson President of the U.S. A.D. 1801”. On the reverse are clasped hands, a crossed tomahawk and peace pipe, and the words “Peace and Friendship”. The Medal has a hole and crack running vertically across the face, affecting both sides.

The Medal was given by Major Edwin McNeill to Winslow B. Ayer. Ayer was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Society on December 31, 1898, and presented the Medal to the Society on June 17, 1899. The Society accepted the Medal and recorded the donation (Himes, circa 1910). The Society adopted an intact version of the verso design of the Jefferson Peace Medal series as the Society’s corporate seal.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon, has made a claim for the Medal under NAGPRA, stating their belief that the Medal is an unassociated funerary object from a grave located on an island in the Columbia River, at or near the mouth of the Walla Walla River. Available information concerning the original provenience of the Medal is limited and conflicting. One early account states that the Medal was found on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation (OHS Proceedings, 1899). This account makes no reference to the specific location of the discovery beyond the Nez Perce Indian Reservation or the identity of the person who collected it. Another later, more detailed account indicates that the Medal was found on an island in the Columbia River near Wallula, WA. This account does not identify a specific island, and makes no mention of any graves in the area. Representatives of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation have stated that various documented accounts demonstrate that islands in the Columbia River were used for burials.

Available information indicates that Meriwether Lewis and William Clark presented Jefferson Peace Medals to major and minor chiefs along their overland journey to the Pacific Coast. Lewis and Clark both mentioned in their journals that at least four medals of the same dimensions as the Society’s Medal were given in friendship to the local tribes in the vicinity of present-day Wallula, WA, during their expedition between October 15 and October 20, 1805, and during the return voyage between April 27 and April 30, 1806. One such medal was presented to a Walla Walla chief named Yelleppit or Yelépt on October 19, 1805, while Lewis