identified. The alternatives include processing all Gold Hill ore in the Gold Hill area rather than trucking some ore to Round Mountain for processing (Gold Hill area processing alternative); constructing an overpass rather than a grade crossing at the intersection of the transportation and utility corridor and County Road 875 (County Road Overpass Alternative); and completing mining at Round Mountain under current BLM authorizations (No Action Alternative). Other alternatives considered, and the rationale for their elimination from detailed analysis, are also discussed. Mitigation measures have been identified, as needed, to minimize potential environmental impacts and to ensure that the proposed project would not result in undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands. In addition, the Final EIS includes an analysis of cumulative impacts, including a comprehensive evaluation of potential impacts to Native American cultural values.

The BLM mailed information on the proposed Round Mountain Mine expansion to the Yomba, Duckwater, Tonopah, and Ely tribes in December 2006. Tribal representatives and individuals attended scoping meetings for the project in January 2007. Several informal meetings were held at the Round Mountain Mine attended by tribal representatives and members of the newly formed Western Shoshone Descendants of Big Smoky Valley. Six of these informal meetings were held between June 2007 and April 2009. Some of the meetings included field trips to inspect cultural sites discovered during cultural surveys of the proposed project area. The tribes and some Native American individuals received copies of the Draft EIS for the proposed mine expansion. Some tribal representatives and individuals attended the two BLM-hosted public meetings on the Draft EIS held on August 18 and 19, 2009. Written comments from Native Americans were received at the meetings and by mail during the public comment period (July 31, 2009 to September 14, 2009). The comments, and the responses to the comments, are incorporated into the Final EIS.

A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the Federal Register on December 26, 2006. Two public scoping meetings were held in 2007 in Hadley and Tonopah, Nevada. The Draft EIS was released for public review on July 21, 2009, with a 45-day comment period. Following release of the Draft EIS, two public comment meetings were held in Hadley and Tonopah in August 2009 to solicit additional comments on the document. Comment responses and resultant changes in the impact analyses are documented in the Final EIS.

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office, Portland, Oregon, 30 days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 14 S., R. 7 W., accepted March 9, 2010.

T. 26 S., R. 7 W., accepted March 9, 2010.


T. 21 S., R. 8 W., accepted April 2, 2010.

T. 30 S., R. 10 W., accepted April 2, 2010.


T. 21 S., R. 8 W., accepted April 5, 2010.

T. 36 S., R. 5 W., accepted April 5, 2010.

T. 30 S., R. 3 W., accepted April 5, 2010.

Washington


T. 38 N., R. 38 E., accepted April 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Land Office at the Oregon/Washington State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 333 SW. 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file a notice that they wish to protest (at the above address) with the Oregon/Washington State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon.

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