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This notice is published pursuant to section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) and the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46), implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

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Kevin K. Washburn,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Arturo Mine Project, Elko County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Arturo Mine Project and by this notice is announcing the opening of the public comment period.

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

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Arturo Mine Project by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* ArturoMiningEIS@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 775-753-0255; or

• *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management, Arturo Mine Project, Attention: John Daniel, Project Manager, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

Copies of the Arturo Mine Project Draft EIS are available in the BLM Elko District Office at the above address; and on line at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_information/nepa/nepa_archives/NEPA_Front.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Daniel, Project Manager, telephone: 775-753-0277; address: 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801; email: ArturoMiningEIS@blm.gov.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Barrick-Dee Mining Venture Inc., proposes to develop the Arturo Mine Project by expansion of the existing open-pit Dee Gold Mine which is currently in closure and reclamation. The Dee Gold Mine is 45 miles northwest of Elko in Elko County, Nevada. The proposed project would create approximately 2,774 acres of surface disturbance on public lands administered by the BLM. While dewatering is not proposed for this project, pit lakes would form as a result of cessation of dewatering at Goldstrike Mine, located approximately 8 miles to the southeast. An updated inventory of lands with wilderness characteristics was used for this project to inform the analysis of the EIS.

The project proposal would include the expansion of the existing open pit from one to three lobes, construction of two new waste-rock disposal storage facilities, a new heap leach facility, new support facilities to include an office, substation and associated power transmission lines, water wells, water distribution and sewer systems, landfill, mined material stockpile, communications site, stormwater control features, haul roads and an access road, and continued surface exploration.

Mill-grade ore would be transported to the Barrick Gold Mining, Inc.'s Goldstrike Mine using the Bootstrap Mine Haul Road and would be processed at the existing mill facilities located approximately 8 miles to the southeast of the proposed project. Low-grade ore would be processed on-site at the proposed heap leach pad and associated processing facilities. Mine operations and processing would continue for approximately 10 years, followed by an estimated 3 years of site closure and reclamation. Reclamation

would occur concurrently with mining to the extent possible.

Cooperating agencies in the development of the EIS include the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Elko County Board of Commissioners. The Nevada Department of Wildlife is concerned about loss of mule-deer and Greater Sage-Grouse habitat associated with mine disturbance. The EPA has previously raised concerns about potentially acid-generating material which may impact water resources, and the Elko County Board of Commissioners have raised concerns about economic impacts to local communities, including impacts to livestock grazing.

The notice of intent for the proposed project was published in the **Federal Register** on June 21, 2010. Dear Interested Party letters were mailed to 244 interested parties including tribes, Federal, State and local agencies.

The BLM received a total of 15 written comment submissions containing 140 individual items during the public scoping period. Most of the comments the BLM received were from Federal and State agencies.

Key issues identified by individuals, groups, and governmental entities during the scoping process include: Wildlife concerns (potential impacts to sage-grouse habitat and mule deer migration); cultural resources; livestock movement; access; discharges to surface water; air quality (including mercury); and impacts to stream drainages, seeps and springs resulting from groundwater drawdown. Additionally, the BLM received some comments in general support of the project.

Comments received during the scoping period were addressed and evaluated, and appropriate issues are incorporated into the draft EIS as project alternatives. These alternatives include partial pit backfilling, a single waste-rock storage facility, the no-action alternative, and the proposed project. The preferred alternative for the Arturo draft EIS is the proposed project.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

Kenneth Miller,

Manager, Elko District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey described below are scheduled to be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

These plats will be available for inspection in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment. Contact Marcella Montoya at 505-954-2097, or by email at mmontoya@blm.gov, for assistance. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Indian Meridian, Oklahoma (OK)

The plat, in nine sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 15 North, Range 19 East, of the Indian Meridian, accepted December 19, 2012, for Group 67 OK.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico (NM)

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 11 North, Range 2 East, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted December 20, 2012, for Group 1003 NM.

The supplemental plat, in Township 15 North, Range 17 West, of the New

Mexico Principal Meridian NM, accepted December 4, 2012.

The supplemental plat, in Township 15 North, Range 16 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian NM, accepted November 29, 2012.

El Paso County, Texas (TX)

The plat, representing the metes and bounds survey of parcel 1 and Parcel 2 of the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo-Tigua Reservation, within the Socorro Grant, El Paso County, Texas, accepted October 31, 2012, for Group 12 TX.

These plats are scheduled for official filing 30 days from the notice of publication in the **Federal Register**, as provided for in the BLM Manual Section 2097—Opening Orders. Notice from this office will be provided as to the date of said publication.

If a protest against a survey, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.450-2, of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest.

A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the Bureau of Land Management New Mexico State Director stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the Notice of Protest to the State Director or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

Robert A. Casias,

Deputy State Director, Cadastral Survey/GeoSciences.

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Notice of Public Meeting, Farmington District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Farmington

District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting dates are February 20–21, 2013, at the BLM Farmington District Office, 6251 College Blvd., Farmington, New Mexico 87402, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both days. The public may send written comments to the RAC at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Papich, BLM Farmington District Office, 6251 College Blvd., Farmington, NM 87402, telephone 505-564-7620.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8229 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 10-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico. Planned meeting agenda items include discussion of a proposed amendment to the Farmington Field Office Resource Management Plan that would revise how the Farmington Field Office manages the BLM Glade Run Recreation Area. The RAC also will receive an update on a delayed wild horse gather within the BLM Farmington Field Office administrative area and discuss how the Field Office could begin planning to maximize the number of horses adopted locally by the public after the gather.

Other items on the meeting agenda include discussion of BLM Taos Field Office transportation planning. Taos and Farmington field office staff also are scheduled to discuss BLM management of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail. There also will be a presentation by BLM firefighters on the outlook for the 2013 fire season.

At 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, there will be a one-hour public comment period. In addition to comments made by members of the public attending the meeting, public comments also can be made by telephone through a conference call hook-up at the meeting that will project comments made over the telephone through a speakerphone so that all those in the meeting room may listen. To make a reservation to comment by telephone, contact Bill Papich at the BLM Farmington District Office and he will provide you with a phone number to call just prior to the public comment period. Mr. Papich can be contacted at