DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Buffalo Valley Mine Project, Lander and Humboldt Counties, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office, Battle Mountain, Nevada, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose impacts associated with the Buffalo Valley Mine Project, a proposed open pit gold mine, mill, and associated facilities, located on public and private lands in Lander and Humboldt counties, Nevada. This notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until March 3, 2013. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html. In order to be considered during the preparation of the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the proposed Buffalo Valley Mine Project by any of the following methods:
- Email: BLM_NV_BMDO_BuffaloValleyMineProject@blm.gov.
- Fax: 775–635–4034.
- Mail: BLM, Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including potential alternatives, and the extent to which NEPA will apply. The scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including potential alternatives, and the extent to which NEPA will apply.
SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering the
(non-competitive) direct sale of 4.15 acres of public land in Campbell
County, Wyoming, at not less than the appraised fair market value to the
Craig G. and Peggy S. Means Revocable Trust. DATES: In order to ensure consideration
in the environmental analysis of the proposed sale, comments must be
received by March 21, 2013. ADDRESSES: Address all written
comments concerning this Notice to Field Manager, the BLM, Buffalo Field
Office, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, WY 82834.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claire Oliverius, Realty Specialist, at
the above address, 307–684–1178, or email to doliveri@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. 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 following-described public land in
Campbell County, Wyoming, is proposed for direct sale, subject to the
applicable provisions of Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and
Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and 43 CFR Parts 2711 and 2720:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming
T. 56 N., R. 73 W.,
Sec. 8, lot 17.

The area described contains 4.15 acres, according to the official plat of the survey of
the said land, on file with the BLM.

The proposed (non-competitive) direct sale is in conformance with the
The parcel is identified for disposal in the RMP Record of Decision, pages 13 and 14 and Map 5 because the
lands are isolated public lands surrounded by private lands under
single ownership. These isolated lands are difficult and uneconomic for the Federal Government to manage.

Additionally, Maintenance Plan Change #20120720 was added to comply with
guidelines of the Department of the Interior and the BLM. The Maintenance
Plan Change updated the land disposal map and included a text version of all
legal descriptions for parcels identified for consideration for disposal. The land,
if offered, would be through a (non-competitive) direct sale to the Craig G. and Peggy S. Means Revocable Trust as
the final resolution to the unauthorized use, pursuant to 43 CFR 2710.6(c)(3)(ii) and 43 CFR 2711.3–3(a)(5). In
addition, the Craig G. and Peggy S. Means Revocable Trust are the sole
owners of the private lands surrounding the identified parcel of Federal land and pursuant to 43 CFR 2710.6(c)(3)(iii)
and 43 CFR 2711.3–3(a)(4) a direct sale is appropriate. Conveyance of the
identified public land would be subject to valid existing rights and encumbrances of record. Conveyance of any
mineral interests, pursuant to Section 209 of the FLPMA, was not proposed, but would be analyzed during
processing of the proposed sale.

On February 4, 2013, the above-described land will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the
public land laws, including the mining laws and the mineral leasing laws, except for the sale provisions of the
FLPMA. Until completion of the sale action, the BLM is no longer accepting land use applications affecting the
identified public land. The temporary segregation will terminate upon
issuance of a patent, publication in the Federal Register of a termination of the
segregation, or February 4, 2015, unless extended by the BLM Wyoming State
Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1–2(d) prior to the termination date.

For a period until March 21, 2013, interested parties and the general public
may submit in writing any comments concerning the land being considered
for sale, including notification of any encumbrances or other claims relating to
the identified land, to the Field
Manager, BLM Buffalo Field Office, at
the above address. In order to ensure consideration in the environmental
analysis of the proposed sale, comments must be in writing and postmarked or
delivered within 45 days of the initial date of publication of this Notice.
Electronic mail (email) will also be
accepted and should be sent to buffalo_wy@mail.blm.gov with “Campbell County Land Sale” inserted in the subject line. Comments, including
names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public
review at the BLM Buffalo Field Office during regular business hours, except
holidays.

Before including your address, phone
number, email address, or other
personal identifying information in your
comment, be advised that your entire
comment—including your personal
identifying information—may be made
publicly available at any time. While
you may ask us in your comment to
withhold from public review your
personal identifying information, we

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Realty Action: Proposed
(Non-Competitive) Direct Sale of Public
Land in Campbell County, WY
AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior
ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.