

inspection at the BLM Kremmling Field Office, 2103 East Park Avenue, Kremmling, CO 80459. Interested persons may also review the Proposed RMP/Final EIS on the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/kfo.html>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses: Regular Mail: BLM Director (210), Attention: Protest Coordinator, P.O. Box 71383, Washington, DC 20024-1383. Overnight Delivery: BLM Director (210), Attention: Protest Coordinator, 20 M Street SE., Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis Gale, project manager; telephone: 970-724-3003; address: BLM Kremmling Field Office, P.O. Box 68, Kremmling, CO 80459; email: dgale@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: The Proposed RMP/Final EIS addresses management of public lands and resources within the Kremmling Field Office planning area, which includes Grand, Jackson, Summit and parts of Larimer and Eagle counties, Colorado. Public lands and resources in the Kremmling Field Office are currently managed under the 1984 Kremmling RMP, as amended. The planning area includes approximately 377,900 acres of BLM-administered surface estate and approximately 653,500 acres of subsurface Federal mineral estate.

The Proposed RMP/Final EIS is a mix of the actions presented and analyzed in the four alternatives in the Draft RMP/EIS. The Draft RMP alternatives emphasized: continuation of current management (No Action—Alternative A); allocation of limited resources to meet the demands of competing land uses while conserving natural and cultural resources (Preferred—Alternative B); resource protection and preservation of the ecological integrity of habitats for all priority plant, wildlife and fish species, particularly the habitats needed for the conservation and recovery of threatened and endangered plant and animal species (Alternative C); and maximizing resource production while maintaining the basic protections needed to sustain resources (Alternative D). The alternatives varied accordingly in their resource management actions addressing the 12 major planning issues

identified in the initial public scoping process for the RMP revision. The planning issues are recreation demand and uses, special designations, energy development, wildlife habitat management, sagebrush habitat and sagebrush-dependent species, vegetation, travel management and transportation, lands and realty, wildland-urban interface, rangeland health and upland management, water and riparian resources and cultural resources. The management actions selected for the Proposed RMP are a mix of actions from the alternatives in the Draft RMP that best meet the purpose and need for the RMP and respond to the major planning issues.

The Proposed RMP includes, among an extensive list of management actions, designating and managing 4 special recreation management areas and 1 extensive recreation management area; protecting wilderness characteristics on 544 acres of lands adjacent to the Troublesome Wilderness Study Area; managing to protect a variety of special status plant and animal species, including the Greater Sage-Grouse; designating 14 core wildlife areas (8 in Jackson County and 6 in Grand County); implementing a Stakeholder's Management Plan to manage 2 Colorado River segments eligible for Wild and Scenic River designation; designating 8 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC); continuing to manage 3 existing Wilderness Study Areas; and designating motorized and non-motorized travel routes on the public lands within the planning area.

The Proposed RMP also includes a Master Leasing Plan (MLP) to facilitate the exploration and development of oil and gas resources in the North Park MLP area (390,600 acres) while resolving possible conflicts with future leasing and development and ensuring protection of the area's resources and resource uses, including, but not limited to: air quality, soils, water, riparian, fish and wildlife, Special Status Species, recreation and ACECs.

Comments on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS received from the public and internal BLM review were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the proposed plan. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change proposed land use plan decisions.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed RMP/Final EIS may be found in the "Dear Reader" Letter of the Kremmling Proposed RMP/Final EIS and at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the

ADDRESSES section above. Emailed 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. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the emailed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct emails to protest@blm.gov.

Before including your phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest 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, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.5.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Long Canyon Mine Project, Elko County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Long Canyon Mine Project 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 Long Canyon Mine Project Draft EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future public meetings or other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance

through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

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

- *Email:* BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 775-861-6601
- *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management, Long Canyon Mine Project, Attention: Whitney Wirthlin, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502

Copies of the Long Canyon Mine Project Draft EIS are available in the Elko District Office at the above address and on online at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_information/nepa/long_canyon_eis_7.html

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Whitney Wirthlin, Project Manager; telephone: 775-861-6400; address: 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502; email: BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@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, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Newmont Mining Corporation (Newmont) proposes to construct and operate an open-pit gold mining operation, which would include one open pit, a heap leach pad, one waste rock dump, a tailings storage facility, a natural gas pipeline from the existing Ruby Pipeline, an onsite power generation plant, and other ancillary facilities. The mine would be located on the eastern side of the Pequop Mountain Range, about 30 miles east of Wells, Nevada, and 32 miles west of West Wendover, Nevada, and 5 miles south of Interstate 80. Currently, Frontier Development (USA) Inc. (Frontier), a subsidiary of Newmont, is authorized to disturb up to 115 acres for exploration purposes. The associated disturbance for the proposed operations would increase to 1,631 acres of public land, including 480 acres of split estate lands of Federal surface and private subsurface. The projected life of the mine is 8 to 14 years, including construction, operations, closure, and post-closure monitoring. An estimated annual workforce for operations would be approximately 300 to 500 people during the life of the mine.

Frontier is currently conducting exploration activities in this area which were analyzed in two environmental

assessments (EA), the *NewWest Gold USA Inc. Long Canyon Exploration Project* (July 2008, EA No. BLM/EK/PL-2008/011) and *Frontier Development (USA) Inc. Expanded Long Canyon Exploration Project* (June 2011, DOI-BLM-NV-N030-2011-00001-EA). The proposed Long Canyon Mine is in conformance with the Wells Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the proposal is in conformance with the approved decisions of the RMP.

The Draft EIS describes and analyzes the proposed project site-specific impacts (including cumulative) on all affected resources. Two alternatives are analyzed: The North Facilities Alternative and the No Action Alternative. The North Facilities Alternative was designed in response to several environmental issues raised by scoping comments. Under the North Facilities Alternative, most of the mine facilities would be moved to the northern portion of the project area. This alternative addresses impacts to several wildlife species, cultural resources, and responds to requests from the cities of West Wendover, Nevada, and Wendover, Utah, related to potential impacts to their water supply.

Six other alternatives were considered but eliminated from further analysis. Mitigation measures are considered to minimize environmental impacts and to assure the proposed action does not result in unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands.

The BLM received a total of 31 written comment submissions containing 80 items during the public scoping period. The comments the BLM received were submitted by Federal and State agencies as well as members of the general public.

Concerns raised during scoping include: Potential impacts to cultural resources, including impacts to the Hastings Cutoff of the California National Historic Trail; impacts to the habitat of Greater Sage-Grouse; impacts to mule deer winter range and migration patterns; impacts to air quality through point (equipment) and non-point (waste rock disposal areas) pollution sources; changes to the quantity and quality of surface water and groundwater, especially the Big Spring and Johnson Spring complex which is the water resource for West Wendover and Wendover; potential noise impacts to wildlife in the area; impacts to general health of the rangeland resources; potential release of pollutants and hazardous materials to the environment during operations and following closure; increase in light pollution in the area and direct visual impacts from mine facilities; positive and negative

socioeconomic impacts to the communities of Wells, Wendover, West Wendover, the Wells Colony and Elko County; and cumulative impacts to wildlife, cultural, air, water, lands and realty, socioeconomics, and vegetation resources.

The BLM has prepared the Draft EIS in conjunction with its eight Cooperating Agencies: Nevada Department of Wildlife; Elko County; City of Elko; City of West Wendover; City of Wendover, Utah; the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Indian Reservation; the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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 (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 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.

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Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on Monday, April 14, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time (PT) and Tuesday,