

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

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**Alaska Native Claims Selection**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), approving conveyance of the surface estate in the lands described below to Eklutna, Inc., pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4. Please see the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the time limits for appealing the decision.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at [blm\\_ak\\_akso\\_public\\_room@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ak_akso_public_room@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 BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the BLM to Eklutna, Inc. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Cook Inlet Region, Inc., when the surface estate is conveyed to Eklutna, Inc.

The lands are located in the vicinity of Eklutna, Alaska, and are described as:

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 15 N., R. 4 E.,  
Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.  
Containing 22,314.79 acres.  
T. 16 N., R. 4 E.,  
Secs. 1 to 17, inclusive;

Secs. 22 to 27, inclusive;  
Secs. 35 and 36.  
Containing 12,541.84 acres.  
T. 17 N., R. 4 E.,  
Secs. 1 to 17, inclusive;  
Secs. 19 to 36, inclusive.  
Containing 22,369.19 acres.

Aggregating 57,225.82 acres.  
Notice of the decision will also be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the *Alaska Dispatch News*.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until October 9, 2015 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

**Christy Favorite,**

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**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Rossi Mine Expansion Project, Elko County, NV**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tuscarora Field Office, Elko, Nevada, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and by this notice is announcing the beginning of

the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. The BLM is also soliciting public comments regarding archaeological resources and Native American traditional and cultural values under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

**DATES:** Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until October 9, 2015. 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/elko\\_field\\_office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office.html). In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. Additional opportunities for public participation will be available upon the publication of the Draft EIS.

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

- *Web site:* [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko\\_field\\_office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office.html).
- *Email:* [blm\\_nv\\_eldo\\_rossimine\\_project\\_eis@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_eldo_rossimine_project_eis@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 775-753-0255.
- *Mail:* BLM Tuscarora Field Office,

Attn. Janice Stadelman, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Tuscarora Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Janice Stadelman, Project Lead, telephone: 775-753-0346; address: 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801; Email: [blm\\_nv\\_eldo\\_rossimine\\_project\\_eis@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_eldo_rossimine_project_eis@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. (Halliburton) submitted a plan of operations amendment, titled Rossi Mine Expansion Project, to the BLM to approve as proposed the expansion of the existing Rossi Mine. The Rossi Mine Expansion Project is an amendment to the existing Plan of Operations. The proposed action consists of the expansion of the project boundary area; expansion of the existing open pits and development of new open pits; expansion of existing waste rock disposal facilities and construction of new waste rock disposal facilities; expansion of the tailing ponds; expansion and development of haul roads, exploration roads, and access roads, including a public access road; additional exploration; and ancillary facilities. The Rossi Mine is a barite mine that has been in operation since 1947. Currently, the Rossi Mine disturbs