

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The USGS Bird Banding Laboratory is responsible for monitoring the trapping and marking of wild migratory birds by persons holding Federal permits. The Bird Banding Laboratory collects information using three forms: (1) The Application for Federal Bird Marking and Salvage Permit, (2) The Permit Renewal Form, and (3) The Bird Banding Recovery Report.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection." Responses are voluntary. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked.

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-0082.

*Form Number:* NA.

*Title:* Bird Banding and Recovery Reports.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* General Public.

*Respondent's Obligation:* None. Participation is voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 44,500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 3 to 30 minutes, depending on form used. The band recovery form receives approximately 43,900 responses annually. The permit application form receives approximately 100 and the permit renewal form receives approximately 500.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 2300 hours.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and current expiration date.

**III. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your personal mailing address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Mark Wimer,**

*Deputy Center Director, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.*

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

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**Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Non-Competitive (Direct) Sale of Public Land in Beaver County, UT**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing a non-competitive (direct) sale of 8.125 acres of public land in Beaver County, Utah, to adjoining landowner, Kent and Alice Smith, under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, at not less than the appraised fair market value of \$2,030. The sale parcel would be sold to the adjacent landowner to resolve an inadvertent unauthorized use confirmed by a private survey in 2009.

**DATES:** Comments regarding the sale must be received by the BLM on or before November 13, 2015. The land

will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments concerning this notice to the BLM Cedar City Field Office, Attn: Michelle Campeau, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84721. Comments may be emailed to [mcampeau@blm.gov](mailto:mcampeau@blm.gov) or telefaxed to (435) 865-3058.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michelle Campeau, Realty Specialist, 435-865-3047, at the above address or email to [mcampeau@blm.gov](mailto:mcampeau@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for 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 lands have been examined and found suitable for direct sale pursuant to Sections 203 and 209 of FLPMA, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719) and 43 CFR parts 2711 and 2720.

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The areas described aggregate 8.125 acres.

The parcel would be sold to the adjacent landowners, Kent and Alice Smith, to resolve an inadvertent unauthorized use identified by the BLM in 2007 and confirmed through a private survey in 2009. The parcel represents the smallest legal subdivision that would wholly encompass all existing surface improvements and debris area associated with a former salvage and hauling operation.

In accordance with 43 CFR 2710.0-6(c)(3)(iii) and 43 CFR 2711.3-3(a), direct sale may be appropriate to resolve inadvertent, unauthorized occupancy of the land or to protect existing equities in the land. The sale, if completed, would protect the existing improvements and resolve the inadvertent unauthorized use and occupancy. The parcel is not suitable for management by other Federal agencies. A Notice of Intent to amend the Resource Management Plan (RMP) in support of the proposed sale was published on August 20, 2014 (79 FR 49336). Both the amendment and sale action have been analyzed in Environmental Assessment (EA) No.

C010–2012–0058–EA. The lands have no known mineral value, no recognized environmental conditions, and no existing encumbrances of record.

Conveyance of the parcel would be subject to valid existing rights and the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the patentee's use occupancy or occupations on the patented lands.

On August 20, 2014, the lands were segregated from the public land laws, including the mining laws, except for the sale provisions of FLPMA (79 FR 49336). Detailed information concerning the land sale including the EA, appraisal report, environmental site assessment, and mineral report are available for review at the BLM Cedar City Field Office.

Any comments regarding the sale will be reviewed by the BLM State Director or other authorized official of the Department of the Interior, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action in whole or in part. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Before including your address, telephone 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 in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2710, 2711, and 2720

**Jenna Whitlock,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Greater Phoenix Mine Project, Lander County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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) and by 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 October 29, 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/battle\\_mountain\\_field.html](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 Greater Phoenix Mine Project by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [BLM\\_NV\\_BMDO\\_GreaterPhoenixProject@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_BMDO_GreaterPhoenixProject@blm.gov)
- *Fax:* 775–635–4034
- *Mail:* Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820.

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Worthington, Project Manager, telephone: 775–635–4144; address: 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820; email: [BLM\\_NV\\_BMDO\\_GreaterPhoenixProject@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_BMDO_GreaterPhoenixProject@blm.gov).

Contact Mr. Worthington if you wish to add your name to our mailing list. 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:** Newmont Mining Corporation, Inc. (NMC) proposes to amend the existing Phoenix Mine Plan of Operations to construct, operate, reclaim, and close an open pit, heap leach, gold and copper mining operation known as the Greater Phoenix Mine Project (Project) located 14 miles south of Battle Mountain, Nevada, in Lander County. The proposed Project would be located within all or portions of the following Townships, Ranges, and Sections relative to the Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian: Township 30 North, Range 43 East, Sections 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, and 22; and Township 31 North, Range 43 East, Sections 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36. The proposed Plan of Operations amendment would include increasing the existing Phoenix Mine plan boundary by 10,429 acres to 18,657 acres, of which approximately 9,950 acres is public land managed by the Mount Lewis Field Office. New surface disturbance would include approximately 3,245 acres, which includes approximately 2,285 acres of surface disturbance on public land administered by the BLM, and approximately 960 acres of surface disturbance on private land controlled by NMC.

The proposed Project consists of a modification to an existing mining Plan of Operations and a new right-of-way (ROW) grant authorization to be analyzed in a single NEPA analysis document. The proposed Project would create one large pit encompassing the footprint of the existing Bonanza and Fortitude pit areas into one large Phoenix Pit, of approximately 1,912 acres, of which approximately 568 acres is public land administered by the BLM. The proposed pit depths would intercept groundwater and pit dewatering would be necessary. Following mine closure, pit water would be managed and treated to meet water quality standards and subsequently put to beneficial use. The primary components associated with the proposed Project would include the open pit, two new waste rock dump facilities (WRDF), an expansion of an existing WRDF, expansion of an existing heap leach pad, an expansion of an