

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service**

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**Notice of Availability of Draft
Environmental Impact Statement for
the Proposed Dairy Syncline Mine and
Reclamation Plan, Caribou County,
Idaho**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior. United States Forest Service,
Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service (USFS) Caribou-Targhee National Forest, have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Dairy Syncline Phosphate Mine Project (Project), and by this Notice announce the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure consideration, the Agencies must receive written comments on the Dairy Syncline Mine Project Draft EIS by February 21, 2019. The BLM will announce any future public meetings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance on our ePlanning website, <https://go.usa.gov/xUjcA>. We may also use other means such as public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: The public may submit comments related to the Dairy Syncline Mine Project Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

- *website:* <https://go.usa.gov/xUjcA>.
- *Email:* blm_id_dairysynclineeis@blm.gov.

- *Mail:* Dairy Syncline Mine Draft EIS, c/o Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 3995 South 700 East, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84107.

Please reference "Dairy Syncline Mine Draft EIS" on all correspondence. CD-ROM and print copies of the Dairy Syncline Mine Draft EIS are available in the BLM Pocatello Field Office at the following address: 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, ID 83204. In addition, an electronic copy of the Draft EIS is available online at:

- BLM Land Use Planning and NEPA Register: <https://go.usa.gov/xUjcA>.
- Caribou-Targhee National Forest Current and Recent Projects [http://](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects)

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Stout, BLM Pocatello Field Office, 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, ID 83204; phone 208-236-6367; email: jwstout@blm.gov; fax 208-478-6376. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 800-877-8339 to contact Mr. Stout. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for Mr. Stout. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM, as the Federal mineral lease administrator, is the lead agency, and the USFS is the co-lead agency for preparation of the Draft EIS, which includes several alternatives. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the Idaho Department of Lands, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources are cooperating agencies. J.R. Simplot Company (Simplot) submitted a proposed Mine and Reclamation Plan application for agency consideration to extract phosphate rock from the Dairy Syncline leases (IDI-28115 and IDI-0258) located approximately 14 miles east of Soda Springs, in southeastern Caribou County, Idaho. Simplot submitted its original Dairy Syncline Mine and Reclamation Plan (M&RP) in 2008 and a revised M&RP was submitted in 2013.

The proposal would disturb a total of 2,830 acres as described in the Draft EIS. In one of the alternatives and in order to accommodate the proposed tailings pond, the BLM is considering acceptance of a land donation and offering a land sale, and the USFS is considering a land exchange and acceptance of a land donation. The BLM further describes these two land tenure adjustments in the Draft EIS. The BLM land tenure adjustment would require an amendment to the current Pocatello Resource Management Plan and the land exchange would require a Forest Plan Amendment.

In addition, the BLM and USFS propose seven enlargements (lease modifications) to the existing leases in order to maximize recovery of the leased phosphate resource. Further, eight USFS Special Use Authorizations would be necessary.

The Draft EIS analyzes numerous action alternatives, including an alternate access route, reduced BLM and USFS land tenure adjustments, and an alternative to reduce impacts to water resources. The agency Preferred Alternative is a modified form of the

Proposed Action, which includes reducing the size of land tenure adjustments and adopting elements of the selective waste rock handling alternative. The modifications made to the Proposed Action (resulting in the Preferred Alternative) would result in a net gain of Federal land acreage and the fewest impacts to surface and groundwater of all the action alternatives.

A Notice of Intent to prepare this EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2010 (75 FR 18875), initiating a 30-day public scoping period during which the BLM accepted written public comments on the Proposed Action. The scoping process identified concerns involving impacts to water resources and watersheds from potentially elevated levels of selenium and other contaminants in mine waste rock. Other potential effects and/or cumulative effects identified and addressed in the Draft EIS include potential impacts to minerals, paleontology, air quality, climate, soils, vegetation, wildlife, fisheries, grazing, recreation, roadless areas, visual resources, transportation, socioeconomic, tribal treaty rights, and wetlands.

To facilitate an understanding of the project and commenting on the Draft EIS, the lead agencies plan to hold public meetings in Soda Springs, Georgetown, and Pocatello, Idaho. Meetings will be announced as previously described and will be in the open-house format, with displays explaining the Project and a forum for commenting on the Project. Written and electronic comments regarding the Draft EIS should be submitted by February 21, 2019.

The portions of the Project related to USFS decisions are subject to the USFS objection process. Due to the need for a Revised Forest Plan amendment, this proposed Project is subject to the predecisional administrative review process described in 36 CFR 218 subparts A and B and 36 CFR 219 subpart B. Only those who provide comments during this comment period or who have previously submitted specific written comments on the Proposed Action, either during scoping or other designated opportunities for public comment, will be eligible as objectors (see 36 CFR 218.5 (a) and 219.53 (a)).

Before including your 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.

Authorities: 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; 40 CFR 1500 through 1508; 43 CFR 46; 43 U.S.C. 1701; 43 CFR 3590.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Advisory Commission Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the National Park Service (NPS) is hereby giving notice that the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Advisory Commission (Commission) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Commission will meet on Friday, December 7, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with a public comment period at 1:00 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Kaloko Picnic area. The Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park is located in Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Zimpfer, Environmental Protection Specialist, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, 73-4786 Kanalani Street, #14, Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740, telephone (808) 329-6881, ext. 1500, or email jeff_zimpfer@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The park was established by section 505(a) of Public Law 95-625, November 10, 1978, and the Commission was established by section 505(f) of that same law. The Commission was re-established by Title VII, Subtitle E, section 7401 of Public Law 111-11, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, March 30, 2009. The Commission's current termination date is December 31, 2018.

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Director of the National Park Service with respect to the historical, archeological, cultural, and interpretive programs of the park. The Commission is to afford particular emphasis to the quality of traditional native Hawaiian cultural practices demonstrated in the park.

Agenda: The Commission meeting will discuss the following:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Chairman's Report
3. Superintendent's Report
4. Subcommittee Reports
5. Commission Recommendations

a. In absence of the Commission, what cultural center activities should the NPS and the community focus on in the short-term, medium term, and long-term to carry out the mission of the Park?

b. In the absence of the Commission, how should the NPS engage with the community for insights, feedback, and suggestions to ensure the park's mission is fulfilled as detailed in the park's enabling legislation?

6. Public Comments

All meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the meetings.

Public Disclosure of Information:

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of

1972, the National Park Service (NPS) is hereby giving notice that the Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., with a public comment period at 11:30 a.m. (Eastern).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Northeast Fisheries Science Center James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory, 74 Magruder Road, Sandy Hook Highlands, New Jersey 07732.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daphne Yun, Acting Public Affairs Officer, Gateway National Recreation Area, 210 New York Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10305, or by telephone (718) 815-3651, or by email daphne_yun@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established on April 18, 2012, by authority of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) under 54 U.S.C. 100906, and is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Committee provides advice to the Secretary, through the Director of the National Park Service, on matters relating to the Fort Hancock Historic District of Gateway National Recreation Area. All meetings are open to the public.

Purpose of the Meeting: The agenda will include an update on the leasing program, and a general park update.

The Committee website, <https://www.forthancock21.org>, includes summaries from all prior meetings. Interested persons may present, either orally or through written comments, information for the Committee to consider during the public meeting. Written comments will be accepted prior to, during, or after the meeting.

Due to time constraints during the meeting, the Committee is not able to read written public comments submitted into the record. Individuals or groups requesting to make oral comments at the public Committee meeting will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker. All comments will be made part of the public record and will be electronically distributed to all Committee members.

Public Disclosure of Comments:

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your written comments, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information will be publicly available. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information