

### Summary of Expected Impacts

Preliminary issues, either beneficial or adverse and of varying intensity, for the Project have been identified by BLM personnel and in consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies, Tribes, and other cooperating agencies. These preliminary issues include potential impacts to:

- Cultural resources;
- Biological resources, including Joshua trees and the Inyo thread plant;
- Special designations, including California Desert National Conservation Lands and the Conglomerate Mesa Area of Critical Environmental Concern; and
- Water resources.

The public scoping process will guide determination of relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives and mitigation measures. The EIS will identify and describe the effects of the proposed action and alternatives on the human environment. The BLM also requests the identification of potential impacts that should be analyzed. Impacts should be a result of the action; therefore, please identify the activity along with the potential impact.

### Anticipated Permits and Authorizations

In addition to the requested authorization to perform mineral exploration under a mining plan of operations, other Federal, State, and local authorizations will be required for the project. These include authorizations under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and other laws and regulations determined to be applicable to the project.

### Schedule for the Decision-Making Process

The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation consistent with the NEPA process, including a 60-day comment period on the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS is anticipated to be available for public review in Fall/Winter 2023, and the Final EIS is anticipated to be released in Summer 2024 with a record of decision (ROD) in Fall 2024.

### Public Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping period. The BLM will accept public scoping comments via letter or email. Should the BLM decide to hold public meetings, the specific date(s) and location(s) of any meeting will be announced in advance through public notices, media releases, mailings, and the BLM website (see **ADDRESSES**).

### Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The National Park Service has agreed to participate in the development of the EIS as a cooperating agency. Inyo County is also a cooperating agency. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with Indian Tribal Nations and stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed Mojave Precious Metals Exploratory Drilling Project that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

### Responsible Official

The BLM California Ridgecrest Field Manager is the responsible official who will make the decisions below.

### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The BLM will use the analysis in the EIS to inform the following: whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the applicant's proposed Plan Modification. The BLM may: (a) decide to approve the complete Plan Modification; (b) approve the Plan Modification subject to certain conditions imposed to ensure the operation meets the performance standards and does not result in unnecessary or undue degradation (UUD); or (c) disapprove or withhold approval of the Plan Modification. The ROD will explain how the selected alternative meets the requirement to prevent UUD and is in conformance with the applicable land use plans.

### Additional Information

The BLM will identify, analyze, and consider mitigation to address the reasonably foreseeable impacts to resources from the proposed action and all analyzed reasonable alternatives and, in accordance with 40 CFR 1502.14(e), include appropriate mitigation measures not already included in the proposed action or alternatives. Mitigation may include avoidance, minimization, rectification, reduction or elimination over time, and compensation, and may be considered at multiple scales, including the landscape scale.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA process to help support compliance with applicable procedural requirements under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1536) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), including public involvement requirements of Section 106. The information about historic and cultural

resources and threatened and endangered species within the area potentially affected by the proposed plan will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources. The BLM is the lead Federal agency for this EIS and the related National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process and Endangered Species Act consultation process.

The BLM will consult with Indian Tribal Nations on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, BLM MS 1780, and other Departmental policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. The BLM intends to hold a series of government-to-government consultation meetings. The BLM will send invitations to potentially affected Tribal Nations prior to the meetings. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for government-to-government consultation during the NEPA process.

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.

*Authority:* 40 CFR 1501.9.

**Thomas Bickauskas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meeting: Sierra Front-Northern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sierra Front-Northern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Sierra Front-Northern Great Basin RAC will hold an in-person meeting with a virtual participation option on Thursday, September 21, 2023. The RAC will also host a field tour on Friday, September 22. The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PDT and may end earlier or later depending on the needs of group members. The field tour will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at approximately 1 p.m. PDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the BLM Winnemucca District Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445.

Individuals that prefer to participate in the September 21 meeting virtually must register by visiting the RAC's web page at least one week in advance of the meeting at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-me/nevada>. Individuals participating in the September 22 field tour will meet at 8 a.m. at the Winnemucca District Office (5100 East Winnemucca Blvd.) and travel to Orovada, Nevada.

Written comments can be mailed to: BLM Carson City District Office, Attn: Lisa Ross, RAC Coordinator; 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Comments can also be submitted by email to [lross@blm.gov](mailto:lross@blm.gov) with the subject line: BLM Sierra Front-Northern Great Basin RAC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Ross, RAC Coordinator, by telephone at (775) 885-6107, or by email at [lross@blm.gov](mailto:lross@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member BLM Sierra Front-Northern Great Basin RAC serves in an advisory capacity concerning issues relating to land use planning and the management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Elko, Winnemucca, and Carson City Districts. Meetings are open to the public in their entirety and a public comment period will be held near the end of the meeting.

Agenda items for the September 21 meeting include district updates, a wild horse & burro update, Assessment Inventory & Monitoring Survey, proposed new lands bill/rules, and Inflation Reduction Act funding. The field tour will offer participants the opportunity to view a land conveyance

for a new public school and the site of a new fire station. Included in the tour is an opportunity to see the new infrastructure of the Winnemucca Sand Dunes Recreation Area (which includes shade structures, interpretive signage, and vault toilets) located north of Winnemucca, NV. Another stop will be the land conveyance expansion for the Humboldt County Shooting Range Facility. The field tour will conclude at approximately 1 p.m. PDT. Members of the public are welcome on field tours but must provide their own transportation and meals.

Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

The final meeting agenda will be available two weeks in advance of the meeting on the RAC's web page at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-me/nevada>.

Interested persons may make verbal presentations to the RAC during the meeting or file written statements. Such requests should be made to RAC Coordinator Lisa Ross prior to the public comment period. Depending on the number of people who wish to speak, the time for individual comments may be limited.

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(Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-2)

**Gerald Dixon,**

*Designated Federal Officer, BLM Elko District Manager.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-709 (Fifth Review)]

### Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From Germany

#### Determination

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject five-year review, the United States International Trade Commission ("Commission") determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), that revocation of the antidumping duty order on Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe from Germany would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.

#### Background

The Commission instituted this review on January 3, 2023 (88 FR 110) and determined on April 10, 2023 that it would conduct an expedited review (88 FR 31006, May 15, 2023).

The Commission made this determination pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)). It completed and filed its determination in this review on August 11, 2023. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5452 (August 2023), entitled *Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe from Germany: Investigation No. 731-TA-709 (Fifth Review)*.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: August 11, 2023.

**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1369]

### Certain Icemaking Machines and Components Thereof; Institution of Investigation

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on July

<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).