

pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. The exploration plan, as submitted by Transalta Centralia Mining LLC, is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management office at the street address above during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

This notice is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

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Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-3809]

Notice of Availability: Pipeline/South Pipeline Pit Expansion Project Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

Cooperating Agency: Nevada Department of Wildlife.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Pipeline/South Pipeline Pit Expansion Project final supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations found at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508, notice is hereby given of the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for comment, prepared by the Battle Mountain Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The FSEIS analyzes the environmental effects of the Proposed Action, Complete Backfill Alternative, No Backfill Alternative, and the No Action Alternative.

DATES: Written comments must be post-marked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. (Pacific Time Zone) by no later than 30 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this Notice in the **Federal Register**. A limited number of copies of the FSEIS may be obtained at the Battle Mountain BLM Field Office.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Pam Jarnecke, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820.

Comments, including names and addresses or respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. Such requests to withhold your name or street address from public review will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or business, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. The FSEIS is available at the Battle Mountain Field Office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Jarnecke, Battle Mountain BLM at (775) 635-4144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cortez Gold Mines (CGM) proposes to expand its current gold mining operations 30 miles southeast of Battle Mountain, Nevada. The proposed Pit Expansion Project would not result in an increase in surface disturbance beyond the 7,676 acres previously approved. Actions associated with the Project would consist of the following: expand the South Pipeline open pit to the east, southeast, and southwest; increase the depth of the Pipeline/South Pipeline open pit; use resulting waste rock as backfill into portions of the Pipeline/South Pipeline open pit; increase the height of the approved South Area Heap Leach pad from a height of 250 feet to 300 feet above ground surface; increase the approved Area 28 tailings and heap leach facility height from 250 feet to 300 feet above ground surface; construct an additional waste rock dump on the backfilled portion of the open pit; construct the 125-acre Gap waste rock dump; increase the approved mining rate from an average 150,000 tons per day (tpd) with a maximum of 250,000 tpd to an average of 350,000 tpd with a maximum of 500,000 tpd; translocate waste rock within the Pipeline/South Pipeline open pit, including portions of the expanded open pit; conduct certain activities at the approved Cortez facility without modification to the facility; install ground water extraction wells (ground water extraction from the existing and planned wells would not exceed the approved annualized average rate of 34,500 gallons per minute); close

the existing Gold Acres heap leach facility and move the ore to the South Area heap leach facility for further processing; and continue management of mine dewatering as outlined in the Pipeline Infiltration Plan and South Pipeline EIS. The proposed additional development of the South Pipeline ore deposit would provide up to seven additional years of mining and processing. The combined life of the Pipeline Project, the South Pipeline Project and the Proposed Action would be up to 25 years.

Gerald M. Smith,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-1990-EX]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and To Initiate the Public Scoping Process

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, notice is hereby given that the Winnemucca Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is initiating the preparation of an EIS to analyze a proposed silver and gold mine expansion, closure, and reclamation plan as proposed by Coeur Rochester, Inc. (CRI), in Plan of Operations Amendment 7 for the Coeur Rochester Mine, located in Pershing County, Nevada.

DATES: The public scoping period will commence with the publication of this notice and will end 30 days after publication. Public meetings will be announced through the local news media, and a BLM Web site at least 15 days prior to the event. Comments should be received on or before the end of the scoping period at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Winnemucca Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, via fax at (775) 623-1503 or online at: <http://www.nv.blm.gov/winnemucca>. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the

BLM WFO, during regular hours 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent of the law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Lynn Harrison or Sharlet Berentsen, telephone (775) 623–1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Coeur Rochester, Inc., operates the Rochester Mine located on private and public lands in the south-central portion of the Humboldt Range in northwestern Nevada. CRI also operates a satellite deposit known as the Nevada Packard Mine located immediately southwest of the Rochester Mine. The original mine plan plus numerous modifications were analyzed in various environmental assessments. The proposal would include 103 acres of new disturbance and 1,817.4 acres of reclamation. Currently, the mine is approved to disturb approximately 1,704 acres. In November 2003, Coeur Rochester, Inc., submitted a Plan of Operation modification referred to as Amendment 7. As proposed in Amendment 7, the plan would disturb an additional 103 acres and would include expansion and deepening of the existing Rochester Open Pit, a heap leach pad facility 30-foot height increase, alteration of existing haul roads and a new heap leach pad facility. Amendment 7 also included proposed closure and reclamation activities, including potential for a pit lake, heap leach pad closure, waste rock facility closure, re-evaluation of an existing waste rock management plan, and final closure descriptions for all other facilities.

Dated: January 11, 2005.

Vicki L. Wood,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–930–1430–EU; N–77410]

Notice of Realty Action: Segregation Terminated, Direct Sale of Public Lands, Washoe County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: A five acre parcel of public land near the town of Gerlach, in Washoe County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing direct sale procedures.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by April 11, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Lynn Trost, Realty Specialist, at the Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Station, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, or call (775) 623–1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public land has been found suitable for sale under Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713). The parcel proposed for sale is described as follows:

T. 32 N., R. 23 E.,

Section 16: SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄, W¹/₂ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄.

Section 17: SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄, E¹/₂ SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄, and NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄.

The area described contains 5 acres. The parcel will be sold at no less than the appraised fair market value of \$12,500.00.

These lands are being offered for direct sale, pursuant to 43 CFR 2711.3–3 (a)(1)(2)), to the Gerlach General Improvement District of Gerlach, Nevada, the lands being an integral part of a project of public importance and speculative bidding would jeopardize a timely completion and economic viability of the project. The direct sale provides public land for the construction of a water facility to accommodate the town of Gerlach's potable water supply. The parcel currently houses the Water District's two water tanks and associated water transport pipelines, therefore the land is the best choice for the water facility.

The subject lands were segregated for exchange purposes on August 31, 2004, under serial number N–78918. The exchange segregation on the subject lands will be terminated and replaced with the segregation for sale described in this notice. The segregation for

exchange purposes is being terminated in order to allow for sale.

The above-described lands are hereby classified for disposal in accordance with section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, Act of June 28, 1934, as amended, and Executive Order 6910. The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

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. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States of America and its assigns, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

And will be subject to the following:

1. Those rights for an electric transmission line which have been granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company by Right-of-way N76832, under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761) being 20 feet wide by approximately 420 feet long, located in T. 32 N., R. 23 E., Section 16: W¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ and Section 17: E¹/₂SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

2. Those rights for a water pipeline which have been granted to Union Pacific Railroad by Right-of-way CC–017565, under the Act of February 15, 1901 (31 Stat. 790; 43 U.S.C. 959), being 50 feet wide by approximately 460 feet long, located in T. 32 N., R. 23 E., Section 16: SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, and Section 17: SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

3. Those rights for public ingress and egress purposes which have been granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company by Right-of-way N–79126 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761), for Godey's Gap Road, being 24 feet wide by 420 feet long located in T. 32 N., R. 23 E., Section 16: NW¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, and Section 17: E¹/₂SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

4. Those rights for Federal geothermal lease N–77268 granted to Western Geothermal Partners, LLC, under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. Section 1001 *et seq.*, as amended), and associated regulations 43 CFR part 3200, T. 32 N., R. 23 E., Section 16: SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄.

5. Valid existing rights.

The purchaser/patentee, by accepting patent, agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgments of any kind arising from the past, present or future acts or omissions of the patentee, its employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third-