

Management, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820, ATTN: Chris Worthington. Written comments may also be faxed to Chris Worthington at (775) 635-4034. Documents pertinent to this proposal as well as comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, may be examined at the Battle Mountain Field Office during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays). Comments may be published as part of the EIS.

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 allowed by 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: Chris Worthington, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820 (775) 635-4144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cortez Gold Mines (CGM), on behalf of the Cortez Joint Venture, proposes to expand its Pipeline/South Pipeline Project, an existing open-pit gold mining and processing operation. The Pipeline/South Pipeline Project is located in north-central Nevada approximately 31 miles south of Beowawe in Lander County.

The proposed Cortez Hills Expansion Project (Project) is located within Township 27 North (T27N), Range 47 East (R47E); T27N, R46E; T26N, R47E; T26N, R48E; T28N, R46E; and T28N, R47E in Lander and Eureka counties. The currently authorized disturbance area associated with the Pipeline/South Pipeline Project is 9,103 acres. Approximately 6,139 additional acres of disturbance would occur as a result of the proposed mine expansion, most of which would occur on federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management Battle Mountain Field Office.

The project would involve the construction and development of the following primary components in the Cortez Hills and Cortez Mine area: New open pit for development of the Cortez Hills and Pediment ore zones with an in-pit groundwater dewatering system;

expansion of existing Cortez Mine open pits; two new heap leach facilities with associated solution ponds and two carbon-in-column facilities; new ore, subgrade ore, and growth media stockpiles; two new waste rock disposal facilities; expansion of the existing waste rock disposal facility at the Cortez Mine; new ancillary facilities (maintenance shop, administrative facilities, and fuel and lubricant storage facilities); new primary crusher, stock pile area, and 12-mile conveyor system; expansion of the existing tailings facility at the Cortez Mill; new water supply well(s) and associated power line and pipeline; potential new cross-valley water pipelines; Horse Canyon haul road modifications; relocation of existing county road and relocation of existing 69-kV transmission line segments in the project area; installation of a new 120-kV transmission line and substation; new borrow area; and construction of a new land fill and reactivation of the existing landfill near the Cortez Mill.

The project also would involve the construction or modification of the following primary components in the Pipeline/South Pipeline and Gold Acres areas:

Expansion of the existing Pipeline waste rock disposal facility, relocation of the existing county road around the waste rock disposal facility expansion area, expansion of the existing Pipeline/South Pipeline open pit, and an increase in the Pipeline Mill processing capacity from the currently permitted 13,500 tons per day (tpd) to an average of 15,000 tpd.

CGM proposes to mine the ore body in the Cortez Hills Expansion area concurrently with their existing Pipeline/South Pipeline ore bodies. Although a portion of the ore from the Cortez Hills Expansion area may be processed at the existing Cortez and/or Pipeline mills, the primary method of processing would be heap leaching at the Cortez Hills site. Construction and operation of the Cortez Hills Expansion Project is anticipated to be initiated in 2007. The life of the mine would include approximately 10 years of active mining and an additional 3 years for on-going ore processing. Concurrent reclamation would be conducted during this period as areas become available. Site closure and final reclamation would continue for a few additional years.

Potential significant direct, indirect, residual, and cumulative impacts from the proposed action will be analyzed in the EIS. Significant issues to be addressed in the EIS include dewatering activities, cultural and native American

issues, and visual impacts. Additional issues to be addressed may arise during the scoping process. Federal, state, and local agencies, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the BLM's decision on this Plan of Operations amendment are invited to participate in the scoping process.

Dated: October 26, 2005.

Gerald M. Smith,
Field Manager, Battle Mountain Field Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-922-06-1310-FI; COC62571]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease COC62571 from Red Willow Production Company for lands in Jackson County, Colorado. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Milada Krasilinec, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 303.239.3767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$155 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease COC62571 effective April 1, 2005, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: November 16, 2005.

Milada Krasilinec,

Land Law Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-922-06-1310-FI; COC62570]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease COC62570 from Red Willow Production Company for lands in Jackson County, Colorado. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Milada Krasilinec, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 303.239.3767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$155 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease COC62570 effective April 1, 2005, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: November 16, 2005.

Milada Krasilinec,

Land Law Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-923-1310-FI; NVN-61536; 6-08808]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NVN-61536 for lands in Nye County, Nevada, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from April 1, 2005, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee, Deerfield Production Corporation, has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. Deerfield Production Corporation has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. Deerfield Production Corporation has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective April 1, 2005, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Lewis, BLM Nevada State Office, 775-861-6537.

Del Fortner,

Deputy State Director, Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-923-1310-FI; NVN-61503; 6-08808]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NVN-61503 for lands in Eureka County, Nevada, was timely filed and was

accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from April 1, 2005, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee, Deerfield Production Corporation, has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. Deerfield Production Corporation has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. Deerfield Production Corporation has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective April 1, 2005, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Lewis, BLM Nevada State Office, 775-861-6537.

Del Fortner,

Deputy State Director, Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW144596]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement from Wold Oil Properties, Inc. of competitive oil and gas lease WYW144596 for lands in Fremont County, Wyoming. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Pamela J. Lewis, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessees have agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$20.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 18 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent,