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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Cortez Hills Expansion Project, Lander County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Battle Mountain District, Mount Lewis Field Office, Battle Mountain, Nevada, has prepared a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Cortez Hills Expansion Project in Lander County, Nevada.

**DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days from the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Cortez Hills Expansion Project Final Supplemental EIS are available for public inspection at the Battle Mountain District Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada, during regular business hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Interested persons may also review the Final Supplemental EIS at the following Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle\\_mountain\\_field.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Worthington, (775) 635-4000, or e-mail: [Christopher.Worthington@blm.gov](mailto:Christopher.Worthington@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM signed a Record of Decision and Plan of Operations approval on November 12, 2008, for the Cortez Gold Mines (CGM) Cortez Hills Expansion Project, which is an expansion of existing open-pit gold mining and processing operations in northeastern Nevada. The project entails new surface disturbance of

approximately 6,633 acres, which includes 6,412 acres of public land administered by the BLM Battle Mountain District and 221 acres of private land owned by CGM. The Notice of Availability of the Final Cortez Hills Expansion Project EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on October 3, 2008.

On December 3, 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit partially reversed the U.S. District Court of Nevada's denial of preliminary injunctive relief with respect to BLM's environmental analysis of air quality and water resource issues. The BLM subsequently elected to prepare a Supplemental EIS to refine the analysis of potential air quality effects and the dewatering mitigation effectiveness for the Cortez Hills Expansion Project.

A Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplemental EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on July 16, 2010. The Draft Supplemental EIS was released for public review on August 20, 2010, with a 45-day comment period. Following the release of the Draft Supplemental EIS, two public comment meetings were held, one in Crescent Valley and one in Battle Mountain in September 2010 to solicit additional comments on the document. Comments and resultant changes in the impact analyses are documented in the Final Supplemental EIS.

**Ron Wenker,**

*State Director, Nevada.*

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Realty Action; Modification of the Segregative Effect of Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classifications of Public Lands in Natrona County, WY

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is amending the segregative effect of two Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act classifications which are included in the Federal lands selected as part of the Muddy Mountain Land Exchange (exchange) in Natrona County, Wyoming. This action will modify the

segregation to open the lands only to effect this exchange.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM is processing a proposed land exchange in Natrona County, Wyoming. The selected Federal lands include two R&PP leases to the Town of Midwest for a sewage lagoon site and a diving pond. Prior to issuance of the leases, the lands were classified for R&PP lease on November 3, 1978, and published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 9446) which included segregation of the lands from the public land laws. In order for the R&PP leased land to be included in the exchange, the segregative effect of the classifications must be modified to allow for the exchange. Upon completion of the exchange, title to the lands encumbered by the R&PP leases will be transferred to the non-Federal party subject to the R&PP leases. Therefore, on January 14, 2011, the segregative effect of the classification for the Midwest sewage lagoon (WYW6327501) and the segregative effect of the classification for the Midwest diving pond (WYW13986001) is modified and the lands are opened only to transfer of title pursuant to the Muddy Mountain Land Exchange (WYW168824).

Except for the Muddy Mountain exchange, the lands will continue to be segregated from the operation of the public land laws.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2741.5.

**Donald A. Simpson,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Continuation of Visitor Services

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**DATES:** Effective January 1, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jo A. Pendry, Chief, Commercial Services Program, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street, NW., 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone, (202) 513-7156.