

*wfo.html*. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Marigold Mine—Mackay Optimization Project by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo.html>

- *Email:* [wfoweb@blm.gov](mailto:wfoweb@blm.gov). Include Marigold Mine EIS Comments in the subject line.

- *Fax:* 775–623–1503.

- *Mail:* BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Humboldt River Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeanette Black, telephone 775–623–1500; address BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; email [jblack@blm.gov](mailto:jblack@blm.gov). Contact Ms. Black to have your name added to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant, Marigold Mining Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Silver Standard Resources Inc., has requested to modify its approved Plan of Operations by expanding its operations at the existing Marigold Mine, which is located adjacent to Battle Mountain approximately 35 miles southeast of Winnemucca, Humboldt County, Nevada; and 13 miles northwest of Battle Mountain, Lander County, Nevada. The mine is currently authorized up to a disturbance of 5,720 acres (approximately 3,275 acres of private land and 2,445 acres of public land), which was permitted under a series of Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments from July 1988 through October 2013.

The proposed action is for the BLM to approve as proposed the company's changes to its Plan of Operations. The proposed changes presented under this

Plan of Operations modification would encompass 1,893 acres of new disturbance (approximately 843 acres of public land and 1,050 acres of private land), and include a re-classification of the type of authorized disturbance of approximately 706 acres of which 306 acres are public land and 400 acres are private land. If approved, the proposed modification would increase the mine life by up to 10 years. All proposed disturbance would be within the existing approved Plan boundary and includes the following: Combine four of the existing and authorized open pits (Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, and East Hill) to become a single open pit to be renamed the Mackay Pit; combine the existing and approved Terry Zone and Section 8 Pits to become the Mackay North Pit; increase the size of the authorized Section 5 North Pit; dewater the Mackay Pit and Mackay North Pit at a rate of up to 6,000 gallons per minute (gpm) with an average rate of about 1,500 to 2,000 gpm; construct and operate six rapid infiltration basins (RIBs); construct and operate new production, dewatering, and monitoring wells with associated roads, power, and pipelines; create one new waste rock storage area (WRSA) (Section 5 North) and expand the Northeast and Northwest Expansion WRSA; construct heap leach processing pad (HLP) cells 22, 23, and 24; construct new process ponds on existing disturbance; construct two new carbon column trains on existing disturbance; relocate the county road called Buffalo Valley Road to accommodate the mine changes; re-establish a private land access road to land holdings in Section 30; relocate the existing 120-kV power line (right-of-way held by NV Energy); and move the planned location of the authorized but not yet constructed utility corridor.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: (a) The formation of a pit lake after completion of mining activities, and ensuring that there is neither degradation of waters of the state nor undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands; (b) potential impacts to wildlife habitat; and (c) potential impacts to cultural sites. Application of mitigation hierarchy strategies will be addressed for on-site, regional, and compensatory mitigation appropriate to the types of impacts and resource objectives.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill

the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and the NHPA.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, Secretarial Order 3317, and other policies. Tribal concerns, including but not limited to, impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed Marigold Mine Plan of Operations—Mackay Optimization 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.

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 1501.7.

**Stephen Sappington,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Amend the Resource Management Plan for the Tres Rios Field Office and Prepare an Associated Environmental Assessment, Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management

Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office, Dolores, Colorado, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Tres Rios Field Office to evaluate the management of 18 potential Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP Amendment with an associated EA. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until April 4, 2016. The BLM will announce the date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings at least 15 days in advance through local news media, newspapers and the BLM Web site at: [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Information/nepa/TRFO\\_NEPA.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/TRFO_NEPA.html). The BLM must receive all comments prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later, in order to include them in the analysis. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Tres Rios Field Office RMP ACEC Amendment EA by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Information/nepa/TRFO\\_NEPA.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/TRFO_NEPA.html).
- *Email:* [BLM\\_CO\\_TRFO\\_ACEC@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_CO_TRFO_ACEC@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* (970) 240-5367.
- *Mail:* BLM, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Tres Rios Field Office, Dolores Public Lands Center, 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Jones, District NEPA Coordinator; telephone (970) 240-5381; address 2465 S. Townsend Ave. Montrose, CO 81401; email [BLM\\_CO\\_TRFO\\_ACEC@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_CO_TRFO_ACEC@blm.gov). Contact Gina Jones to have your name added to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM

Tres Rios Field Office, Dolores, Colorado, intends to prepare an RMP Amendment with an associated EA for the Tres Rios Field Office, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The amendment planning area is located in Dolores, Montezuma, Montrose, San Juan and San Miguel counties in southwest Colorado and encompasses approximately 130,000 acres of Federal surface public land. The BLM is considering amending the Tres Rios RMP to address 18 areas found to have relevance and importance consistent with *BLM Manual 1613—Areas of Critical Environmental Concern*. The RMP Amendment and associated EA will evaluate these areas to determine if they should be designated as an ACEC, and if so, what management prescriptions are necessary to protect the relevant and important values of each area. There are suitable Wild and Scenic River segments and lands with wilderness characteristics units within the nominated ACEC areas. These resources will be considered throughout the analysis process. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. BLM personnel; Federal, State and local agencies; and other stakeholders identified preliminary issues for the plan amendment area. Preliminary issues include those resources within the analysis area that would meet the relevance and importance criteria as set forth in BLM Manual 1613 and require special management attention to address resource conflicts. See the plan amendment Web site at [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Information/nepa/TRFO\\_NEPA.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/TRFO_NEPA.html) to view maps and additional information on the previously nominated areas being considered. The areas nominated include:

- Anasazi Culture (currently designated as an ACEC): Approximately 1,200 acres;
- Cement Creek: Approximately 450 acres;
- Cinnamon Pass: Approximately 560 acres;
- Coyote Wash: Approximately 650 acres;
- Disappointment Valley: Approximately 2,700 acres;
- Dolores River Canyon: Approximately 12,000 acres;
- Dry Creek Basin: Approximately 35,000 acres;
- Grassy Hills: Approximately 450 acres;

- Gypsum Valley (currently designated as ACEC): Approximately 13,200 acres (combined Big Gypsum Valley and Little Gypsum Valley);
- Lake Como: Approximately 100 acres;
- McIntyre Canyon: Approximately 3,000 acres;
- Mesa Verde Entrance: Approximately 1,300 acres;
- Muleshoe Bench: Approximately 700 acres;
- Northdale: Approximately 4,000 acres;
- Silvey's Pocket: Approximately 700 acres;
- Slick Rock: Approximately 3,600 acres;
- Snaggletooth: Approximately 24,000 acres; and
- Spring Creek Basin: Approximately 25,500 acres.

Preliminary planning criteria include:

1. The BLM will continue to manage the Tres Rios Field Office in accordance with FLPMA and other applicable laws and regulations. Section 202(c)(3) of FLPMA mandates the agency to give priority to the designation and protection of ACECs in the planning process;

2. The BLM will comply with NEPA, including preparing appropriate environmental analysis for the proposed action;

3. Planning decisions will strive for compatibility with existing plans and policies of adjacent Federal, State, local and tribal agencies as long as the decisions are consistent with Federal law governing the administration of public land;

4. The planning area only includes areas that meet the relevance and importance criteria defined in BLM Manual 1613; and

5. The BLM will follow the procedures for ACEC planning in BLM Manual 1613.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Please submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. The BLM will give tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, due consideration. The BLM invites Federal, State and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action the BLM is evaluating, to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in developing the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

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. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed. The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the Plan Amendment;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this Plan Amendment.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Preliminary EA as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The BLM also encourages the public to identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the amendment process. The BLM will collaborate with interested parties to identify the management decisions best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the Plan Amendment in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Rangeland management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology and economics.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Ruth Welch,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Lease (N-93838), Transfer of Interest and Change of Use of Public Lands in Clark County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office, received notification from the City of Las Vegas to transfer their interest of a previously approved Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act lease to Opportunity Village. Opportunity Village, (a nonprofit) proposes to change the use of the original R&PP lease from a park site to a park, unemployment resource center, and arts enrichment center with appurtenances for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

**DATES:** Comments regarding the transfer of interest and the change of use must be submitted to the BLM on or before April 18, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130, or email: [kthorpe@blm.gov](mailto:kthorpe@blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kerri-Anne Thorpe, 702-515-5196, or [kthorpe@blm.gov](mailto:kthorpe@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The transfer of interest requested by the City of Las Vegas to Opportunity Village and the change of use from a park site to a park, unemployment resource center, and arts enrichment center with appurtenances for children and adults with intellectual disabilities is consistent with the BLM Las Vegas Resource Management Plan dated

October 5, 1998, and would be in the public interest. The change of use area was previously analyzed under Environmental Assessments NV-050-30 dated June 30, 1983, and NV-S010-2009-0012-EA dated December 30, 2008. The environmental consequences of the new use were reviewed in Determination of NEPA Adequacy DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2016-0008-DNA dated January 11, 2016. On February 18, 2015, the City of Las Vegas relinquished 16.61 acres to allow Opportunity Village to apply for an R&PP lease for park, unemployment resource center, and arts enrichment center with appurtenances for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The parcel of land is located on the corner of Thom and Rome Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is legally described as:

### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 19 S., R. 60 E.,  
Sec. 24, lot 5.

The area described contains 16.61 acres.

The change of use area would be from a park site to a park, unemployment resource center, and arts enrichment center with appurtenances for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The appurtenances include a storage building, loading dock, refuse enclosure, parking lots, landscaping, lighting, walkways, drainage, irrigation, utilities, and ancillary improvements. Additional detailed information pertaining to this application, plan of development, and site plan is in case file N-93838, which is located at the BLM, Las Vegas Field Office at the address listed above.

The land is not required for any Federal purpose. The Opportunity Village, a qualified applicant under the R&PP Act, has not applied for more than the 640 acre limitation consistent with 43 CFR 2741.7(a)(5), and has submitted a statement in compliance with the regulation at 43 CFR 2741.4(b).

The change of use of the public land shall be subject to valid existing rights as previously published. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land above will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease and/or subsequent conveyance under the R&PP Act, leasing under the mineral laws, and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws.

Interested parties may submit written comments on the suitability of the land for use as a park, unemployment resource center, and arts enrichment center with appurtenances for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.