

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) to enhance species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant:* Viktoria Oelze, University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA; Permit No. 70671C

The applicant requests a permit to import 70 hair samples derived from wild chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes verus*) from the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, to enhance the propagation or survival of the species through scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

*Applicant:* Regents of University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN; Permit No. 78622C

The applicant requests a permit to import one non-viable egg from a Galapagos hawk (*Buteo galapagoensis*) from the Galapagos, Ecuador, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

*Applicant:* Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN; Permit No. 59230C

The applicant requests a permit to import 10 skin biopsy samples derived from wild leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) from the Goldring-Gund Marine Biology Station, Playa Grande, Santa Cruz, Costa Rica, for scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

*Applicant:* Noel Garcia, Sterling, VA; Permit No. 60345C

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*Applicant:* Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, CA; Permit No. 15316B

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to export and reimport nonliving museum/herbarium specimens of endangered and threatened species (excluding animals) previously legally accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant:* Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL; Permit No. 698170

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#### Multiple Trophy Applicants

Each of the following applicants requests a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy of a male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

*Applicant:* James Wilson, Meridian, ID; Permit No. 79707C

*Applicant:* Louis Wickas, Gallipolis, OH; Permit No. 78075C

*Applicant:* Scott Goeddel, Waterloo, IL; Permit No. 80972C

*Applicant:* Ray Penner, North Newton, KS; Permit No. 80975C

#### IV. Next Steps

If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance date by searching <http://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document (e.g., Permit No. 12345A).

#### V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

#### Brenda Tapia,

*Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Rossi Mine Expansion Project, Elko County, Nevada

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of

1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rossi Mine Expansion Project. This notice announces the availability of the Draft EIS and the opening of the comment period.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS for the Rossi Mine Expansion Project within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days prior to the close of the comment period through public notices, media releases and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Rossi Mine Expansion Project by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [blm\\_nv\\_eldo\\_rossimine\\_project\\_eis@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_eldo_rossimine_project_eis@blm.gov);
- *Fax:* 775–753–0347; or
- *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management, Rossi Mine Expansion Project, Attention: Janice Stadelman, Project Manager, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801.

Copies of the Draft EIS for the Rossi Mine Expansion Project are available at the BLM Elko District Office, located at the address above; at the BLM's NEPA eplanning website at <https://go.usa.gov/xnRCr>; or through eplanning on the BLM's website at <http://www.blm.gov/nv>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janice Stadelman, Project Manager, at telephone, 775–753–0346; address, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801; or email, [blm\\_nv\\_eldo\\_rossimine\\_project\\_eis@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_eldo_rossimine_project_eis@blm.gov).

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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:** The Draft EIS addresses the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. Halliburton Energy Services proposes a modification to their plan of operations for the Rossi Mine Project. The existing infrastructure would continue to be used, but would be expanded to support the continuation of the open pit mining

operation and surface exploration activities for barite. The proposed action would increase the disturbance to a total of approximately 2,063 acres of public and private land, including 896 acres of previously approved or existing disturbance and 1,167 acres of new land disturbance. Of the 2,063 acres of surface disturbance, approximately 209 acres consists of private land and the remaining 1,854 acres are public land administered by the BLM. The proposed expansion would employ an estimated 433 people.

The proposed action includes the expansion of the existing plan of operations boundary, expansion of the existing open pits, development of new open pits, expansion of the existing waste rock disposal facilities, construction of new waste rock disposal facilities, expansion or modification of ancillary facilities, expansion and development of new roads, re-alignment of segments of the Boulder Valley Road and Antelope-Boulder Connector Road, installation of new power distribution lines, the continuation of surface exploration, and reclamation activities. The proposed expansion is projected to add eight years to the mine's life. The Project is located on the northern end of the Carlin Trend in Elko County, approximately 25 miles north of the community of Dunphy and 28 aerial miles northwest of the town of Carlin, Nevada.

The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2015 (80 FR 54319). Scoping meetings, news release and mailings were used to solicit comments and identify key issues to be analyzed. Tribal governments with interest in this project were also contacted to discern their issues and concerns, and to conduct government-to-government consultation. During the scoping period, the BLM received 12 comment submittals (e.g., letters, emails, comment forms), resulting in a total of 131 comments and questions. Key issues identified by individuals, groups, and government entities include potential impacts to sage-grouse and wildlife, cultural resources and traditional cultural properties, access, noise, surface and ground water, air quality, and support for the project. The BLM is the lead Federal agency for this EIS. Cooperating agencies include the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Elko County Board of Commissioners, and the United States Environmental Protection 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 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

**Jill C. Silvey,**

*District Manager, Elko District Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Indian Gaming Commission

#### Adoption and Recirculation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project

**AGENCY:** National Indian Gaming Commission, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of adoption and recirculation of the final environmental impact statement for the Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project.

**SUMMARY:** The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) is adopting the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Department of the Interior, December 2016 Final Environmental Impact Statement (the "BIA EIS") for the Wilton Rancheria (Tribe) Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project in Elk Grove, California. The NIGC is adopting the BIA EIS to satisfy the NIGC's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) obligations related to the Tribe's request for the NIGC Chairman's approval of a gaming management agreement between the Tribe and BGM Co, Inc. (BGM).

**DATES:** The NIGC will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of its Notice of Availability of the BIA EIS (EPA Notice) in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** An electronic copy of the BIA EIS, among other documents, is available for download from <http://www.wiltoneis.com>. Electronic copies are also available on CD at the NIGC Sacramento Region Office located at 801 I Street Suite 489, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Austin Badger, National Indian Gaming Commission, Office of the General Counsel; 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop #1621, Washington, DC 20240. Phone: 202-632-7003. Facsimile: 202-632-7066. Email: [info@nigc.gov](mailto:info@nigc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described in the BIA EIS, the Tribe's casino resort project (2017 Approved Project) includes management of the gaming facility by a professional management company on behalf of the Tribe. The NIGC Chairman's approval is necessary for the management agreement to take effect. The Tribe has therefore requested that the NIGC Chairman approve a management agreement between the Tribe and BGM which would allow BGM to manage the Tribe's gaming facility on the Tribe's trust property in Elk Grove, California (Proposed Action).

The environmental effects of the 2017 Approved Project, including management by a professional management company, were fully analyzed and chosen as the Preferred Alternative in the BIA EIS and approved in the BIA's January 19, 2017 Record of Decision (BIA ROD) for the acquisition in trust by the United States of land in the City of Elk Grove, California, for the Tribe. The adequacy of the BIA EIS is the subject of a judicial action which is not final, *Stand Up For California!, et al., v. United States Department of Interior, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-00058 (D.D.C. filed Jan. 11, 2017). Electronic copies of the BIA EIS and BIA ROD, among other documents, are available for download from <http://www.wiltoneis.com>.

The BIA ROD included mitigation for any significant environmental impacts resulting from the 2017 Approved Project by recommending that the Tribe implement mitigation measures set out in the Mitigation Monitoring and Enforcement Plan (MMEP), which was Attachment IV to the BIA ROD. The NIGC was consulted during the preparation of the BIA EIS but did not serve as a cooperating agency in the development of the BIA EIS.

Subsequent to the release of the BIA EIS and BIA ROD, the Tribe made several modifications to the casino resort project (2018 Modified Project). The NIGC therefore directed preparation of a Supplemental Information Report (SIR) to evaluate the 2018 Modified Project and the adequacy of the BIA EIS to address NIGC NEPA compliance requirements in its consideration of the Proposed Action. The SIR concluded that the 2018 Modified Project does not include any substantial changes to the