

including diversion channel, recharge canal, diversion culvert and sump, and perimeter and access roads slightly to the west, within the boundary of the playa.

In selecting the preferred alternative, the BLM considered all information that has been received consistent with the Federal Lands Policy Management Act (FLPMA), the Mineral Leasing Act, and ROW permitting responsibilities. The agency preferred alternative is the proposed action, based on CPM's Mining Plan, POD, and Gravel Pit Mining Plan. The agency preferred alternative includes design features, supplemental plans, and specific mitigation measures BLM has worked with CPM to develop an environmentally sound and technically viable proposal that addresses comments and suggestions received from the cooperating agencies and the public.

The BLM published a Notice of Intent for the Project on March 12, 2014 (79 FR 14078). Scoping was extended through August 31, 2015. A public scoping meeting was held in Delta, Utah on August 5, 2015. The public was offered the opportunity to provide written comments throughout the scoping process.

In 2015, pursuant to Executive Order 13175, the BLM initiated government-to-government consultation with the following federally recognized tribes: Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, the Hopi Tribe, the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, the Navajo Nation, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians, and the Ute Indian Tribe. Beginning in 2015, the BLM coordinated with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office and seven other consulting parties that requested to participate in the Section 106 process, to develop a Programmatic Agreement, which outlines a process to be used to avoid, mitigate, or treat adverse effects to historic properties. The BLM reached out to consult with the tribes again on November 19, 2018, with follow up phone calls and emails. On June 21, 2019, the BLM sent an update to the tribes on the project and inviting continued consultation on the Project.

In August 2015, the BLM invited jurisdictional agencies to participate as Cooperating Agencies in the Project. The following agencies accepted the invitation: The U.S. Department of Defense (Utah Test and Training Range), the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State of Utah, and Millard and Beaver Counties. These agencies and governments reviewed the Final EIS

before it was available to the public and their comments have been incorporated into the document.

On November 30, 2018, the BLM published a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 61668) as did the EPA (83 FR 61632) which started a 45-day comment period. The Draft EIS comment period ran from November 30, 2018, until January 14, 2019. However, any comments received by the BLM by January 29, 2019, were considered in the Final EIS. During the public comment period on the Draft EIS, the BLM Fillmore Field Office received 10 comment letters and emails from cooperating agencies, local governments, interested parties, and the public. The majority of the concerns which were raised through the comments included (1) impacts to water resources and water quality including adverse effects to: Surface water, groundwater basins, existing water rights holders; (2) adverse effects to air quality in the form of fugitive dust and the criteria pollutant NO₂ produced during construction and operation of the mine facilities; (3) impacts to migratory bird and bat populations; (4) the socioeconomic effects of water right acquisition for recharge water; (5) the NEPA process including the range of alternatives and alternatives considered but not analyzed in detail; (6) lands with wilderness characteristics; and (7) impacts to dark night skies.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Deep South Expansion Project, Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office, Battle Mountain, Nevada, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and by this notice is announcing its availability. Barrick Cortez, Inc. (BCI) is proposing to expand its existing Cortez Hills Project mining operations, which are located southeast of Battle Mountain in Eureka and Lander Counties, Nevada. **DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final EIS for the Deep South Expansion Project and other documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820. The document is also available for download at <https://go.usa.gov/xmQR9>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Hurrell, Project Manager; telephone: 775-635-4000; address: 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820; or email: blm_nv_mlfo_deepsoutheis@blm.gov. Contact Kevin Hurrell to have your name added to BLM's mailing list. 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, 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: There are 54,825 acres of public lands within the Plan of Operations boundary that are administered by the BLM Mount Lewis Field Office, and 3,268 acres of private lands controlled by BCI. BCI was

previously authorized to disturb 16,700 acres within their Plan of Operations boundary.

The proposed mine expansion, named the Deep South Expansion Project (Proposed Project) would require a modification to the Plan of Operations to increase the plan boundary by 4,279 acres: from 58,093 acres to 62,372 acres. The proposed modification would result in approximately 3,846 acres of new disturbance inside the new proposed plan boundary, of which 2,779 acres are public lands.

BCI currently employs about 1,250 people from the northern Nevada towns of Elko, Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, Eureka, Carlin, and surrounding areas. If the Deep South Expansion Project is approved, the company expects to extend the mine life and employment opportunities for its workforce by another 12 years.

BCI's purpose for the Deep South Expansion Project is to continue to profitably recover gold and silver from reserves and resources on federal mining claims in the Project Area utilizing, to the extent practical, existing facilities at BCI's currently permitted operations within the Project Area.

The Final EIS describes and analyzes the Proposed Project's direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on all affected resources. In addition to the Proposed Project, the Final EIS analyzes one additional action alternative (the Gold Acres Pit Partial Backfill alternative) and the No Action Alternative.

Under the Gold Acres Pit Partial Backfill Alternative, the proposed expansion of the existing Gold Acres Pit would be completed prior to development of the proposed satellite pits (Alta, Bellwether, and Pasture), with the waste rock from the satellite pits (30 million tons) placed as backfill in the Gold Acres Pit to an approximate elevation of 5,440 feet above mean sea level (amsl) (Figures 2–18 and 2–19). This would result in a 72-acre reduction in the proposed new disturbance for the Gold Acres North Waste Rock Facility. The pit bottom elevations for the expanded Gold Acres Pit and proposed satellite pits would be the same as described for the Proposed Action. No dewatering would be required for the proposed expansion of open pit operations at the Gold Acres Complex as the proposed pit bottom elevations would be above the groundwater table. Therefore, proposed dewatering and water management operations would be the same as under the Proposed Action.

Under the No Action Alternative, the proposed facilities and facility modifications as well as the proposed operations modifications that comprise

the Deep South Expansion Project would not be developed or implemented. Under this alternative, the existing mining and processing operations in the Project Area and the current off site transport of refractory ore to the Goldstrike Mill for processing and backhaul of Arturo Mine oxide ore to the Pipeline Complex for processing would continue under the terms of current permits and approvals as authorized by the BLM and State of Nevada.

On March 29, 2017, a Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 58501) inviting scoping comments on the Proposed Action. The BLM held three public scoping meetings on April 18, 19, and 20, 2017, in Battle Mountain, Crescent Valley, and Elko, Nevada respectively. The BLM received six scoping comment submittals during the scoping period. Concerns raised included impacts to water resources, air quality, wildlife, and recreation.

The Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on October 22, 2018 (83 FR 53292), commencing a 45-day comment period that ended on December 5, 2018. The BLM held three public comment meetings on November 6, 7, and 8, 2018 in Battle Mountain, Crescent Valley, and Elko, Nevada respectively. A total of 29 comment letters were received on the Draft EIS via mail and email. All agency and public comments on the Draft EIS were given careful consideration in preparation of the Final EIS. Each comment, as well as a corresponding response, is provided in Appendix F of the Final EIS.

The BLM has utilized and coordinated the NEPA scoping and comment process to help fulfill the public involvement requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), and the agency continues to do so. The information about historical and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the Proposed Project has assisted the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and the NHPA.

The BLM has consulted and continues to consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including potential impacts to cultural

resources, have been analyzed in the Final EIS.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Notice of Receipt of Complaint; Solicitation of Comments Relating to the Public Interest

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has received a complaint entitled *Certain Child Resistant Closures With Slider Devices Having a User Actuated Insertable Torpedo for Selectively Opening the Closures and Slider Devices Therefor, DN 3399*; the Commission is soliciting comments on any public interest issues raised by the complaint or complainant's filing pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa R. Barton, Secretary to the Commission, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. The public version of the complaint can be accessed on the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>, and will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000.

General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at United States International Trade Commission (USITC) at <https://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has received a complaint and a submission pursuant to § 210.8(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure filed on behalf of