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(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of replacement decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides constructive notice that it will issue an appealable decision replacing its August 3, 2023, decision (“original decision”) which approved lands for conveyance to The Aleut Corporation, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). The original decision is vacated in its entirety due to an error in land status and is replaced by the new decision. The lands approved for conveyance lie entirely within the Aleutian Islands Unit of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the time limits set out in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain a copy of the decision from the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Curtiss, Land Law Examiner, BLM Alaska State Office, 907-271-5066 or [rcurtiss@blm.gov](mailto:rcurtiss@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States

should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of the original decision was published on August 3, 2023, in the **Federal Register**, 88 FR 51342.

As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the BLM will issue an appealable decision to The Aleut Corporation. The decision approves conveyance of surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*), as amended.

The lands aggregate 62.49 acres and are located within the Aleutian Islands Unit of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge in the following townships:

T. 67 S., R. 88 W., Seward Meridian (SM); T. 70 S., R. 108 W., SM;

T. 69 S., R. 109 W., SM; T. 77 S., R. 121 W., SM; T. 78 S., R. 128 W., SM;

T. 79 S., R. 128 W., SM; T. 82 S., R. 135 W., SM.

The decision addresses public access easements, if any, to be reserved to the United States pursuant to sec. 17(b) of ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1616(b)), in the lands approved for conveyance.

The BLM will also publish notice of the decision once a week for four consecutive weeks in “The Bristol Bay Times & The Dutch Harbor Fisherman” newspaper.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail, which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until April 15, 2024 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by facsimile will not be accepted as timely filed.

**Eileen M. Ford,**

*Chief, Branch of Adjudication.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Public Land Order No. 7937; Withdrawal of Public Lands for McPhee Dam and Reservoir, Dolores Project, Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This Public Land Order (PLO) withdraws 953.06 acres of public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including from location and entry under the United States mining laws, and 309.56 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the U.S. mining laws, and reserves them for use by the Bureau of Reclamation in connection with the McPhee Dam and Reservoir, for a period of 100 years, subject to valid existing rights.

**DATES:** This public land order takes effect on March 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Information regarding the withdrawal, including environmental and other reviews, is available at the Bureau of Land Management Colorado State Office, Denver Federal Center Building 40, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Jardine, Senior Realty Specialist, BLM Colorado State Office, telephone: (970) 385-1224; email: [jjardine@blm.gov](mailto:jjardine@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Jardine. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The McPhee Dam and Reservoir was previously withdrawn by PLO No. 5811, effective January 22, 1981, as extended by PLO No. 7473, which expired on January 21, 2021. A new notice of withdrawal application was published in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 2021 (86 FR 41507). The purpose of this withdrawal is to reserve the lands for the protection of the McPhee Dam and Reservoir, Dolores Project, and associated capital investments.

**Order**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location and entry under the general land laws, including from location and entry under the United States mining laws, and 309.56 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, and reserved for use by the Bureau of Reclamation in connection with the McPhee Dam and Reservoir, for a period of 100 years.

**Public Lands**

*New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado*

T. 38 N, R. 15 W,

Sec. 18, lots 2 and 3, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 19, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 38 N, R. 16 W,

Sec. 2, lots 1 thru 4;

Sec. 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 12, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 13, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas aggregate 953.06 acres.

**San Juan National Forest**

*New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado*

T. 38 N., R. 15 W.,

Sec. 3, lot 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas aggregate 309.56 acres.

The total area contains 1,262.62 acres.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those laws governing the use of National Forest System lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of the mineral or vegetative resources other than the United States mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 100 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

**Robert T. Anderson,**

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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 Nevada Gold Mines LLC's Robertson Mine Project, Lander County, NV**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance 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) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Nevada Gold Mines LLC (NGM) Robertson Mine Project in Lander County, Nevada.

**DATES:** To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider comments in the Final EIS, please ensure that the BLM receives your comments within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays.

The BLM will announce the date of a public meeting on the Draft EIS at least 15 days in advance of the meeting on the BLM National NEPA Register website <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023088/510>. One public meeting will be held in-person in Crescent Valley, Nevada and a second will be held virtually online.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft EIS and documents pertinent to this proposal are available for review on the BLM National NEPA Register website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023088/510>.

Written comments related to the Robertson Mine Project may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023088/510>.

- **Email:** [BLM\\_NV\\_BMDO\\_P&EC\\_NEPA@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_BMDO_P&EC_NEPA@blm.gov).

- **Mail:** Robertson Mine EIS c/o BLM Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820.

- **By fax at:** (775) 635-4034.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gene Gilseth, Project Manager, telephone: (775) 635-4020; address 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820; email: [egilseth@blm.gov](mailto:egilseth@blm.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action**

The BLM's purpose is to respond to NGM's proposal, as described in its proposed Plan of Operations, and to analyze the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Action, which is the operator's proposed Plan of Operations, and alternatives to the Proposed Action. NEPA mandates that the BLM evaluate the potential effects of the Proposed Action and alternatives. The BLM's need for the action is established by the BLM's responsibilities under Section 302 of FLPMA and the BLM Surface Management Regulations at 43 CFR subpart 3809 to respond to a proposed Plan of Operations and ensure that operations prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the public lands.

**Proposed Action and Alternatives**

NGM is proposing to construct, operate, close, and reclaim a new surface mine within the Shoshone Range approximately 58 miles southeast of Battle Mountain, Nevada, and 70 miles southwest of Elko, Nevada. The Proposed Action would result in changes to the authorized Robertson Exploration Plan boundary (NVN-067688), the Cortez Mine Plan boundary (NVN-67575), and the Pipeline-South Pipeline-Gold Acres Exploration Plan boundary (NVN-067261). If the Robertson Mine Project Plan is approved, these authorized plans would be modified subsequent to that approval.

The Robertson Mine Project would employ a contractor workforce of approximately 150 employees during the initial two-year construction period and approximately 415 full-time employees, comprised of approximately 370 existing Cortez Mine employees and 45 new hires, for the operations period.

The Robertson Mine Project would operate 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The total life of the Robertson Mine Project would be 15 years, including 9 years of mining, 3 additional years of ore processing, and 3 additional years of reclamation. Reclamation of disturbed areas resulting