

Schedule for the Decision-Making Process

The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation consistent with the NEPA process, including a 45-day comment period on the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS is anticipated to be available for public review Summer 2024 and the Final EIS is anticipated to be released Winter 2025 with a Record of Decision in Winter 2025.

Public Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping period. The BLM will be holding two in-person public scoping meetings. The specific date(s) and location(s) of these scoping meetings will be announced in advance through local newspaper publications and the Bureau of Land Management National NEPA Register project page at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/home>.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The BLM Humboldt River Field Office is serving as the lead federal agency for preparing this EIS. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team, and United States Environmental Protection Agency are cooperating agencies for the Project.

Responsible Official

Sam Burton, District Manager,
Winnemucca District Office
John Mitchell, Field Manager, Humboldt
Field Office

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The BLM's decision relative to the EIS that will be prepared for the Spring Valley Mine Project will consider the following: (1) approval of the proposed Project Plan and associated PODs to authorize the proposed activities without modifications or additional mitigation measures; (2) approval of the proposed Project Plan and associated PODs with additional mitigation measures that the BLM deems necessary to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands; (3) approval of the Spring Valley Mine Project Plan of Operations and associated PODs with one of the alternatives analyzed in the EIS; or (4) denial of the proposed Project Plan and associated PODs if the BLM determines that the proposal does not comply with 43 CFR 3809 regulations and 43 CFR 2800 regulations.

Additional Information

The BLM will identify, analyze, and consider mitigation to address the reasonably foreseeable impacts to resources from the proposed action and all analyzed reasonable alternatives and, in accordance with 40 CFR 1502.14(e), include appropriate mitigation measures not already included in the proposed action or alternatives. Mitigation may include avoidance, minimization, rectification, reduction or elimination over time, and compensation; and it may be considered at multiple scales, including the landscape scale.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA process to help support compliance with applicable procedural requirements under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1536) and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108), as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), including public involvement requirements of section 106. The information about historic and cultural resources and threatened and endangered species within the area potentially affected by the proposed project will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with Indian Tribal Nations on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, BLM Manual section 1780, and other Departmental policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with Indian Tribal Nations and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed Spring Valley Mine 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 1501.9)

Amber LeLoup,

Acting District Manager, Winnemucca District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau Of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of lands described in this notice are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and BLM, are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: The BLM must receive protests by April 17, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may buy a copy of the plats from the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, 222 W 7th Avenue, Mailstop 13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Please use this address when filing written protests. You may also view the plats at the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas B. O'Toole, Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513; 907-271-4231; totoole@blm.gov. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the BLM 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: The lands surveyed are:

Copper River Meridian, Alaska

U.S. Survey No. 963, accepted March 11, 2024, situated in Tp. 56 S., R. 72 E.
U.S. Survey No. 1735, accepted February 23, 2024, situated in Tp. 43 S., R. 61 E.
U.S. Survey No. 2128, accepted March 11, 2024, situated in Tp. 43 S., R. 61 E.
U.S. Survey No. 14616, accepted February 20, 2024, situated in Tp. 52 S., R. 68 E.,

and Tp. 52 S., R. 69 E.
U.S. Survey No. 14617, accepted February 20, 2024, situated in Tp. 52 S., R. 69 E.
U.S. Survey No. 14618, accepted February 20, 2024, situated in Tp. 52 S., R. 69 E.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 30 S., R. 30 W., accepted February 20, 2024.
T. 14 S., R. 60 W., accepted March 8, 2024.

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska. The protest may be filed by mailing to BLM State Director, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513 or by delivering it in person to BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The notice of protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest. You must file the notice of protest before the scheduled date of official filing for the plat(s) of survey being protested. The BLM will not consider any notice of protest filed after the scheduled date of official filing. A notice of protest is considered filed on the date it is received by the State Director for the BLM in Alaska during regular business hours; if received after regular business hours, a notice of protest will be considered filed the next business day. A written statement of reasons in support of a protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is filed.

If a notice of protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the notice of protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask the BLM to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. Chap. 3.

Thomas B. O'Toole

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Grassy Mountain Mine Project, Malheur County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

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) Vale District Office, Vale, Oregon, intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to consider the effects of Calico Resources USA's (proponent) proposal to construct, operate, reclaim, and close an underground mining and precious metal milling operation known as the Grassy Mountain Mine Project. By this notice, the BLM announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. The BLM requests that the public submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant information and studies by April 17, 2024. To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider comments in the Draft EIS, please ensure your comments are received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Grassy Mountain Mine Project by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2030186/510>.
- *Email:* blm_or_vl_grassymtn@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 541-473-6213.
- *Mail:* Vale BLM District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2030186/510> and at the Vale BLM District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Pike, Geologist; 541-473-6369, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918; jpik@blm.gov. Contact Daniel Pike to have your name added to our mailing list. 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 Daniel Pike. 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 proponent requests BLM approval to construct, operate, reclaim, and close an underground mining and precious metal milling operation, including associated structures and facilities, known as the Grassy Mountain Mine Project.

In addition to approval of the mine plan of operations, the proponent also seeks BLM's concurrence for occupancy incident to the mining operations and a right-of-way (ROW) grant, parallel to the access road, for a transmission line to provide electricity for facilities and operations at the mine.

Purpose and Need for Federal Action

The BLM is responsible for administering mineral rights access on certain federal lands as authorized by the General Mining Law of 1872. Under the law, qualified prospectors are entitled to reasonable access to mineral deposits on public domain lands that have not been withdrawn from mineral entry. To use public lands managed by the BLM for locatable mineral exploration and development, persons must comply with FLPMA and the BLM's implementing regulations governing surface management, occupancy, and, where appropriate, ROW grants across public lands, at title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), parts 3809, 3715, and 2800, respectively, as well as other applicable statutes and regulations. The purpose of this Federal action is to analyze the environmental effects associated with approving, denying, or conditionally approving the proposed action. The need for Federal action is established by the BLM's responsibilities under FLPMA and its implementing regulations to respond to the proponent's request for approval of a plan of operations for the proponent to exercise its rights under the General Mining Law of 1872, as well as the proponent's related proposal to occupy BLM-administered lands more than the 14 calendar days within a 90-day period