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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on an Amended Plan of Operations for Kennecott Rawhide Mining Company in Mineral County, Nevada; and Notice of Scoping Period and Public Meeting**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District Office.**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 43 CFR Part 3809, the Bureau of Land Management will be directing the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement to be produced by a third-party contractor on the impacts of a proposed amended Plan of Operations for expansion of the existing Denton-Rawhide Mine, an open-pit heap leach gold/silver mine operated by Kennecott Rawhide Mining Company, in Mineral County, Nevada. The Bureau invites comments on the scope of the analysis.**EFFECTIVE DATES:** An open-house meeting will be held February 15, 1996, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District Office, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV to allow the public an opportunity to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. Representatives of Kennecott Rawhide Mining Company will be available to answer questions about the amended Plan of Operations. Additional scoping meetings may be held as appropriate. Written comments on the Plan of Operations and the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement will be accepted until March 1, 1996.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be completed by late spring 1996 and made available for public review and comment. At that time a Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be published in the Federal Register. The comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be 60 days from the date the Notice of Availability is published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scoping comments may be sent to: District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706. ATTN: Rawhide Environmental Impact Statement Project Manager.

For additional information, write to the above address or call Terri Knutson at (702) 885-6156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Kennecott Rawhide Mining Company of Fallon, Nevada has submitted an amended Plan of Operations for expansion of the

existing Denton-Rawhide Mine located approximately 55 miles southeast of Fallon, Nevada. The proposed operation would include: Development and condemnation drilling necessary for development of future operations; expansion of the open-pit and waste rock disposal area; construction of an additional leach pad and solution ponds to accommodate processing of Run-of-Mine ore; and the relocation of the stormwater diversion channel beyond the limits of the active mine workings. Existing permitted surface disturbance within the project area is 1,086 acres. The proposal would disturb an additional 426 acres for a total of 1,512 acres disturbance of public and private land within the project area.

The Environmental Impact Statement will address: surface and groundwater quantity and quality; geology and minerals; air quality; vegetation resources; soils; wildlife; threatened, endangered, or candidate animal and plant species; range resources; land uses and access; recreation; social and economic values; cultural resources; reclamation; hazardous materials; and cumulative impacts. These topics will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary team and will include review of the proposed amended Plan of Operations as well as other pertinent environmental documents and studies. A range of alternatives (including but not limited to alternative reclamation measures and the no-action alternative), as well as mitigating measures, will be considered to evaluate and minimize environmental impacts and to assure that the proposed action does not result in undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands.

Federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the Bureau's decision on the amended Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the scoping process with respect to this environmental analysis. These entities and individuals are also invited to submit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

It is important that those interested in the proposal participate in the scoping and commenting processes. Comments should be as specific as possible.

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

Begin Public Comment Period—January 1996

Issuance of Draft Environmental Impact Statement—May 1996

File Final Environmental Impact Statement—August 1996

Record of Decision—October 1996

Begin Expansion of Operation—Spring of 1997

The Bureau of Land Management's scoping process for the Environmental Impact Statement will include: (1) Identification of issues to be addressed; (2) Identification of viable alternatives; (3) Notification of interested groups, individuals, and agencies so that additional information concerning these issues, or other additional issues, can be obtained.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

John O. Singlaub,

Carson City District Manager.

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Temporary Access Restriction Order for Caliente Resource Area**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Establishment of temporary access restriction to the Washburn Administrative Site in the Carrizo Plain Natural Area located in San Luis Obispo County in the Caliente Resource Area, Bakersfield District, California.**SUMMARY:** This emergency action restricts public access to the Washburn Administrative Site on BLM-administered land in the Carrizo Plain Natural Area in order to protect persons, property, and public lands and resources. This restriction is effective for non-operational hours, or as otherwise described in this order, from the date of publication in the Federal Register until adoption of the Management Plan and its amendments for the Carrizo Plain Natural Area. The public lands within the restricted area are located in a portion of E¹/₂NE¹/₄ Section 25, Township 32 South, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, and include that area within fences and gates which enclose the fire station, residential area, offices, and out buildings.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This emergency restriction is intended to prevent unauthorized persons from accessing an administrative site and potentially causing harm to personnel, property, or resources. Hours of operation will be posted and/or available from the BLM Bakersfield office. During non-operational hours, access gates to the administrative site will be closed and locked. Additionally, any person present at the site without lawful purposes is in violation of this order if, after being asked to leave by any employee of the Bureau of Land Management or a Carrizo Plain

cooperator, that person refuses to leave or, after having been notified of this order, enters the site without lawful purpose as described herein. This restriction order applies to all persons except for the reporting of emergencies, official business or activities approved by the authorized officer or Bureau of Land Management personnel in residence at the site. Authority for this restriction order is contained in CFR Title 43, Chapter II, 8364.1(a).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Abbott, Caliente Resource Area Manager, Caliente Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, California 93308; (805) 391-6000.

Dated: January 17, 1996.

James Wesley Abbott,

Caliente Resource Area Manager.

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[NV-930-1430-01; N-41567-11/31]

Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance Amendment for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Amendment of Recreation and Public Purpose Lease/Conveyance, N-41567-11/31.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). The Clark County School District has requested to amend their current R&PP lease to add the adjacent 20 acres to their lease in order to construct a high school.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 19 S., R. 60 E.,

Section 21, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Containing 20 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of

the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

And will be subject to:

1. An easement in favor of Clark County for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the District Manager, Las Vegas District, 4765 Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

CLASSIFICATION COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a high school site. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

APPLICATION COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a high school site.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: January 12, 1996.

Michael F. Dwyer,

District Manager, Las Vegas, NV.

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[NV-930-1430-00; N-59514]

Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and Public Purpose Lease/conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). The Clark County Fire Department proposes to use the land for a fire station.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 22 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 24: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 2,500 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

And will be subject to:

1. Those rights for public road purposes which have been granted to Clark County by Permit No. N-58555 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43USC1761).

2. Those rights for telephone line purposes which have been granted to Sprint Central Telephone Company by Permit No. N-10688 under the Act of March 4, 1911 (43USC961).

3. An easement 30.00 feet in width along the north boundary to include a 25.00 foot radius spandrel at the