

Monitoring forms	Total annual responses	Average burden hours per respondent	Annual burden hours
3-2309—Feather Contaminant Sheet .....	12	.5	6
Total .....	518	.....	5081.5

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of monitoring of recovered species as prescribed in section 4(g) of the ESA, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information for those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents. The information collections in this program will be part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Dated: March 21, 2005.

**Hope Grey**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-930-5420-EU-L027; FF-094263]

#### Notice of Applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest for Lands Underlying Salcha River in Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Alaska has filed an application for a recordable disclaimer of interest in certain lands underlying the Salcha River by the United States.

**DATES:** Comments on the State of Alaska's applications should be submitted on or before June 23, 2005. Interested parties may submit comments on the BLM Draft Navigability Reports on or before May 24, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th

Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Callie Webber at (907) 271-3167 or Mike Brown at (907) 271-3602 or you may visit the BLM recordable disclaimer of interest Web site at <http://www.ak.blm.gov/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 12, 2004, the State of Alaska filed applications for recordable disclaimers of interest pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the regulations contained in 43 CFR subpart 1864 for lands underlying Salcha River (FF-094263). A recordable disclaimer of interest, if issued, will confirm the United States has no valid interest in the subject lands. The notice is intended to notify the public of the pending applications and the State's grounds for supporting it. The State asserts that this river is navigable; therefore, under the Equal Footing Doctrine and Submerged Lands Act of 1953, ownership of these lands underlying the rivers automatically passed from the United States to the State at the time of statehood in 1959.

The State's application (FF-094263) is for the bed of the Salcha River and all interconnecting sloughs between the ordinary high water lines of the left and right banks from origins within T. 3 N., R. 19 E., Fairbanks Meridian (FM), Alaska, downstream approximately 125 miles SW to confluence with the Tanana River at T. 5 S., R. 4 E., FM. The State did not identify any known adverse claimant or occupant of the affected lands.

A final decision on the merits of the applications will not be made before June 23, 2005. During the 90-day period, interested parties may comment upon the State's application, AA-085446, and supporting evidence. Interested parties may comment on the evidentiary evidence presented in the BLM's Draft Navigability Reports on or before May 24, 2005.

Comments, including names and street addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the Alaska State Office (see address above), during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to

hold your name or address from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: March 18, 2005.

**Carolyn Spoon,**

*Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-910-04-1990-EX]

#### Notice of Availability for the Emigrant Mine Project Plan of Operations Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 43 CFR part 3809, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Elko Field Office has prepared, with the assistance of a third-party contractor, a DEIS for the Newmont Mining Corporation's proposed Plan of Operations for the Emigrant Mine Project located in northeastern Nevada.

**DATES:** Written comments on the DEIS will be accepted for 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. An Open-House Public Meeting will be held at the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office at 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada. The date and time of this public meeting will be announced through public notices, media news releases and/or mailing. This meeting will be scheduled no sooner than 15 days following the publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to the Elko Field Office by any of the following methods: Mail: Send to

the Attention of the Emigrant Project Manager, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. E-mail: [tschmidt@nv.blm.gov](mailto:tschmidt@nv.blm.gov). Fax: (775) 753-0255.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, Monday–Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the final EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. Such requests to withhold your name or street address from public review will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. The DEIS is available for review at the Elko Field Office during regular business hours, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV, and on the Elko Field Office Internet site at <http://www.nv.blm.gov/elko>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Schmidt, Emigrant Project Manager at the Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. Telephone: (775) 753-0200. E-mail: [tschmidt@nv.blm.gov](mailto:tschmidt@nv.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Newmont Mining Corporation has submitted a Plan of Operations to open the Emigrant Mine about ten miles south of Carlin, Nevada. The mine and associated facilities would be located in portions of Sections 24, 26, 34, 36 of T. 32 N., R. 53 E.; and Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, T. 31 N., R. 53 E. The proposed Emigrant Mine would include developing and operating an open pit mine; constructing a waste rock disposal facility, storing oxide waste in mined out areas of the pit; developing an oxide heap leach pad; constructing ancillary facilities; rerouting intermittent stream and flows in the pit area; and concurrent reclamation. Proposed mining operations would last for approximately 9 years through the year 2014. Approximately 1172 acres of public land and 260 acres of private land would be disturbed.

The issues analyzed in the DEIS include potential impacts to wildlife and cultural resources; the potential for waste rock, heap leach, and pit walls to produce acid rock drainage or heavy

metals; and diversion of an unnamed drainage. Cumulative impacts are also addressed. The following resources are also analyzed in the DEIS: Geology and minerals, Native American religious concerns, air and water quality, paleontology, lands and realty, fisheries, aquatic and riparian resources, range management, vegetation, soils, visual resources, recreation, wilderness, weeds, social and economic values, environmental justice, and threatened, endangered, candidate, and sensitive species.

A range of alternatives, (including, but not limited to, the no-action alternative), have been developed to address issues identified during scoping. Mitigating measures are considered in the DEIS to minimize environmental impacts and undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands.

Federal, State and local agencies and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by BLM's decision on the Emigrant Project Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the EIS process.

Dated: August 25, 2004.

**Helen Hankins,**  
*Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Availability of Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

*Cooperating Agencies:* Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning, City of Henderson, City of Boulder City, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, and the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002 (Clark County Act) (Pub. L. 107-282), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

has prepared a Draft RMP/EIS to analyze alternative approaches to management of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA).

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft Resource Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) will be accepted for 90 days following the date of publication of the Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register**. Future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://www.sloancanyon.org>.
- E-mail: [charles\\_carroll@nv.blm.gov](mailto:charles_carroll@nv.blm.gov).
- Fax: (702) 515-5023 (Attn: Sloan Canyon NCA).
- Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, Attn: Sloan Canyon NCA, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. Copies of the Draft RMP/EIS are available on the Web site and upon request. The Draft RMP/EIS is available for review at public information repositories (BLM Nevada State Office in Reno, Paseo Verde Library in Henderson, Boulder City Library in Boulder City, North Las Vegas Library—Main Branch in North Las Vegas, and Summerlin Library in Las Vegas), and at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office at the address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to the mailing list, visit the web site or contact: Charles Carroll, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, Telephone (702) 515-5000, and e-mail [charles\\_carroll@nv.blm.gov](mailto:charles_carroll@nv.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In November 2002 Congress designated the Sloan Canyon NCA to preserve and protect a portion of southern Nevada's Mojave Desert as a permanent asset for future generations. The Clark County