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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Office has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the impacts from a proposed renewal and expansion of the Tonopah Community Pit, commonly known as the Speedway Pit. This expansion will make sand and gravel available to the general public and local entities to support economic growth in the Tonopah area. This assessment provides the basic information to inform the BLM decision-maker (Field Manager) of what environmental impacts may occur to other resources and to develop appropriate mitigation to minimize those impacts.

This Community Pit supports mineral material sales for the BLM and provides a needed source for the community of Tonopah and Nye County for infrastructure development, commercial and industrial building, and roadbed development and maintenance. Additionally, it provides an opportunity for local residents including ranchers who occasionally need a small quantity of sand and gravel to support agricultural activities.

Copies of the EA may be obtained by notifying the Tonopah Field Office at the letterhead address above or, from the internet address below.

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle\\_mountain\\_field/blm\\_information/national\\_environmental.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field/blm_information/national_environmental.html)

The BLM will accept written comments on the EA at the above letterhead address, until 4:30 p.m., December 23, 2011. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

If you have any questions, please contact John Hartley, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at (775) 482-7800.

Sincerely,

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