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#### US Gold Inc. – Limo-Butte Project

US Gold is in the process of permitting an extensive and long term exploration plan called Limo-Butte Exploration Project in White Pine County Nevada. The project area is in Butte Valley and would encompass 27,600 acres.

The Ely Field Office Bureau of Land Management is preparing a programmatic environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The programmatic EA would analyze all anticipated impacts of the full exploration program. As site specific drill plans are developed, site specific environmental assessments would be prepared and tiered off of this programmatic EA. Total surface disturbance could be up to 88.7 acres. A maximum of 300 drill sites and 23 miles of road is proposed over a three to four year time period.

The preliminary programmatic EA will be available for review on the BLM internet site around the end of March at:

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely\\_field\\_office/blm\\_information/nepa.2.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office/blm_information/nepa.2.html)

Check the site for updates. If you have questions or concerns that you would like to have addressed during the Environmental Review process, you may write, call, or email the Ely Field Office with your concerns. Address E-mail to [Lynn\\_Bjorklund@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Lynn_Bjorklund@nv.blm.gov) For phone calls, use (775) 289-1893.



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#### Barrick Gold Inc. - Alligator Ridge Exploration Project

Barrick Gold U.S. Inc. is proposing a minor modification to the Alligator Ridge Mine Plan of Operations. This plan of operations is still in effect. This mine was a heap leach gold mine initially operated by Amselco starting in 1979. It has since been mostly reclaimed. Barrick Gold U.S. Inc. is proposing exploration drilling to study the potential of remaining gold reserves. The proposed action is for 18 exploration drill holes, 9 of which would be on pre-existing disturbance. Approximately 1.7 miles of new road would be required across both reclaimed and undisturbed ground. Total acreage of disturbance for the proposal is 4.0 acres.

The Ely Field Office BLM will prepare an Environmental Assessment for this proposed action. The EA and DR/FONSI is expected to be completed by early March of 2008. If you have questions or concerns that you would like to have addressed during the Environmental Review process, you may write, call, or email the Ely Field Office with your concerns. Address E-mail to [Lynn\\_Bjorklund@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Lynn_Bjorklund@nv.blm.gov). For phone calls, use (775) 289-1893. The EA and DR/FONSI will also be available on the Ely Field Office website at: [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely\\_field\\_office/blm\\_information/nepa.2.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office/blm_information/nepa.2.html)