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## CELATOM MINE EXPANSION: *Final Environmental Impact Statement Released*

**Hines, Ore.** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed expansion of a Celatom mine, located approximately 50 miles east of Burns and 60 miles west of Vale, Oregon.

The Celatom Complex is a diatomaceous mine currently consisting of three open-pit mines called Beede Desert (on private land), Kelly Field (on BLM-administered land), and Section 36 (on State-administered land) in Harney and Malheur Counties.

The FEIS analyzes proposed activities on BLM-administered land and cumulative effects from proposed activities on State-administered and private land, all within the project boundary. Proposed activities include expanded mining operations, new mining operations, and exploratory drilling, development drilling, sampling, trenching, and bulk sampling within the Project boundary.

Compact disks containing the FEIS are available at the BLM Burns District Office. The document is also available online at:

[www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/plans/index.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/plans/index.php)

For further information about the FEIS or to have your name added to the project mailing list, contact the Celatom Mine Expansion Project Lead at (541) 573-4400.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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