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## BLM Seeks Public Comments for Lane Mtn. Mine Reclamation

**Spokane, WA** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Spokane District, has received a Plan of Operations (Plan) for the reclamation of the existing Lane Mountain Mine North Quarry, located approximately seven miles west of the town of Valley, in Stevens County, Wash. The project is located entirely on BLM managed lands in the Willamette Meridian (WM), Township 31 North, Range 39 East, Section: 22. The BLM is soliciting public comments on the proposed Lane Mtn. Mine North Quarry Project to assist with the environmental review.

Lane Mountain Company (LMC) is proposing to reclaim the Lane Mtn. Mine North Quarry to address concerns over the current site conditions by creating a buttress derived from non-ore material from the South Quarry. The buttress would be located in the bottom of the existing pit. This would effectively reduce the potential for a slope failure once reclamation is complete. The mid-slope and upper slope of the existing pit would remain in their current conditions as permanent slopes. The remaining disturbed areas would be re-contoured and tree seedlings would be planted. The total existing disturbed area lacking vegetation encompasses 33.8 acres.

The buttress identified above would cover 10 acres, 14 acres would be re-contoured and planted, and 10 acres would be left in its current condition. Public comments received will help identify potential environmental issues related to the proposed action and may be used to identify alternatives to the proposed action that also fulfill the purpose of and need for the project.

Please submit comments by September 20, 2016 to one of the following addresses:  
Email: [BLM\\_OR\\_SP\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_SP_Mail@blm.gov) with "Lane Mtn. Mine" in the subject line.

U.S. Mail: BLM–Border Field Office  
Attn: Lane Mtn. Mine  
1103 N. Fancher Rd.  
Spokane Valley, WA 99212

For more information about the proposed Lane Mountain Mine expansion, please visit <http://bit.ly/2aWLyWi>.

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