

## BLM Extends Public Scoping Period for the Kirkland Pozzolan Mine Project

The Bureau of Land Management, Hassayampa Field Office, is extending the public scoping period for the Kirkland High Quality Pozzolan Mine Project until August 24, 2017. Due to significant public interest, the BLM is extending the scoping period which was originally scheduled to end on July 25, 2017. The project website is located at: <http://bit.ly/2rRYTII> (this website is case sensitive).

During this scoping period, the BLM is soliciting public comments on a draft Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations submitted by the Kirkland Mine Co. The proposal is to mine high quality pozzolan from a 76-acre site in Skull Valley, Arizona. The high quality pozzolan is an “uncommon variety” and regulated under the General Mining Act of 1872,

The scoping period started on June 26, 2017 and on July 11, 2017 the BLM hosted an open-house style workshop at the Skull Valley Community Center. Approximately 140 people were in attendance.

This scoping period is the first of two formal comment periods on the mine plan. At this early stage, the BLM is requesting public input on the potential impacts from the mine and any alternatives for the BLM to consider.

To date the BLM has prepared a biological resources report which is available on-line, and a cultural resources report. Additional baseline studies will be prepared and will be made available for public input when the “draft” environmental assessment is published in early 2018. Baseline studies include: a traffic analysis of the potential impacts from truck traffic on Iron Springs Road, and State Route 89;.....

When the “draft” environmental assessment is made available in early 2018, an additional 30-day comment period and public open house will be provided.

For a copy of the Plan go to the project website at: <http://bit.ly/2rRYTII>