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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Hassayampa Field Office has received a Draft Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations from Kirkland Mining Company (Kirkland) in order to develop a pozzolan mine on approximately 76 acres of public lands and construct support facilities on four acres of private land owned by Kirkland. The project area is located in Skull Valley, Yavapai County, Arizona. The BLM has determined that the pozzolan present at the site is an “uncommon variety” and as such is regulated under the General Mining Act.

Kirkland has described the proposed mine operation as the following:

- Excavators would be used to load pozzolan onto trucks;
- The pozzolan would be crushed and screened on-site;
- At full production in approximately five years, the mine would produce approximately 500,000 tons of pozzolan per year; and
- Depending on market demands during the first five years, there would be 30 to 50 round trips to and from the mine site per day.

On adjacent private land owned by Kirkland, there would be additional support facilities including:

- A designated parking area for up to six vehicles;
- A small portable (modular) office-lunch building on blocks (maximum 14 x 60 feet);
- One portable toilet;
- Up to three portable storage buildings (maximum 24 x 24 feet), one of which would be used to service equipment as needed and would include a 24 x 24 foot concrete pad;
- A water storage tank (maximum 12,000 gallons);
- Miscellaneous equipment and materials including waste receptacles, and other facilities.

More detail on the proposed mine operations is included in the Draft Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations available on-line at: <http://bit.ly/2rRYTII>.

There would be no on-site processing; all materials would be taken off-site by haul trucks for further processing. No blasting is being proposed.

In order for the BLM to process the lease request, the BLM will need to complete an environmental assessment (EA). The EA will include two opportunities for public participation. We are

providing you notification of the first opportunity for this public scoping. Public participation is a requirement of both the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act.

The upcoming EA will consider public comments received during this scoping period. The EA will analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects from the mine on approximately 76 acres of public land and four acres of adjacent private land. The BLM will provide a second 30-day public review opportunity and open house when the “draft” EA has been prepared, anticipated in early 2018.

At this early stage, the BLM has scheduled the following open house:

Thursday July ##, 2017 from 6 – 8 pm
Skull Valley Community Center
3150 Old Skull Valley Road
Skull Valley, Arizona 86338

During this open house-style meeting, staff from the BLM, Kirkland, and Westland Consultants will be available, along with maps of the proposed facilities for review. The BLM will “kick-off” the open house with a presentation at 6:15 pm. In order to prepare for the open house, we encourage you to review the information on-line and identify for us relevant issues and the means to mitigate (or minimize) the effects.

This 30-day public scoping period is from June 26 until July 25, 2017.

The Draft Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations and other information is available at the following website: <http://bit.ly/2rRYTHI>

Comments on the proposed project can be submitted the following ways:

- Electronically by emailing them to: PDOEA@blm.gov
- You may mail your comments to: BLM Hassayampa Field Office, ATTN: Shelby Cave 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.
- You may fax your comments to: attention Shelby Cave at 623-580-5639.

Privacy notice: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, be advised that your entire comment(s), including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request that the BLM withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. If you wish to withhold your personal information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment(s). We will make all submissions from organizations and businesses available for public disclosure in their entirety.

If you have questions, please contact Shelby Cave at 623-580-5639 or PDOEA@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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