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**BLM seeks public comment on Silicon Exploration Plan of Operations**

TONOPAH, Nev. – The Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Office, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Silicon Exploration Plan of Operations (Project), located seven miles northeast of Beatty in Nye County, Nevada. The comment period will be from April 22 to June 5, 2020.

AngloGold Ashanti North America proposes to conduct phased mineral exploration-related activities within a 3,630-acre Project area that would create up to 155 acres of total ground disturbance.

The EA can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register website at https://go.usa.gov/xv9FY. Comments can be submitted online at the NEPA Register site; mailed to Tonopah Field Office, P.O. Box 911 (1553 S. Main St.), Tonopah NV 89049; or emailed to: [BLM\_NV\_BMDO\_TFO\_NonRenewable@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_BMDO_TFO_NonRenewable@blm.gov).

For more information, contact Jess Harvey, Public Affairs Specialist, Battle Mountain District Office, at (775) 635-4054 or [jharvey@blm.gov](about:blank). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or questions. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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