

**CHAPTER 4**  
**CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**



## CHAPTER 4.0 Consultation and Coordination

### 4.1 Public Participation and Scoping

The public participation process for the Phoenix Project EIS includes an open forum for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in the assessment.

The BLM first initiated the scoping process by publishing a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register on February 9, 1995. Public scoping meetings were held for the EIS on February 27 and 28, 1995, in Battle Mountain and Reno, Nevada, respectively.

BMG subsequently conducted additional exploration and development activities that identified additional gold and silver ore beyond the extent of the mine plan on which the original Plan of Operations was based. The changes prompted BMG to prepare a revised Plan of Operations. Because of the revised Plan of Operations and the time that elapsed since the first scoping activities in 1995, the BLM re-initiated public scoping for the project by holding a scoping meeting in Battle Mountain on March 24, 1999.

The scope of this EIS reflects input received from the public and from the appropriate government agencies. Key issues identified during the scoping process (1995 and 1999) include the following:

- Potential impacts from drawdown resulting from proposed mine dewatering operations
- Potential impacts to ground and surface water quality
- Quality of postclosure pit lake water
- Potential impacts to ground water quality from the heap leach pad
- Direct and indirect results of soil erosion and sedimentation
- Potential impacts to soil quality for restoring habitat

- Wildlife and fisheries habitat loss from increased disturbance and water quality effects
- Potential Impacts from noxious weeds and exotic plant species as a result of reclamation activities
- Potential impacts to Native American religious concerns and Traditional Cultural Properties
- Potential economic impacts on the community

*The 60-day public comment period on the Phoenix Project Draft EIS began on March 2, 2001. On April 4, the BLM held a public meeting in Battle Mountain, Nevada. Comments that were received during the public comment period are presented in Appendix C, along with the BLM's responses to these comments. The public also will be allowed a 30-day review of the Final EIS, during which comments on the agency preferred alternative may be sent to the BLM.*

### 4.2 List of Agency Contacts

While preparing the EIS for the proposed Phoenix Project, the BLM communicated with and received input from various federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations. The following sections list these contacts.

#### 4.2.1 Federal Agencies

Argonne National Laboratory  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada State Office

#### 4.2.2 State Agencies

Nevada Bureau of Air Quality  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Nevada Division of Minerals  
Nevada Division of Wildlife  
Nevada Natural Heritage Program  
Nevada State Fire Marshall

#### 4.2.3 Local Agencies

Lander County

### 4.2.4 Tribal Organizations

Battle Mountain Band, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone  
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe  
Elko Band, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone  
Ely Shoshone Tribe  
Fallon Paiute Tribe  
Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe  
Lovelock Paiute Colony  
Nevada Indian Environmental Coalition  
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley Reservation  
South Fork Band, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone  
Summit Lake Tribal Council  
Wells Band, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone  
Western Shoshone Defense Project  
Western Shoshone National Council  
Winnemucca Tribal Council  
Yomba Shoshone Tribe

### 4.2.5 Private Organizations and Companies

Battle Mountain Realty  
Cashman Equipment  
DeLong Construction & Drilling  
Friends of Nevada Wilderness  
Mineral Policy Center  
Sierra Club  
Southwest Energy  
Western Shoshone Defense Project

### 4.3 List of Agencies, Organizations, and Persons to Whom Copies of This Statement are Sent

The Draft and Final EIS were sent to the following agencies, organizations, and individuals.

#### 4.3.1 Federal Agencies

AFZJ-DPW (TROUT), Commander  
BLM, Caliente Field Station  
BLM, Carson City Field Office  
BLM, Elko Field Office  
BLM, Ely Field Office  
BLM, Las Vegas Field Office  
BLM, Nevada State Office  
BLM, San Juan Field Office  
BLM, Tonopah Field Station

BLM, Winnemucca Field Office  
Colorado State University  
National WH&B Center Palomino Valley  
Northwestern University  
U.S. Air Force  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Department of Energy  
U.S. Department of the Interior, OEPC  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
U.S. Geological Survey  
U.S. Minerals Management Services  
U.S. National Park Service  
University of Nevada

#### 4.3.2 State Agencies

Nevada Department of Transportation  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Nevada Division of Minerals  
Nevada Division of Wildlife  
Nevada Natural Heritage Program  
Nevada State Clearinghouse  
Nevada State Senate

#### 4.3.3 Elected Officials

Congressman Jim Gibbons  
Governor Kenneth Guinn  
Honorable Shelley Berkley  
Senator Harry Reid  
Senator John Ensign

#### 4.3.4 County and Local Agencies

Elko County Commissioners  
Eureka County Commissioners  
Eureka County Director of Public Works  
Humboldt County Commissioners  
Humboldt River Basin Water Authority  
Lander County Commissioners  
Lander County District Attorney  
Lovelock Water District  
Nevada Natural Heritage Program  
Nye County Planning Department  
Pershing Water Conservation District  
Winnemucca City Council

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Elko Band, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone

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Ely Shoshone Tribe  
Fallon Paiute Tribe  
Fort McDermitt Tribal Council  
Fort Hall Shoshone-Bannock  
Loveloock Paiute Colony Council  
Pyramid Lake Paiute  
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley  
Reservation  
South Fork Band, Te-Moak Tribe of Western  
Shoshone  
Summit Lake Tribe Council  
Wells Band, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone  
Winnemucca Tribal Council  
Yomba Shoshone Tribe

#### 4.3.6 Newspapers and Libraries

Battle Mountain Bugle  
Central Nevada Newspapers, Inc.  
Colorado State University Libraries  
Elko Daily Free Press  
Ely Daily Times  
Humboldt County Library  
Humboldt Sun  
James R. Dickinson Library, University of Nevada-  
Las Vegas  
Lander County Library  
Pahrump Valley Gazette  
Reno Newspapers

#### 4.3.7 Other Organizations

AILA  
Concerned Citizens for Responsible Mining  
Elko County Construction Association  
Friends of Clearwater  
National WH&B Center Palomino Valley  
National Wildlife Federation  
Sierra Club  
Western Mining Action Project  
Wild Horse Commission  
Yucca Mountain Project

#### 4.3.8 Industry/Business

ACZ Inc.  
Agri-Beef Company  
Alpha Analytical Inc.  
Anglo Gold Mine  
Baker Consultants, Inc.  
Bald Mountain Mine  
Barrick Gold Corporation  
Bechtel-SAIC Company  
Bull Frog Mine  
Cortez Gold Mines  
Cyprus Minerals Company

DeLong Construction & Drilling  
Echo Bay Minerals Company  
EDM International  
Ellison Ranching  
ERM, Inc.  
Glamis Gold, Inc.  
Goldfield Mining Corporation  
Great Basin Mine Watch  
Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce  
Greystone  
High Desert Supply  
Homestake Mining Company  
Hunter Refractories  
Hyne Drilling  
International Environmental Consultants  
J.D. Welsh & Associates, Inc.  
JBR Environmental Consultants  
John Davis Trucking  
Julian Tomera Ranches Inc.  
Komatso Equipment  
M-I LLC  
Marigold Mine  
Marvel Ranch  
Mineral Policy Center  
Morrison-Maierle, Inc.  
N.A. Degerstrom  
Nevada Mining Association  
Newmont Mining Corporation  
Oxbow Power of Beowawe, Inc.  
Palisade Ranch  
Parsons, Behle & Latimer  
Placer Dome US  
Santa Fe Corporation  
Sasol Southwest Energy CLC  
Sheep Creek Ranch  
Silver Creek Ranch  
SWRIC  
WESTEC  
Woodward-Clyde Consultants

#### 4.3.9 Individuals

Abrams, Mark  
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Berge, David  
Blackburn, Jay and Myrna  
Blair, Mark  
Blossom, Katherine  
Bosma-Douglas, Julia  
Brady, Kevin  
Brady, Paula  
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Casburn, Joel  
Chavis, James  
Chavse, Ursula  
Chevillon, Vic  
Churntill, Maurice  
Cobb, Marion M.  
Coolidge, Harry  
Craig, Lindsay  
Cunningham, Kenneth D.  
Curtis, JoAnn and Vivian  
Dufort, Molly  
Edgar, Shane  
Erisman, Frank  
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Hanson, Paul  
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Haub, Eugene L.  
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Hirholzer, E.  
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Hornbarger, Fred  
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Johnson, Bob  
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Lappin, Steve  
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Lawson, Rick  
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Lenz, Joel  
Lesperance, Tony and Nancy  
Lindeman, Harry  
Lombaim, John P.  
Lombda, John B.  
Loptien, Gregg  
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Manning-Dick, Claire  
McAdoo, Kent  
McAviney, Chris  
McMillan, Carolyn  
Metcalf, Thomas  
Montgomery, George and Barbara  
Moss, Ken  
Munson, Terry  
Naughton, Lorraine  
Nicolino, Donna  
Panning, Norman and Adell  
Paris, Bertrand and Jill  
Parker, Dave  
Parker, D. P.  
Parker, Russell  
Peterson, Mike  
Raine, Harmon  
Rhine, Deborah  
Robards, S.  
Roby, Maryann  
Ross, Carolyn and John  
Sawyer, Rebecca  
Schmitz, Phil and Carol  
Schneider, Dan  
Schroeder, E. R.  
Schumacher, Andy  
Schutz, Leroy  
Schwartz, Gaylin  
Scott, L.M. and Jay  
Sellard, Nancy  
Smith, George  
Spoo, Eve  
Stanley, David and Deanna  
Stewart, Cliff  
Stoiber, Claus  
Sullivan, Frank  
Syrjala, Edward  
Thomas, Mr. and Mrs.  
Timmers, Carol  
Tollison, J.  
Townsend, Kim  
Turman, Andrea

Tyree, Duane  
Vasser, Kim  
White, Jeff  
White, Terry  
Whitney, Lois  
Williams, Jane  
Wise, T. W.  
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Wright, Elwood  
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#### **4.4 Public Comments and Responses**

*During the 60-day public comment period on the Phoenix Project Draft EIS, the BLM received 16 comment letters. The letters are reproduced in their entirety in Appendix C of this Final EIS. Each comment is identified by a bracket and a letter and comment number, e.g., comment 3-4 refers to the fourth comment in letter 3. The response to each comment accompanies the letter and is identified by the reference number of the respective comment, e.g., response to comment 3-4.*

*The Phoenix Project public meeting was held at the BLM Battle Mountain Field Office on April 4, 2001. A total of 43 people attended this meeting; 8 people represented local agencies or themselves, and 2 people represented the local media. No statements were presented to the court reporter in attendance at the public meeting, and no written comments were submitted at the public meeting.*

*Table 4-1 lists each of the comment letters by respondent and the assigned letter number. Each letter has been reviewed in its entirety and considered by the BLM in determining the BLM Preferred Alternative for the proposed project.*

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*Table 4-1  
Public Comment Letters*

<b>Letter Number</b>	<b>Respondent</b>
<b>Federal Agencies</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b><i>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i></b>
<b>2</b>	<b><i>U.S. Geological Survey</i></b>
<b>3</b>	<b><i>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i></b>
<b>State of Nevada</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b><i>Division of Wildlife</i></b>
<b>5</b>	<b><i>Division of Water Resources</i></b>
<b>6</b>	<b><i>Division of Minerals</i></b>
<b>7</b>	<b><i>Bureau of Health Protection Services</i></b>
<b>8</b>	<b><i>Office of Historic Preservation</i></b>
<b>9</b>	<b><i>Division of Environmental Protection</i></b>
<b>Local Agencies</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b><i>Lander County Board of Commissioners</i></b>
<b>Organizations and Individuals</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b><i>Western Shoshone Defense Project</i></b>
<b>12</b>	<b><i>Badger/Chiara Ranches</i></b>
<b>13</b>	<b><i>Great Basin Mine Watch</i></b>
<b>14</b>	<b><i>Mineral Policy Center</i></b>
<b>15</b>	<b><i>Sierra Club</i></b>
<b>16</b>	<b><i>Sheryl Robards</i></b>