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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wells Field Office has received a Plan of Operations for the Kinsley Exploration Project from Pilot Gold (USA) Inc. The BLM intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts of this proposal and is seeking your input regarding issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Pilot Gold (USA) Inc. (Pilot) proposes to increase surface disturbance at their Kinsley Exploration Project from the currently authorized 4.79 acres to 60.00 acres within a project boundary of approximately 2,830 acres (see enclosed map). The expanded exploration activities will include exploration drilling, road construction, drill pad and sump construction and, maintenance of existing pre-1981 roads. Outside the project boundary Pilot will construct water well sites and conduct maintenance of approximately 18.3 miles of existing pre-1981 roads which may disturb up to an additional 39.02 acres. Pilot plans to extract gravel by expanding an existing gravel pit area for road improvement and drilling 1 to 3 water wells. The gravel pit expansion will not exceed 10 acres. Much of the proposed disturbance will be within or adjacent to the previous Kinsley Mine disturbance. This project is located on public lands in and around the Kinsley Mountain Range, approximately 87 miles southeast of Elko, NV, and approximately 38 miles south of West Wendover, NV.

The legal description of the project boundary is as follows:

Township 26 North (T. 26N), Range 67 East (R. 67E), sections 1 and 12;  
T. 26N, R. 68E, sections 5, 6, 7, and 8;  
T. 27N, R. 67E, section 36; and  
T. 27N R. 68E, sections 31 and 32,  
all in the Mount Diablo Meridian.

The Kinsley Exploration Project will be permitted through both the BLM and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP).

The Exploration Plan of Operations with project maps may be viewed or downloaded from the BLM Elko District Office external website under "What We Do" in the menu on the left, "Minerals":

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko\\_field\\_office/blm\\_programs/minerals.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_programs/minerals.html)

The Kinsley Exploration Plan of Operations has not been modified to provide text descriptions for graphics to accommodate assistive technology such as screen readers and refreshable Braille displays in accordance with the Section 508 Amendment to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you wish to receive a 508-compliant version, contact Frank Bergwall with your request. Please submit any comments you may have in writing by December 19, 2012 to the letterhead address above or by email to: [fbergwal@blm.gov](mailto:fbergwal@blm.gov). Following completion of an EA, it will be made available for review and public comment for a full 30 days.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment — including your personal identifying information — may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have questions or wish to be removed from our mailing list for this project, please call Frank Bergwall at (775) 753-0331 or mail him at the address above. He may be contacted by email: [fbergwal@blm.gov](mailto:fbergwal@blm.gov)

Sincerely,

/s/

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