



# United States Department of the Interior



## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Dear Interested Party:

Newmont Mining Corporation (Newmont) proposes to construct and operate an open-pit gold mining operation (Long Canyon Project), which would include one open pit, a heap leach pad, one waste rock dump, a tailings storage facility, and other ancillary facilities. The mine would be located on the eastern side of the Pequop Mountain Range, about 30 miles east of Wells, Nevada and 32 miles west of West Wendover, Nevada on Interstate 80. The associated disturbance for the proposed operations would increase to 1,631 acres of public land, including split estate lands. The projected life of the mine is 8 to 14 years, including construction, operations, and closure and post-closure monitoring. An estimated annual workforce for operations will be approximately 300-500 people from construction to operations to closure.

The Plan of Operations for the Long Canyon Mine was submitted to the BLM Wells Field Office on March 22, 2012 and was determined complete by the BLM on April 18, 2012. The Plan of Operations can be viewed at the Elko District BLM website: [www.blm.gov/rv5c](http://www.blm.gov/rv5c).

Currently, there are three public scoping meetings scheduled for the project:

August 6, 2012 6-8 pm (Pacific Time)  
Wendover Senior Center  
112 South Moran Ave, Wendover, UT

August 7, 2012 6-8 pm  
Elko Convention Center  
700 Moran Way, Elko, NV

August 8, 2012 6-8 pm  
Wells City Hall  
525 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Wells, NV

The BLM is seeking comments on the project and is also soliciting input on potential issues, impacts, and alternatives that the commenter thinks should be addressed in an environmental analysis. Comments and input should be submitted to the BLM as described below by September 4, 2012.

Written comments on the Long Canyon Project should be mailed to: BLM Elko District, Attn: Whitney Wirthlin, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, or via email to: BLM\_NV\_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov. Comments may also be submitted at any of the above public scoping meetings.

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 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, please contact Whitney Wirthlin, Wells Field Office Geologist, at (775) 753-0342, or via email: wwirthli@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Bryan K. Fuell, Manager  
Wells Field Office

Attachment:  
Attachment 1-Long Canyon Mine General Site Layout Map