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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District Office, Humboldt River Field Office has issued a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Coeur Rochester Mine Expansion Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The project is located 28 miles northeast of Lovelock in Pershing County, Nevada, and is described as T28N, R34E, sections 2, 3, 9-11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27-29, 32, and 33, MDB&M.

The DR selects a combination of Alternative B, the proposed action submitted in Amendment 8 to the Plan of Operations, as modified by Alternative D, an out-of-heap process and closure pond, and environmental protection measures and monitoring detailed in section 2.2 in the EA as the Selected Alternative. The Selected Alternative would involve 207.7 acres, of which 162.1 associated with a new heap leach pad and process pond would be new surface disturbance. The remaining activities would involve disturbance of lands previously disturbed. All proposed new disturbance is on public lands administered by BLM. The project would extend the life of the mine for approximately 5 to 7 additional years, at which time final reclamation and closure of the facilities would begin.

The EA, DR, and FONSI are available on our National Environmental Policy Act webpage at [www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm\\_information/nepa0.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html). A hardcopy of the EA will be provided upon request, or is also available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Edwards, Project Manager, at (775) 623-1597 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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