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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office, is seeking public input as it initiates an environmental analysis process for the Pershing County Road Departments Mineral Materials Free Use Permit Renewals, Community Pit Designations and Expansions project. Mineral materials are common varieties of sand, gravel, decomposed granite, stone, clay and other similar materials. A table and a general vicinity map of the project area are enclosed.

The proposed action is to evaluate the renewal, expansion, and creation of 37 mineral material sites, located on BLM managed land all within Pershing County, Nevada. Specifically it is proposed to renew 29 Free Use Permits (FUP) to Pershing County Road Department (PCRD) and designate 10 of these sites as community pits. Thirteen of the FUPs are proposed to be expanded by a total of approximately 410 acres. Also proposed is to expand one existing community pit by 10 acres, create one new 40 acre community pit, change one FUP into a 26 acre community pit and create 5 new FUPs with a total of 40 acres of new disturbance. There would be a total of approximately 490 acres of new surface disturbance proposed over a 10 year time span.

Each community pit would remain designated in perpetuity until the useful material is exhausted. Upon that point in time, the gravel pits would be reclaimed and closed as specified in stipulations that would be developed. Refer to the "Table of Existing and Proposed PCRD Free Use Permits and Community Pits" (Table) and on the map that shows the locations of all the mineral material sites being evaluated in this analysis, both of which are enclosed with this letter.

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1500, for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the analysis will disclose the environmental impacts expected to occur should the project be implemented. The BLM is seeking your input in identifying possible issues and concerns or applicable knowledge to assist us with the NEPA process.

The public is invited to submit comments on the proposal for 30 days from the date of this letter. Please send written comments to Mr. Robert Lutz, project lead, at the above address or by e-mail to [NV\\_WFO\\_Webmail@blm.gov](mailto:NV_WFO_Webmail@blm.gov) with "Pershing County Road Department project (Lutz)" in the subject line. This letter and map are also available on our NEPA webpage at the following site: [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).

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commentors, will be available for public 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. 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 personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Lutz by telephone at (775) 623-1540 or by mail or in person at the above address.

Sincerely,

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**Table of Existing and Proposed PCRD Free Use Permits and Community Pits**

Geographic Zone Name JERSEY/BUFFALO VALLEY					
Pit Name	Location	Currently Permitted Acres (Approximate)	Proposed Action	FUP Serial Number Community Pit Serial Number	Map Number
Buffalo	T. 29 N., R. 40 E., section 24	40	FUP Renewal	NVN-087657	1
Butcher Canyon	T. 27 N., R. 40 E., section 21	4.99	FUP Renewal 5 Acre Expansion	NVN-087658	2
Dixie Cut-off	T. 26 N., R. 38 E., section 13	0	New FUP 14 acres	NVN-087662	3
Dixie Valley	T. 26 N., R. 38 E., section 11, and 12	0	New FUP 8.5 acres	NVN-087663	4
Jersey Valley	T. 26 N., R. 39 E., section 15	4.99	FUP Renewal	NVN-087670	5
McCoy	T. 25 N., R. 39 E., section 3	40.22	FUP Renewal	NVN-087672	6
Geographic Zone Name GRASS/PLEASANT VALLEYS					
Pit Name	Location	Currently Permitted Acres (Approximate)	Proposed Action	FUP Serial Number Community Pit Serial Number	Map Number
Cottonwood Canyon	T. 29 N., R.39 E., section 17	15	FUP Renewal	NVN-087660	7
Dago	T. 27 N., R. 37 E., sections 18, 19.	40	FUP Renewal	NVN-087661	8
Fencemaker	T. 26 N., R. 36 E., section 14	5	FUP Renewal 35 acres Expansion	NVN-087664	9

Golconda Canyon	T. 28 N., R. 39 E., section 6	40	FUP Renewal (temporary 5 acre now, expires 5 yrs)	<b>NVN-087666</b>	<b>10</b>
Goldbanks	T. 30 N., R. 39 E., section 21	10	FUP Renewal Expand by 8 acres	<b>NVN-087667</b>	<b>11</b>
Leach Hot Springs	T. 31 N., R. 38 E., section 1	5	FUP Renewal  15 acres expansion  Community Pit	<b>NVN-087671</b>  <b>NVN-087649</b>	<b>12</b>
McKinney Pass	T. 27 N., R. 37 E., section 24	0	New FUP Pit 4 acres	<b>NVN-087673</b>	<b>13</b>
Paris	T. 27 N., R. 38 E., section 21	40	FUP Renewal	<b>NVN-087674</b>	<b>14</b>
Pleasant Valley	T. 27 N., R. 38 E., section 9	4.99	FUP Renewal	<b>NVN-087677</b>	<b>15</b>
Sonoma Canyon	T. 34 N., R. 38 E., section 20	30 (Reduced to 26 acres)	No FUP Renewal Community Pit	<b>NVN-087652</b>	<b>16</b>
Spaulding	T. 32 N., R. 38 E., section 24	4.99	FUP Renewal  15 acres expansion	<b>NVN-087683</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Geographic Zone Name RYE PATCH/UNIONVILLE</b>					
<b>Pit Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Currently Permitted Acres (Approximate)</b>	<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>FUP Serial Number  Community Pit Serial Number</b>	<b>Map Number</b>
Buena Vista	T. 30 N., R. 36 E., section 30	5	FUP Renewal  60 acres expansion  Community Pit	<b>NVN-087656</b>  <b>NVN-087645</b>	<b>18</b>
Humboldt River Ranch	T. 30 N., R. 33 E., section 34	0	New Community Pit Designation 40 acres.	<b>NVN-087647</b>	<b>19</b>

Imlay	T. 32 N., R. 34 E., section 10	10	FUP Renewal  70 acres expansion  Community Pit	NVN-087668   NVN-087648	20
Rye Patch Reservoir	T. 31 N., R. 32 E., section 24	20	FUP Renewal	NVN-087680	21
Unionville	T. 30 N., R. 35 E., section 18	10	FUP Renewal  30 acres expansion  Community Pit	NVN-087685  NVN-087653	22
<b>Geographic Zone Name LOVELOCK</b>					
<b>Pit Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Currently Permitted Acres (Approximate)</b>	<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>FUP Serial Number  Community Pit Serial Number</b>	<b>Map Number</b>
Big Five	T. 25 N., R. 31 E., section 14	40	FUP Renewal  20 acres expansion	NVN-087654	23
Big Meadows	T. 26 N., R. 31 E., section 8	40	FUP Renewal  Community Pit	NVN-087655 NVN-087644	24
Coal Canyon	T. 26 N., R. 34 E., section 6	38.96	FUP Renewal	NVN-087659	25
Garavanta	T. 25 N., R. 32 E., section 6	62.10	FUP Renewal  52.5 acre expansion  Community Pit	NVN-087665  NVN-087646	26
Irish American Community Pit	T. 27 N., R. 32 E., section 16	4.99	FUP Renewal  10 acre expansion  Currently designated as Community Pit	NVN-087669  NVN-062506	27

North Indian Graveyard	T. 26 N., R. 31 E., section 6	40	Community Pit	<b>NVN-087650</b>	<b>28</b>
Pedro	T. 27 N., R. 31 E., section 6	40	FUP Renewal 67 acres expansion Community Pit	<b>NVN-087675</b> <b>NVN-087651</b>	<b>29</b>
Ragged Top	T. 25 N., R. 28 E., section 2	40	FUP Renewal 20 acres expansion	<b>NVN-087678</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Geographic Zone Name SEVEN TROUGHS/ SAGE VALLEY</b>					
<b>Pit Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Currently Permitted Acres (Approximate)</b>	<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>FUP Serial Number Community Pit Serial Number</b>	<b>Map Number</b>
Placeritas D.G	T. 32 N., R. 29 E., section 13	0	New FUP 10 acres	<b>NVN-087676</b>	<b>31</b>
Rosebud Canyon	T. 34 N., R. 30 E., section 30	40	FUP Renewal	<b>NVN-087679</b>	<b>32</b>
Seven Troughs South	T. 29 N., R. 29 E., section 4	40	FUP Renewal	<b>NVN-087681</b>	<b>33</b>
Seven Troughs Y	T. 29 N., R. 29 E., section 26	4.99	FUP Renewal	<b>NVN-087682</b>	<b>34</b>
Stonehouse	T. 30 N., R. 29 E., section 14	40	FUP Renewal	<b>NVN-087684</b>	<b>35</b>
Vernon	T. 30 N., R. 28 E., section 36	80	FUP Renewal	<b>NVN-087686</b>	<b>36</b>
Vernon Flat	T. 29 N., R. 29 E., section 8	0	New FUP 15 acres	<b>NVN-087687</b>	<b>37</b>