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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office (WD/BRFO) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Hycroft Mine Expansion Project. The FEIS documents the anticipated impacts associated with Hycroft Resources Development Inc. (HRDI) amended Plan of Operations (Plan) for the Hycroft Mine (BLM record N-064641). HRDI's amended Plan proposes to expand their existing mine operations on public and private land in Humboldt and Pershing Counties, Nevada. The location of the Hycroft Mine is approximately 55 miles west of Winnemucca, Nevada on the west flank of the Kamma Mountains in T. 34N., R.29E., sections 1-4, 9-12 and 14; T35N., R29E., sections 13,14, 22-27, and 33-36; T35N., R30E., sections 16-21 and 28-32.

This FEIS contains, in its entirety, the analysis originally presented in the Draft EIS (issued January 27, 2012), with all text additions in bold. Also included in the FEIS are responses to comments received during the public comment period on the Draft EIS. The document also incorporates recommended mitigation to minimize impacts to the resources.

This FEIS is not a decision document. The publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register for this FEIS initiates a 30-day waiting period. Following the conclusion of that period, a Record of Decision (ROD) will be prepared and signed to disclose the BLM's final decision and any project Conditions of Approval. Availability of the ROD will be announced through local media and posted on the Winnemucca BLM's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 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 copy of the FEIS is available on our NEPA webpage. In addition, a hardcopy of the FEIS will be provided upon request, or is available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours (7:30 am to 4:30 pm) throughout the 30 day review period.

We appreciate your interest in this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kathleen Rehberg at (775) 623-1739 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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