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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office (WD/BRFO) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Hycroft Mine Expansion Project. The DEIS analyzes the 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 proposed location of the mining and processing facility 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; T.35N., R.29E., sections 13, 14, 22-27, and 33-36; T.35N., R.30E., sections 16-21 and 28-32.

You are invited to submit substantive comments on the DEIS through March 12, 2012. A copy of the DEIS is available on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) webpage at www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Please send written comments to Ms. Kathleen Rehberg, project lead, at the above address or e-mail to wfoweb@blm.gov with "Hycroft Mine Expansion Project (Rehberg)" in the subject line. In addition, a hardcopy of the DEIS 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 comment period. In accordance with 43 CFR 3809.411(c), a copy of the Plan for the project will also be available for review in our office for the same period of time.

Additionally, the BLM will hold three public open-house meetings on the proposal and DEIS from 6-8 p.m. in the following locations: Winnemucca, Nevada on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at the Winnemucca Convention Center, West Hall, located at 50 West Winnemucca Blvd., in Lovelock, Nevada on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the Lovelock Community Center located at 820 6th Street., and in Gerlach, Nevada on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at the Gerlach Community Center located at 401 Cottonwood Street. A brief project introduction will be given at the beginning of each meeting, followed by an open-house. Specialists from the WD/BRFO will be on hand to answer questions related to the analysis presented in the DEIS.

Participation is encouraged, and comment forms will be available for your input at these meetings. The comment forms may be submitted at the public meetings or at any time through March 12, 2012, either by mail to Ms. Kathleen Rehberg, project lead, at the above address or by e-mail as identified above with "Hycroft Mine Expansion Project (Rehberg)" in the subject line.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters will be available for public review at the WD 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.

A Final Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared that consider the comments received during the comment period. For additional information or questions regarding the documents above, please contact Kathleen Rehberg at (775) 623-1739 or at the above address.

Sincerely,



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Field Manager
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