

Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Office

Update

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MINERALS MANAGEMENT

Corvus Gold Nevada North Bullfrog Exploration Project – The Project is located six miles northwest of Beatty. Preliminary results from exploration indicate favorable values and Corvus Gold Nevada is continuing their exploration.

Metallic Goldfield Gemfield Project - Metallic Goldfield has completed the majority of the required baseline studies for the proposed open pit mine about 1.5 miles north of Goldfield. A PoO has been accepted for a plan boundary of 1,918 acres and surface disturbance of 1,098 acres. A public scoping meeting for this Project was conducted on January 10, 2014. Chapters One, Two and Three of the EIS are being drafted. We are currently waiting on the completion of the Ground Water Model to move forward in the EIS process.

Round Mountain Gold Corp., Plan of Operations Amendment - Round Mtn. has proposed a modification to their current Plan of Operations that would include the expansion of the open pit. Baselines for the proposal are currently being conducted.

Kings Valley Minerals LLC — Kings Valley Minerals LLC is proposing to conduct exploration operations for potassium in the Clayton Valley area on approximately 25,440 acres. There will be 12 drill holes. Surface disturbance is estimated to be about 120 acres. The NEPA kick off meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2015

West Kirkland Mining Inc., Three Hills Mine — West Kirkland Mining Inc. is proposing to conduct mining operations two miles west of Tonopah. Estimated surface disturbance is 492 acres. This project has been permitted.

Nevada Sunrise Gold Corp, Golden Arrow Exploration - The proposal is to explore for recoverable gold deposits by drilling reverse circulation and/or core holes, geophysical mapping, and construction of roads and drill sites five miles south of Tonopah within a 1,473 acre plan boundary. The final EA and Decision have been processed and the project can start once the bond has been posted.

Mineral Ridge Gold LLC, Mary LC Expansion Satellite Deposit Plan of Operations

Amendment – Five miles north west of Silver Peak, Nevada Mineral Ridge Gold LLC proposes a series of changes to their existing Plan of Operations. MRG proposes to expand the heap leach pad and increase the size of the existing process pond capacity and include a toll ore area to receive off site material. Baseline studies are being conducted.

LANDS AND REALTY

Tonopah Solar Energy, LLC Crescent Dunes - The 653 foot tall power tower receiver, mirrors, power generation blocks, and hot and cold storage tanks have been constructed. When completed, the Project will produce 110 megawatts of power. Testing has commenced and it is anticipated that the power plant will be in operation in the summer of 2015. An informational kiosk with appropriate signage of the project and surrounding public lands, has been constructed. The project is producing power to the grid.

Manhattan Road ROW— The office is currently waiting on the SF-299 from the county. We are currently awaiting the completion of the Cultural Report.

Silver Peak Road ROW – The office has issued a ROW to Esmeralda County for the Silver Peak Road from Highway 95 to Silver Peak.

Gold Point—Esmeralda County has shown an interest in the purchase of the town of Gold Point. The sale of the Land is currently under the internal review process. A site visit by the WO team to conduct a validly exam was conducted. A meeting is scheduled with SHPO on July 6 to discuss the cultural analysis that will be need for the project to move forward for the sale.

Beatty Bike Trails – The master plan is currently under development and cultural surveys may start in the near future for phase one.

Nye County, Manhattan Road – The TFO is process the application for a FLPMA ROW to Ney County. The designs are under review and cultural concerns addressed.

RANGELAND MANAGEMENT

The Southern Nye County Conservation District continues to complete Tamarisk control in support of the Amargosa Toad Habitat Conservation Plan Agreement throughout Oasis Valley and within Beatty town proper.

Beatty Springs—Five springs were approved during 2011 and three of the springs will be under construction during 2016. Progress had been made in working with the USDA for the designs for the projects.

Spring /Stream Fencing— The BLM worked with local permittees and others with water rights around nine spring sources within the Tonopah Field Office that are being heavily impacted by

wild horses and burros. This project will protect spring heads while allow water to be available for use of wildlife and livestock. This will help these areas recover and continue to provide water. One project was completed in February near the town of Goldfield in Nye County. The project has shown great progress. Once additional funding is provided and supplies have been acquired the remaining projects will be started at the appropriate time to not affect the horses or burros.

Range Land Health Assessments – Francisco, Smoky, Ralston, Stone Cabin, and Monitor allotments are being developed. After the signing of the Greater Sage Grouse Decision to amend the RMP reconsideration of the priorities of allotment to concentration on are Little Fish Lake, Monitor and Fish Lake Valley allotments. This is due to GSG Priority Habitat and Bi-Stat Sage Grouse Habitat.

Wild Horse and Burro Program

Reveille and Stone Cabin HMAs - The TFO is currently developing a plan for the implementation of PZP within the HMAs and surrounding area in accordance with analysis completed and decisions sign from prior year gathers.

Inventory Flights – Flights will be scheduled this sumer for the southern regions of the TFO in conjunction with the Pahrump FO and Nellis AFB.

RECREATION

Best in the Desert/Vegas to Reno Off Road Race – The TFO in coordination with Caliente FO are developing an Environmental Assessment for the 2016 OHV race to be conducted in August.

Pahrump through Beatty Off Road Race – The TFO and PFO will be working together on a proposed Off Road Race that will be conducted during 2016. The race is proposed to be conducted from Pahrump though Beatty.

Cultural

Cave Springs – USC Davis and GBO will be documenting Cave Spring this summer to ensure the site is documented for future historical record keeping.

Rhyolite - TFO has requested for funding to stabilize three building to ensure safety and access to them for the enjoyment of the visitors. A team of SHPO, TFO and NPS restoration team visited the train station for the development of designs for the train station on May 6. NPS restoration team is in the process of developing the designs and cost estimates.

Fluid Minerals

Geothermal Leasing – The BMD is currently process 9 parcels for the upcoming geothermal competitive leasing sale in California. The parcels are located in Big Smokey Valley, Grass Valley and along the North Easterly boundaries of the district.

Soda Springs Approved Plan to Drill – The plan has been submitted and found complete and after further analysis the proponent was advised for the drill pad to be relocated approximately 500 yards to avoid a wetland determined by the Army Corps of Engineers. After multiple discussion the proponent has elected to relocate the pad.