

information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The BLM Oregon State Office has authority under the Oregon and California Revested Lands Sustained Yield Management Act of 1937 (43 U.S.C. 2601 and 2602) and subchapter V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1761–1771) to grant rights-of-way to private landowners to transport their timber over roads controlled by the BLM. This information collection enables the BLM to calculate and collect appropriate fees for this use of public lands. This OMB Control Number is currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 2023. The BLM plans to request that OMB renew this OMB Control Number for an additional three years.

**Title of Collection:** Tramroads and Logging Roads (43 CFR part 2810).

**OMB Control Number:** 1004–0168.

**Form Numbers:** OR–2812–6.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Private landowners who hold rights-of-way for the use of BLM-controlled roads in western Oregon.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 1,088.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 1,088.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 8 hours.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 8,704.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** Annually, biannually, quarterly, or monthly, depending on the terms of the pertinent right-of-way.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Ioneer Rhyolite Ridge LLC's Proposed Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Mine Project, Esmeralda County, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tonopah Field Office, Tonopah, Nevada, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of authorizing the proposed Ioneer Rhyolite Ridge LLC (Ioneer) Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project (Project) in Esmeralda County, Nevada. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues and alternatives; it also serves to initiate public consultation, as required, under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS, which will run through January 19, 2023. Scoping comments may be submitted in writing until January 19, 2023. The date(s) and location(s) of the scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and newspapers and on the BLM website at: <https://www.blm.gov/office/tonopah->

*field-office* and the Project's ePlanning website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2012309/510>. In order to be considered during the preparation of the Draft EIS, all scoping comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit scoping comments related to the proposed Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Mine Project by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2012309/510>.

- **Email:** [BLM\\_NV\\_BMDO\\_TFO\\_NONRENEWABLE@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_BMDO_TFO_NONRENEWABLE@blm.gov).

- **Fax:** (775) 635–4034.

- **Mail:** BLM Battle Mountain District Office, Attn: Rhyolite Ridge Project, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Battle Mountain District Office and the Tonopah Field Office during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Distel, Project Manager, telephone: (775) 635–4093; address: 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada, 89820; email: [sdistel@blm.gov](mailto:sdistel@blm.gov). Contact Mr. Distel if you wish to add your name to our mailing list.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM's purpose for the action is to consider Ioneer's proposed Plan of Operations and to analyze the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Action as described in the Plan of Operations, as well as feasible alternatives to the Proposed Action. The BLM's need to consider the action is established by the BLM's responsibilities under section 302 of the FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1732, and the BLM Surface Management Regulations at 43 CFR part 3809. The BLM needs to make sure that the operations under the General Mining Law of 1872 will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation of the public lands. 43 U.S.C. 1732(b).

Based on the Proposed Action, Ioneer is proposing to construct, operate, close, and reclaim a new lithium-boron mine in the Silver Peak Range in Esmeralda

County, Nevada, approximately 40 air miles southwest of Tonopah, Nevada, and 13 air miles northeast of Dyer, Nevada. The Project Area encompasses approximately 7,166 acres. The proposed Project facilities associated with the Proposed Action are expected to disturb approximately 2,296 acres within the 7,166 Project Area, of which 2,272 acres are on public lands managed by the Tonopah Field Office and 24 acres are on private land. The Project Area includes an Operational Area and an Access Road and Infrastructure Corridor. If authorized, the mine would operate 24 hours per day, 365 days per year for approximately 17 years. The work force would be approximately 500 persons for construction and 350 persons for operation. The Proposed Action anticipates that reclamation activities at the end of mining will take approximately six years, with monitoring continuing beyond the 6 years as needed.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to identify relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS. During the public scoping period, the public is requested to identify any potential alternatives to the Proposed Action and provide any information or recommended analyses relevant to the Proposed Action and potential Project alternatives.

The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the NHPA (54 U.S.C. 306108), as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed Project will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both the NEPA and the NHPA.

The BLM has and will continue to consult with Native American Tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration.

Federal, State, and local agencies, along with Tribes and stakeholders who may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be asked by the BLM to participate in the development of the EIS as a cooperating agency.

Following the completion of the public scoping process and subsequent analyses, the BLM will produce a Draft

EIS. The Draft EIS will be made available for a 45-day public review and comment period and is anticipated to be completed by June of 2023 and will include public meetings to discuss the Draft EIS.

Following public input on the Draft EIS, the information received will be incorporated into a Final EIS, which is anticipated to be released for a 30-day public review period in December 2023. The BLM anticipates issuing a decision on this Project in January of 2024.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.9.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Public Meetings of the Idaho Resource Advisory Council and the Lava Ridge Wind Project Subcommittee**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Idaho Resource Advisory Council (RAC) and the Lava Ridge Wind Project Subcommittee (Subcommittee) will meet as follows.

**DATES:** The Subcommittee will host a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon with public comments accepted at 11:15 a.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST). The Subcommittee will also host a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., with public comments accepted at 2:30 p.m. MST.

The Idaho RAC will host a meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with public comments accepted at 3 p.m. MST. The Idaho RAC will also host an in-person field tour on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT). The Idaho RAC will then host a meeting on June 1, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with public comments accepted at 3 p.m. MDT. Public notice of any changes to this schedule will be posted on the Idaho RAC or the Subcommittee web pages (see **ADDRESSES**) 15 days in

advance of each of the respective meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** The Subcommittee and Idaho RAC meetings in January, February, and March will take place at the BLM Twin Falls District Office, 2878 Addison Ave. E, Twin Falls, ID 83301. The Idaho RAC in-person field tour in May will commence at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705 with the June meeting to be held at the BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709. A virtual participation option will be offered on the Zoom platform for the January and February Subcommittee meetings and registration information will be available on the Subcommittee's web page 30 days in advance of the meeting at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/idaho/lava-ridge-subcommittee>. Virtual participation options will also be offered on the Zoom platform for the March 9 and June 1 RAC meetings and registration information will be available on the RAC's web page 30 days in advance of the meeting at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/idaho>.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Idaho RAC Coordinator MJ Byrne, telephone: (208) 373-4006, email: [mbyrne@blm.gov](mailto:mbyrne@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Idaho RAC serves in an advisory capacity to BLM officials concerning issues relating to land use planning and management of public land resources located within the State of Idaho. The Idaho RAC is chartered and the 15 members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Their diverse perspectives are represented in commodity, non-commodity, and local interests. The Idaho RAC's Lava Ridge Wind Project Subcommittee's purpose is to compile information, conduct research, and report their findings to the full RAC for consideration and formation of recommendations. The BLM Shoshone Field Office is currently developing an environmental impact statement to analyze the Lava Ridge Wind Project, a commercial-scale wind energy facility that is proposed to be constructed on