

whom business is conducted. Information may also be manually extracted from other in-house BIA records such as realty and probate records, records obtained from county assessors and title companies, from tribal documents, from information collected from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and information extracted from native allotment files by authorized BIA employees.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F-14908-A, F-14908-B; LLAk944000-L14100000-KC0000-P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Nome, Alaska, and are located in:

Lot 1, Mineral Survey No. 2315, Alaska.
Containing 8.30 acres.

Lot 1, Mineral Survey No. 2316, Alaska.
Containing 20 acres.

Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 8729, Alaska.
Containing approximately 5 acres.

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 11 S., R. 33 W.,

Secs. 11, 12, and 13;

Secs. 18, 19, and 20;

Secs. 23 and 24;

Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive.

Containing approximately 719 acres.

T. 11 S., R. 34 W.,

Secs. 13, 24, and 36.

Containing 6.20 acres.

Aggregating approximately 759 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times on consecutive weeks in the *Nome Nugget*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the

decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until March 6, 2013 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov. Persons who use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

Eileen Bryant,

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Land Title Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F-14900-A; LLAk940000-L14100000-HY0000-P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to The Kuskokwim Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in

the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to The Kuskokwim Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Napaimute, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 16 N., R. 51 W.,

Secs. 6, 7, and 8;

Secs. 17, 18, and 20.

Containing 3,286.81 acres.

T. 17 N., R. 51 W.,

Sec. 34.

Containing 460.99 acres.

T. 16 N., R. 52 W.,

Sec. 1.

Containing 640.00 acres.

T. 17 N., R. 52 W.,

Secs. 1, 12, and 13;

Secs. 24 and 25.

Containing 2,918.74 acres.

T. 17 N., R. 53 W.,

Secs. 5 to 9, inclusive.

Containing 2,128.37 acres.

Aggregating 9,434.91 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times on consecutive weeks in the *Delta Discovery*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until March 6, 2013 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov. Persons who use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service

(FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

Ralph L. Eluska, Sr.,

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Branch of Alaska Lands.

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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 the Proposed Buffalo Valley Mine Project, Lander and Humboldt Counties, 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, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office, Battle Mountain, Nevada, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose impacts associated with the Buffalo Valley Mine Project, a proposed open pit gold mine, mill, and associated facilities, located on public and private lands in Lander and Humboldt counties, Nevada, and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until March 6, 2013. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html. In order to be considered during the preparation of the Draft EIS, all 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 comments related to the proposed Buffalo Valley Mine Project by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html.
- *Email:* BLM_NV_BMDO_BuffaloValleyMineProject@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 775-635-4034.
- *Mail:* BLM, Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Mount Lewis Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Andrea Dolbear, Environmental Protection Specialist, telephone 775-635-4017; address, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820; email asdolbear@blm.gov.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Newmont Mining Corporation, in a joint venture with Fairmile Gold, proposes to construct, operate, reclaim, and close an open pit, heap leach, precious-metal, mining operation known as the Buffalo Valley Mine Project. The proposed project would be located 20 miles southwest of Battle Mountain, Nevada, and 12 miles northwest of Newmont's Phoenix Mine in Lander and Humboldt counties. The legal land description for the proposed project area is:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 31 N., R. 42 E.,

Secs 3, 4, 5, and 6;

T. 32 N., R. 42 E.,

Secs 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34.

The area described contains 5,968 acres, more or less, in Lander and Humboldt counties, Nevada.

The proposed project area would be comprised of approximately 5,968 acres, of which 3,662 acres are public land administered by the BLM. Approximately 2,274 of the 3,662 acres are in Lander County and managed by the BLM Mount Lewis Field Office and approximately 1,388 acres are in Humboldt County and managed by the BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office. The Battle Mountain District, Mount Lewis Field Office will manage all of the public lands on this proposed project. Approximately 2,306

acres within the proposed project area are private land controlled by Newmont.

The Buffalo Valley Mine Project is in conformance with the 1986 Shoshone-Eureka Resource Area Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD states that all public land in the planning areas will be open for mining and prospecting unless withdrawn or restricted from mineral entry. One of the objectives of the RMP is to make available and encourage development of mineral resources to meet the national, regional, and local needs consistent with national objectives, for an adequate supply of minerals. The proposed project also conforms to the BLM Winnemucca District, 1982 Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plan at Section .42 Minerals, Objective M1 to make all public lands and other federally owned minerals available for the exploration and development of mineral and material commodities.

The proposed project is estimated to produce approximately 40 million tons of ore grade material from an estimated 226 million tons of material to be extracted using conventional open pit mining methods of drilling and blasting. The proposed project would consist of the following components: 2 open pits; mine dewatering system; 3 waste rock storage areas; crushing system; heap leach pad; process facility; high-grade ore stockpile; process ponds; borrow pit; storm water pond and diversion ditches; small shop/office and maintenance facility; fuel facility; access and haul roads; top soil (growth media) stockpiles; powerline; water supply well; and exploration.

The Buffalo Valley Mine Road is a county road located in both Lander and Humboldt counties on the east side of Buffalo Valley. It bisects the proposed project area and would be rerouted to the west around the proposed project facilities. The plan of operation is to haul ore for crushing and leaching with a dilute cyanide solution. The life of the mine would be approximately 10 years. Newmont anticipates a workforce of 120 employees during the production phase of the mine.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the EIS in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified during the scoping period. Potential direct, indirect, residual, and cumulative impacts from the proposed action will be analyzed in the EIS.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including potential alternatives, and the extent to