

The proposed ACEC would be open to locatable mineral development and closed to solid leasable mineral development. Fluid leasable mineral development would be allowed with controlled surface use restrictions; the BLM may require that a proposed facility or activity be relocated by more than 200 meters from a proposed location as necessary to achieve the desired level of resource protection. Saleable mineral disposals that provide resource protection, enhancement of the R&I values and/or address human health and safety would be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

The proposed ACEC would be closed to livestock grazing.

The BLM would limit development of recreation facilities to those necessary for resource protection only. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use would be limited to designated routes, and permitted non-speed recreation activities in the ACEC would require a desert tortoise spotter during the tortoise active season. In addition, the BLM would monitor the activities to ensure tortoises are not affected.

For sensitive species, the BLM would allow prescribed fire use to meet resource objectives and habitat enhancement purposes in appropriate areas to support habitat recovery objectives and allow use of approved herbicides following ground-disturbing activities in order to implement invasive species control methods and support habitat recovery objectives. Military maneuvers would not be authorized. Activities that result in loss or degradation of tortoise habitat would require reclamation so that pre-disturbance conditions may be reached within a reasonable time frame; reclamation may include, but is not limited to, salvaging and transplanting cactus and yucca, recontouring of the area, scarifying compacted soil, adding soil amendments, seeding, and transplanting of seedling shrubs. Subsequent seeding or transplanting efforts may be required if monitoring indicates that the original effort was not successful. Alternative B and C would not designate an ACEC; however, the BLM would manage the area as part of an SRMA.

The visual resource class change from Class III to Class IV would only apply to the project site and applies to alternatives B, C and D.

The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA comment process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American tribal consultations

have been conducted in accordance with policy. Tribal concerns have been given due consideration, including impacts on Indian trust assets.

The Draft Supplemental EIS analyzes four alternatives, including the no action alternative (Alternative A) and three action alternatives. Alternative B is Silver State's original proposal (as described in its Plan of Development dated July 2011). This alternative was introduced in initial scoping meetings and does not include perimeter roads. Alternative B would disturb up to 3,855 acres of Federal land. Alternative C would disturb up to 2,515 acres of Federal lands, and includes the project layout for Phases II and III that was previously evaluated in the 2010 Final EIS. Alternative D would disturb up to 3,091 acres of Federal land and is a modified layout of Silver State's original proposal (Alternative B above) to allow access through a historically used recreation route.

The BLM is required to select a preferred alternative for the RMP amendment; this decision is separate from whether a preferred alternative is identified for the proposed project. The BLM preferred alternative for the RMP amendment identified in the Draft Supplemental EIS is to (1) Reduce the acreage of the SRMA by the project footprint (if approved) and (2) To change the VRM class from VRM Class III to IV for the project footprint (if approved). There is no BLM preferred project alternative identified in the Draft Supplemental EIS so that the BLM can make best use of public input to reach an informed decision. Formal scoping for the project occurred from September 1 to October 31, 2011 (74 FR 31306). The BLM received a total of 55 comment submissions during the scoping period, identifying 201 issues. The comments identified concerns in a broad range of categories, including OHV access; recreation; socioeconomic resources; federally listed species and their habitat, including desert tortoise habitat and rare plants; surface water/storm runoff; alternatives for analysis; and cumulative impacts.

Maps of the proposed project area and the alternatives being analyzed in the Draft Supplemental EIS are available at the BLM Southern Nevada District Office and the Southern Nevada BLM energy Web site cited above. Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.),

Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 16.

**Vanessa Hice,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; South Dakota

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, on November 14, 2012.

**DATES:** Protests of the survey must be filed before November 14, 2012 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests of the survey should be sent to the Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, telephone (406) 896-5124 or (406) 896-5009, [Marvin\\_Montoya@blm.gov](mailto:Marvin_Montoya@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:** This survey was executed at the request of

the Regional Director, Great Plains Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and was necessary to determine individual and tribal trust lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

**Fifth Principal Meridian, South Dakota**

T. 127 N., R. 48 W.

The plat, in four sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, a portion of the subdivision of sections 22 and 27, and the adjusted original meanders of Lake Traverse, through section 27, and the subdivision of sections 22 and 27, Township 127 North, Range 48 West, Fifth Principal Meridian, South Dakota, was accepted September 27, 2012.

We will place a copy of the plat, in four sheets, and related field notes we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information. If the BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in four sheets, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest. We will not officially file this plat, in four sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

**Authority:** 43 U.S.C. Chap. 3.

**James D. Clafin,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Montana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, on November 14, 2012.

**DATES:** Protests of the survey must be filed before November 14, 2012 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests of the survey should be sent to the Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed at the request of the Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region, Billings, Montana and was necessary to determine individual and tribal trust lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 27 N., R. 54 E.

The plat, in four sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the north boundary, the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 4, and the adjusted original meanders of the left bank of the Missouri River, downstream, through section 4, and the subdivision of section 4, and the survey of a portion of the meanders of the present left bank, downstream through section 4, Township 27 North, Range 54 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted September 20, 2012.

We will place a copy of the plat, in four sheets, and related field notes we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information. If the BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in four sheets, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest. We will not officially file this plat, in four sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

**Authority:** 43 U.S.C. Chap. 3.

**James D. Clafin,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Montana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, on November 14, 2012.

**DATES:** Protests of the survey must be filed before November 14, 2012 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests of the survey should be sent to the Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed at the request of the Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region, Billings, Montana, and was necessary to determine boundaries of Federal (Bureau of Land Management) and trust lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 25 N., R. 25 E.

The plat, in one sheet, representing the dependent resurvey of the south boundary of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, through Township 25 North, Range 25 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted, September 26, 2012.

We will place a copy of the plat, in one sheet, and related field notes we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information. If the BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in one sheet, prior to the date