

authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain

conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the

disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

#### ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application FEDERAL REGISTER notice	Permit issuance date
053639 .....	USFWS/National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory.	73 FR 49698; August 22, 2008 .....	Nov. 5, 2008.
707102 .....	Priour Brothers Ranch .....	72 FR 70339; December 11, 2007 .....	Jan. 29, 2008.
704025 .....	H & L Sales, Inc .....	72 FR 65351; November 20, 2007 .....	Jan. 29, 2008.
150411 .....	Alaska Department of Fish and Game .....	72 FR 29542; May 29, 2007 .....	Feb. 8, 2008.
165762 .....	University of California-Davis .....	72 FR 62484; November 5, 2007 .....	Feb. 21, 2008.
146704 .....	Memphis Zoological Gardens .....	72 FR 9770; March 5, 2007 .....	July 21, 2008.
172290 .....	National Zoological Park .....	73 FR 5206; January 29, 2008 .....	July 22, 2008.
172374 .....	White Oak Conservation Center .....	73 FR 5206; January 29, 2008 .....	July 22, 2008.
174619 .....	Woodland Park Zoological Gardens .....	73 FR 14266; March 17, 2008 .....	Aug. 22, 2008.
178755 .....	Chattanooga Zoo At Warner Park .....	73 FR 21979; April 23, 2008 .....	Sept. 29, 2008.
52166 .....	Memphis Zoological Gardens .....	73 FR 21979; April 23, 2008 .....	Sept. 29, 2008.
185779 .....	Chattanooga Zoo At Warner Park .....	73 FR 36891; June 30, 2008 .....	Sept. 29, 2008.
179127 .....	Dallas World Aquarium Corp. ....	73 FR 21981; April 23, 2008 .....	Oct. 1, 2008.
180803 .....	Laguna Vista Ranch, Ltd. ....	73 FR 36891; June 30, 2008 .....	Nov. 12, 2008.
188579 .....	Smithsonian Institution .....	73 FR 47207; August 13, 2008 .....	Nov. 12, 2008.
188631 .....	Barbara Dicely .....	73 FR 47207; August 13, 2008 .....	Nov. 12, 2008.
189831 .....	Metro Richmand Zoo .....	73 FR 49699; August 22, 2008 .....	Nov. 12, 2008.

Dated: November 28, 2008.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2008-N0327; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

##### Receipt of Applications for Permit

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by January 20, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive,

Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

*Applicant: Richard W.B. French, Fort Worth, TX, PRT-200421*

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

*Applicant: Paul I. Freiderich, Patterson, CA, PRT-200383*

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa,

for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

*Applicant: Douglass A. Hoofman, Sand Lake, MI, PRT-198158*

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

*Applicant: Steven V. Slaton, Covington, LA, PRT-199022*

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

*Applicant: Lynn R. Hoffman, League City, TX, PRT-199099*

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-040-07-5110-CF05; N-82888; 8-08807;  
TAS: 14X5017]

#### **Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bald Mountain Mine North Operations Area Project in White Pine County, Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 43 CFR 3809, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District, Nevada has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed expansion of the existing Plans of Operation for Barrick Gold U.S. Inc.'s Bald Mountain Mine and Mooney Basin Mine located in White Pine County, Nevada. The two existing mines would be combined into one new expanded operation which would be called the North Operations Area. The Draft EIS analyzes the environmental effects of the Proposed Action, two action alternatives, and the No Action Alternative.

**DATES:** Comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted for 45 days after the date this Notice of Availability (NOA) is published in the **Federal Register**. BLM will host public meetings in Ely, Elko, and Eureka, Nevada, to provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposal and project information. Federal, state, and local agencies, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the BLM's decision on this proposed Plan of Operation are invited to participate in these public meetings. The BLM will notify the public of the meeting dates, times, and locations at least 15 days prior to the meetings. Announcements of the public meeting will be made by news release to the media, individual letter mailings, and posting on the BLM Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely\\_field\\_office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html). Comments received on the Draft EIS will be considered in preparing the Final EIS. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Ely District Office.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [lynn\\_bjorklund@nv.blm.gov](mailto:lynn_bjorklund@nv.blm.gov)
- Fax: 775-189-1910

• Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Ely District, Attention: Lynn Bjorklund, HC33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada, 89301

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information and/or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Lynn Bjorklund, Ely Field Office, at 775 289-1893 or by email to [lynn\\_bjorklund@nv.blm.gov](mailto:lynn_bjorklund@nv.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Barrick Gold U.S. Inc. has submitted a proposal to expand and combine their existing Bald Mountain and Mooney Basin Mines into one project area to be administered under one Plan of Operation called North Operations Area. The mines are located approximately 65 miles northwest of Ely, Nevada. This proposed expansion is entirely on unpatented mining claims on BLM-administered public land.

The Proposed North Operations Area would include 4,160 acres of previously permitted disturbance and 3,920 acres of new disturbance, for a total of 8,080 acres. The project would consist of extending existing open pits, expanding existing rock disposal areas and heap leach facilities, construction of a truck shop, additional exploration, concurrent reclamation and continuing operation of existing facilities.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, which includes your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations, businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety. The minutes and list of attendees for each public meeting will be available to the public and open for 60 days after the meeting to any participants who wish to clarify the views they expressed. All comments will be available to the public for review at the BLM Ely District Office throughout the EIS process.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 3809.

**Michael J. Herder,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-1990-EX]

#### **Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Graymont Western U.S., Inc. Proposed Mine Expansion, Broadwater County, MT**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Graymont Western U.S., Inc. submitted a Plan of Operations on February 22, 2006, to expand their Limestone Hills quarry operation on unpatented mining claims on public lands west of Townsend, Montana. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*), a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared for the Graymont Western U.S., Inc. Proposed Mine Expansion administered by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Butte Field Office and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Operations on public lands are on mining claims located in accordance with the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended (30 U.S.C. 22, *et seq.*). The DEIS addresses alternatives associated with Graymont Western U.S., Inc. Proposed Mine Expansion and recommends a preferred Alternative, allowing the expansion.

**DATES:** The BLM and the DEQ will accept written comments on the Draft EIS for 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft EIS will be available for public review at the following locations: the BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte Montana; the DEQ Office, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana; the Helena Public Library, 120 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana; the