

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft EIS is available for review on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://go.usa.gov/xsVs8>.

Written comments related to the Nevada Gold Mines (NGM) LLC Goldrush Mine Project may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *ePlanning website:* <https://go.usa.gov/xsVs8>.
- *Email:* [BLM\\_NV\\_BMDO\\_P&EC\\_NEPA@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_BMDO_P&EC_NEPA@blm.gov).
- *Mail:* Goldrush Mine EIS c/o BLM Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820.

**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). 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:**

#### **Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action**

The BLM's purpose for the action is to respond to NGM's proposal as described in the proposed Plan of Operations and to analyze the environmental effects associated with the proponent's Proposed Action and alternatives to the Proposed Action. The BLM's need for the action is established by the BLM's responsibilities under FLPMA and the BLM Surface Management Regulations at 43 CFR part 3809 to respond to a proposed Plan of Operations.

#### **Proposed Action and Alternatives**

The *Proposed Action* would include construction, operation, reclamation, and closure of a new underground mining project in the Cortez Mining District of Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada. The proposed mine plan boundary encompasses a total of 19,853 acres, of which 772 acres would be on private land controlled by NGM and 19,081 acres would be on public lands administered by the BLM Battle Mountain District, Mount Lewis Field Office and BLM Elko District, Tuscarora Field Office. Most of this area is within existing exploration and mine plans approved by the BLM and includes facilities and surface disturbance associated with these authorized plans. To create the new Goldrush mine plan

boundary, NGM proposes boundary modifications and/or reclassification of acres within the existing NGM-controlled exploration and mine plan boundaries.

The Proposed Action would create an additional 1,658 acres of surface disturbance on public land administered by the BLM, including approximately 210 acres of exploration disturbance that could occur anywhere within the proposed Goldrush Mine Plan boundary. In addition, approximately 1,024 acres of existing authorized disturbance would be within the Proposed Action footprint, and approximately 12 acres of existing authorized disturbance would be reclassified as part of the Proposed Action.

Under the *No Action Alternative*, the development of the Goldrush Mine would not be authorized and NGM would not construct, operate, or close a new underground mine (*i.e.*, the Goldrush Mine). Modifications or reclassification of acres as proposed under the Proposed Action, and the dual use of facilities between the Cortez Mine and Goldrush Mine operations, would not occur. NGM would continue current authorized mining and exploration activities under the four separate previously approved Plans.

All authorized activities would be expected to continue under the *No Action Alternative*. Total authorized disturbance under the *No Action Alternative* is 22,433 acres and the additional disturbance from the Proposed Action would not occur. Descriptions of the anticipated impacts under the *No Action Alternative* are included per previously authorized NEPA analyses.

#### **Schedule for the Decision-Making Process**

The final EIS is tentatively scheduled for Fall of 2022 with a Record of Decision in early 2023.

#### **Draft EIS Review Process**

On August 10, 2021, a notice of intent to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register**, announcing the beginning of the public scoping process. The BLM held virtual public scoping meetings for the Project on August 25 and 26, 2021. During the scoping period, 16 comment documents were received containing a total of 327 individual comments.

This notice of availability initiates the draft EIS review process. A public meeting to discuss the draft EIS will be held via virtual platform. An announcement regarding when and how to access the virtual meeting online will

be posted on the BLM's project website. The purpose of public review of the draft EIS is to provide an opportunity for meaningful collaborative public engagement and for the public to provide substantive comments, such as identification of factual errors, data gaps, relevant methods, or scientific studies. The BLM will respond to substantive comments by making appropriate revisions to the EIS or explaining why a comment did not warrant a change.

The BLM has and will continue to use and coordinate the draft EIS review process to help fulfill the public involvement requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act (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 action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources. The BLM has and will continue to conduct government-to-government consultation with Indian Tribes in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Agencies will give due consideration to Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and treaty rights and potential impacts to cultural resources.

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)

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

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### **Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Notice of Public Meetings, Arizona**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and subject to

valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw 21,200 acres of public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, and from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and 800 acres of Federal surface estate public lands from appropriation under the public land laws, located in La Paz and Yuma Counties, Arizona, for up to 5 years while a land management evaluation is completed. Publication of this notice temporarily segregates the lands for a period ending on April 4, 2024, initiates a 90-day public comment period and announces that the BLM will hold public meetings on the proposed withdrawal.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by September 28, 2022. In addition, the BLM will host virtual public meetings addressing the requested withdrawal and the associated environmental review process. The dates and instructions for the public meetings are listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** Section.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Arizona State Office, 1 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004; faxed to (602) 417-9452; or sent by email to [BLM\\_AZ-Withdrawal\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_AZ-Withdrawal_Comments@blm.gov). The BLM will not consider comments via telephone calls.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Ouellett, Realty Specialist, BLM Arizona State Office, telephone: (602) 417-9561, email at [mouellett@blm.gov](mailto:mouellett@blm.gov); or you may contact the BLM office at the address noted earlier. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) 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 BLM and the Department of the Army (Army) are engaged in an evaluation of the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) expansion, identified as the Highway 95 Addition, pending processing of the Army's application for withdrawal of public land for defense purposes under the Engle Act of February 28, 1958, (43 U.S.C. 155-158). The BLM's application does not request reservation of the lands for the Army for defense purposes. This notice invites members of the public; state, local, and Tribal governments; and other stakeholders to provide the BLM

with information relevant to address potential impacts to existing multiple-uses and resources from such a withdrawal, including but not limited to impacts to mineral and geothermal resources. The BLM has filed a petition/application requesting the Secretary of the Interior withdraw the following described public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, and from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws for up to 5 years, subject to valid existing rights:

**Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona**

*(Surface and Subsurface)*

- T. 1 N., R. 19 W.,  
Sec. 4, that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95;  
Secs. 5 and 8;  
Sec. 9, that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95;  
Secs. 17 and 20;  
Secs. 21 and 28, those portions lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95;  
Sec. 29;  
Sec. 33, that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95.
- T. 2 N., R. 19 W.,  
Sec. 33, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95.
- T. 1 S., R. 19 W.,  
Secs. 4 thru 9 and Secs. 16 thru 21;  
Sec. 28, that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95;  
Secs. 29 thru 32;  
Sec. 33, that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95.
- T. 2 S., R. 19 W.,  
Sec. 4, that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95;  
Secs. 5 thru 7;  
Sec. 8, that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95, excepting NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 9, that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95;  
Sec. 17, that part lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of U.S. Route 95, excepting S $\frac{1}{2}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 18;  
Sec. 19, lots 1 thru 4, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 30, lot 1.

The areas described aggregate approximately 21,200 acres.

Additionally, the BLM's petition/application is requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw the following described Federal surface estate public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws for up to 5 years, subject to valid existing rights:

**Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona**

*(Surface Only; Subsurface Excepted—Non-Federal Ownership)*

- T. 1 N., R. 19 W.,  
Sec. 32.
  - T. 2 N., R. 19 W.,  
Sec. 32, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .
- The areas described aggregate approximately 800 acres.

This petition/application has been approved for publication by the Deputy Secretary of the Interior and therefore constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The use of a rights-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses that may result in disturbance of the lands embraced within the Highway 95 Addition.

No additional water rights are needed to fulfill the purpose of this new withdrawal.

There are no suitable alternative sites since these lands are identical to the Army's YPG Highway 95 Addition application lands.

The BLM is preparing an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act to evaluate the proposed withdrawal. Information regarding the proposed withdrawal, including environmental and other reviews, will be available at the BLM Arizona State Office and at <https://go.usa.gov/xt/KC>.

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.

Notice is hereby given for public meetings in connection with the proposed withdrawal. In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the United States, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for social distancing and avoidance of large public gatherings, the BLM will not hold in-person public meetings for this action. The BLM will host the public meetings online and by telephone. There will be online public meetings scheduled for September 20, 2022 at 3 p.m. and September 21, 2022, at 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The BLM will publish the instructions on how to access the online meetings in the *Yuma Sun* (Yuma), *Bajo El Sol* (Yuma), and *Desert Messenger* (Quartzsite) newspapers at a minimum of 15 days prior to the

meeting and on the website: <https://go.usa.gov/xtJKC>.

For a period until April 4, 2024, the 21,200 acres of Federal surface and subsurface estate public lands specified above will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, and from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, and the 800 acres of Federal surface estate public lands specified above will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, subject to valid existing rights, unless the application is denied or canceled, or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land-use authorizations of a temporary nature may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregation period.

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714(b)(1) and 43 CFR 2300)

**Raymond Suazo,**  
Arizona State Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the 2022 Burning Man Event (Permitted Event), Pershing County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary closure and restrictions.

**SUMMARY:** Under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office, will implement a temporary closure and temporary restrictions to protect public safety and resources on public lands within and adjacent to the Burning Man event on the Black Rock Desert playa.

**DATES:** The temporary closure and temporary restrictions will be in effect from 12:01 a.m. July 28, 2022, to midnight October 1, 2022 (66 Days).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark E. Hall, Field Manager, BLM Black Rock Field Office, Winnemucca District, 5100 E Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445-2921; telephone: (775) 623-1500; email: [mehall@blm.gov](mailto:mehall@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.

The TTY 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 hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The temporary closure and temporary restrictions affect public lands within and adjacent to the Burning Man event permitted on the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area in Pershing County, Nevada. The temporary closure of public lands will be conducted in two phases to limit impacts on the general public outside of the Burning Man event. Phase 1 will encompass a smaller temporary closure area during the building and tear-down of Black Rock City and Phase 2 will encompass the larger, temporary closure area during the event itself. Phase 2 includes all of the Phase 1 area. This year's Phase 2 temporary closure area is larger than previous closure areas for the Burning Man event.

The legal description of the affected public lands in the temporary public closure area of both stages is Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

Phase 1, being the smaller area of 9,570 acres, will be effective for 26 days, from 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022, until 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022. Phase 1 will resume at 6:00 a.m. Friday, September 23, 2022, through 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

Phase 1:

### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 33 N., R. 24 E., unsurveyed,  
Sec. 1, those portions of the N $\frac{1}{2}$  lying  
northwesterly of the playa access road;  
Sec. 2, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 3;  
Secs. 4 and 5, those portions lying  
southeasterly of Washoe County Road  
34;  
Sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
T. 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  N., R. 24 E., unsurveyed,  
Secs. 25 and 26;

Secs. 27, 33, and 34, those portions lying  
southeasterly of West Playa Highway;  
Secs. 35 and 36.

T. 34 N., R. 24 E., partly unsurveyed,  
Sec. 25;

Secs. 26 and 27, those portions lying  
southeasterly of West Playa Highway;  
Sec. 34, those portions of the E $\frac{1}{2}$  lying  
southeasterly of West Playa Highway;  
Secs. 35 and 36.

T. 34 N., R. 25 E., unsurveyed,  
Sec. 16, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 21;  
Sec. 27, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 28;  
Sec. 33, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 34, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 9,570 acres, more or less, according to the BLM National Public Land Survey System Cadastral National Spatial Data Infrastructure (PLSS CadNSDI) dataset, the protraction diagrams, and the official plats of the surveys of the said lands, on file with the BLM.

Phase 2, being the larger area of 120,270 acres, includes all of Phase 1 and will be effective for 33 days from 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022, until 6:00 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022.

Phase 2:

### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 33 N., R. 23 E.,  
Sec. 25, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 26, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 35, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 36, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  N., R. 24 E., unsurveyed,  
Secs. 1 thru 3;  
Sec. 4, those portions lying southeasterly of  
Washoe County Road 34;  
Sec. 5;  
Sec. 8, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Secs. 9 thru 12;  
Secs. 14 thru 17;  
Sec. 18, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Secs. 19 and 20;  
Sec. 21, excepting M.S. No. 4800;  
Sec. 29, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 30, N $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
T. 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  N., R. 24 E., unsurveyed,  
Secs. 25 thru 27;  
Secs. 28, 29, and 33, those portions lying  
easterly and northeasterly of Washoe  
County Road 34;  
Secs. 34 thru 36.  
T. 34 N., R. 24 E., partly unsurveyed,  
Secs. 1, 12, and 13;  
Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Secs. 24 thru 26;  
Sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 32, those portions of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying  
northeasterly of Washoe County Road 34;  
Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , those  
portions of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying northeasterly  
of Washoe County Road 34, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Secs. 34 thru 36.