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*Field Manager, Bakersfield Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-1990]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement To Analyze the Proposed Mount Hope Project Plan of Operations (NVN-082096) for the Mount Hope Molybdenum Mine

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) subparts 1500-1508, and 43 CFR subpart 3809, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Battle Mountain Field Office will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Mount Hope Project, a proposed open pit molybdenum mine, mill, and associated facilities, located on public and private lands in Eureka County, Nevada.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping period. Written comments on the scope of the EIS should be post-marked or hand delivered to the BLM Battle Mountain Field Office by 4:30 p.m., no later than 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** to ensure full consideration. The public will be notified of scoping meetings through the local news media at least 15 days prior to the first meeting. It is anticipated at least two scoping meetings (in Eureka and Battle Mountain, Nevada) will be held during this scoping period.

**ADDRESSES:** Written scoping comments should be sent to the BLM, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820, ATTN: Angelica Ordaz. Written comments may also be faxed to Angelica Ordaz at (775) 635-4034, or submitted in writing to the BLM at one of the scoping meetings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact

Angelica Ordaz, Planning and Environmental Coordinator at the BLM Battle Mountain Field Office, or by telephone at (775) 635-4000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Idaho General Mines, Inc. (IGMI) has submitted a Plan of Operations (NVN-082096) to the BLM for the proposed mining project. Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations 1502.14(a) and 1502.14(d), in addition to the proposed action, the BLM will explore and objectively evaluate all reasonable alternatives, including the alternative of no action. The reasonable range of alternatives will include an analysis of the feasibility to back fill or partially back fill the mined out pits.

The Mount Hope Project Plan of Operations (Plan) will be presented to the public during scoping meetings, and informational letters on the Plan will be mailed to interested parties. The Plan will be available for public review at BLM's Battle Mountain Field Office. The BLM invites public comment on the scope of the analysis, including issues to consider and alternatives to the proposed action. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. BLM personnel will be present at the scoping meetings to explain the environmental review process, the mining regulations, and other requirements for processing the proposed Plan and the associated EIS. Representatives of IGMI will also be available to describe their proposal.

You may submit comments on issues in writing to the BLM at the public scoping meetings, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. To be most helpful, formal scoping comments should be submitted within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, although comments will be accepted throughout the development of the EIS. Comments received and a list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be made available for public inspection and open for 30 days following each meeting for any participant(s) who wish to clarify their

views. Comments and documents pertinent to this proposal, including names and street addresses of respondents, may be examined at the Battle Mountain Field Office during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays). Comments may be published as part of the EIS.

The proposed project would be located in north-central Nevada approximately 23 miles northwest of the town of Eureka in Townships 20, 21, 22, and 23 North, Ranges 51 and 52 East. The project would involve both public and private lands in Eureka County, Nevada. The project would involve the construction and development of the following primary components: An open pit for development of the Mount Hope ore body with an in-pit groundwater dewatering system; waste rock stockpiles; high grade and low grade ore stockpiles; ancillary facilities (maintenance shop, administrative facilities, and fuel and lubricant storage facilities); primary crusher; conveyor system; crushed ore stock pile area and ore reclaim system; a mill and flotation circuit including reagent storage, offices and a laboratory, warehouse, and laydown yards; north and south tailings storage facilities; a molybdenite concentrate roaster; water supply well(s) and associated rights-of-way for access roads, power lines, and pipelines; relocation of existing Falcon to Gonder 230-kV transmission line segments in the project area; installation of a 120-kV transmission line and substation; construction of a landfill, haul, secondary, access, and exploration roads; and ancillary facilities including growth media stockpiles, diversion ditches, and stormwater runoff controls.

The mine and milling facility would operate for approximately 53 years. During the first 12 years, the milling rate would be 44,100 tons per day and would increase to 55,100 tons per day for years 12 through 53. The roaster would convert molybdenum disulfide (MoS<sub>2</sub>) to technical grade molybdenum oxide (MoO<sub>3</sub>). Up to 100 tons of molybdenite concentrate per day would be processed through the roaster. Concurrent reclamation would be conducted during the 53-year operating period as mining in an area is completed. Site closure and final reclamation would be undertaken at the end of mining and milling.

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

Significant issues to be addressed in the EIS include in-pit dewatering activities, Native American religious concerns, visual resources, and socioeconomic. Additional issues may be identified during the scoping process. Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the BLM's decision on this Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency. The Nevada Department of Wildlife and Eureka County will participate as cooperating agencies for this project.

Dated: January 3, 2007.

**Gene Seidlitz,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

[NV-912-07-1220PA-006F]

**Notice of Public Meeting: Recreation Subcommittee Meeting of the BLM Nevada Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin, Northeastern Great Basin and Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Councils (RACs)**

**AGENCIES:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior and Forest Service, Agriculture.

**ACTION:** BLM Nevada RACs Recreation Subcommittee meeting (hereinafter referred to as "Recreation Subcommittee.")

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (FLREA), the Recreation Subcommittee will hold a meeting to establish guidelines for the newly formed Recreation Subcommittee, to discuss a proposal for establishing a fee at Bob Scott campground managed by the Forest Service and to discuss a proposal to raise fees at BLM campgrounds managed by the BLM Nevada Elko Field Office.

*Date and Time:* The Recreation Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, March 29, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office. All meetings are open to the public. A general public comment period, where the public may submit oral or written comments to the Recreation Subcommittee will begin at

approximately 11 a.m. unless otherwise listed in the final meeting agenda.

A final detailed agenda, with any additions/corrections to agenda topics, location, field trips and meeting times, will be sent to local and regional media sources at least 14 days before each meeting, and hard copies can also be mailed or sent via FAX. Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who wish a hard copy of each agenda, should contact Barbara Keleher no later than 10 days prior to each meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada, *Phone:* (775) 861-6400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Doran Sanchez, Chief, Office of Communications, telephone (775) 861-6586, or Barbara Keleher, Outdoor Recreation Planner, telephone (775) 861-6628, at the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA; Pub. L. 108-447), enacted on December 8, 2004, directs the Secretaries of the Interior or Agriculture, or both, to establish Recreation Resource Advisory Committees to provide advice and recommendations on recreation fees and fee areas in each State or region for Federal recreational lands and waters managed by the Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service. The law allows the agencies to use existing RACs or to establish new Recreation RACs. For the state of Nevada, a recreation subcommittee, of the three existing RACs, has been designated to perform Recreation Resource Advisory Committees responsibilities pertaining to both BLM and Forest Service managed Federal lands and waters per the national interagency agreement between the Forest Service and BLM. This subcommittee will recommend new amenity fees and fee change proposals to the respective RAC(s) for that geographic region.

Dated: February 26, 2007.

**Ron Wenker,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[CO-910-06-7122-PN-C002]

**Notice of Final Amended Supplementary Rules for Public Land Administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Colorado Relating to the Unlawful Use of Alcohol by Underage Persons, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs, Firearms and Drug Paraphernalia Use and Possession on Public Land**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; Final amended supplementary rules for public land within the State of Colorado.

**SUMMARY:** The Colorado State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is amending the supplementary rules published in 2003 (January 14, 2003, 68 FR 1858) for the public lands within the State of Colorado. The supplementary rules relate to the illegal use of alcohol and drugs on the public lands. The amended supplementary rules are necessary to protect natural resources and the health and safety of public land users. These amended supplementary rules will allow BLM personnel to continue enforcement of existing public land regulations pertaining to alcohol and drug use in a manner consistent with current state laws as contained in the Colorado Revised Statutes.

**DATES:** These rules are effective March 2, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dorothy Bensusan, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, telephone (303) 239-3893. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may contact this individual by calling the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- I. Public Comment
- II. Background
- III. Procedural Matters

**I. Public Comment**

These supplementary rules were published as proposed in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2006 (71 FR 59811), and were open for public comment for 60 days, ending December 11, 2006. No comments were received by the due date. Accordingly, these rules are being published as final.

**II. Background**

The BLM, Colorado, published final supplementary rules in 2003 that