

BLM-EASTERN STATES ISSUES DECISION FOR FEDERAL HARDROCK MINERAL PROSPECTING PERMITS ON THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

The Record of Decision (ROD) for the Federal Hardrock Mineral Prospecting Permits Project is now available for review from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eastern States Office in Springfield, Virginia and the Northeastern States Field Office (NSFO) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The BLM cooperated with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (FS), in the preparation of the Federal Hardrock Mineral Prospecting Permits Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which analyzed the impacts of issuing mineral exploration permits located within the Superior National Forest. The BLM adopted the EIS to support this ROD which addresses 29 Federal hardrock mineral prospecting permit applications received from DMC (USA) Corporation (DMC), Twin Metals Minnesota LLC (Twin Metals), Lehmann Exploration Management Inc. (Lehmann Exploration), Encampment Resources LLC (Encampment Resources), and Prime Meridian Resources Inc. (Prime Meridian). The BLM is responsible for the administration of the mineral estate on Federal lands and has the legal authority and responsibility to consider issuing permits to explore for Federally-owned minerals for potential economic recovery. This decision is subject to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) as provided in 43 CFR 4 within 30 days beginning the day following the date of publication of the ROD on the website at: <http://www.blm.gov/es>. The ROD contains instructions for filing an appeal with the IBLA. Copies of the BLM ROD are available for public inspection online at: <http://www.blm.gov/es> or at the following BLM offices: Bureau of Land Management- Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153 and Bureau of Land Management-Northeastern States Field Office, 626 East Wisconsin Ave., Suite 200, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for the Federal Hardrock Mineral Prospecting Permits Project prepared by the U.S. Forest Service are available online at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=18155>. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Mark Storzer, Field Manager, BLM-Northeastern States Field Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at (414) 297-4400.