

distribution line for substation light and power; and installation of telecommunications facilities.

The project site is located approximately 6 miles north of Interstate 10 and the rural community of Desert Center in Riverside County. The project area is within 2 miles of Joshua Tree National Park.

The BLM's purpose and need for the DSSF project is to respond to an application for a ROW grant to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a solar photovoltaic facility on public lands in compliance with FLPMA, BLM ROW regulations, and other applicable Federal laws. The BLM will decide whether to approve, approve with modification, or deny the ROW for the proposed DSSF project. The BLM will also consider amending the CDCA Plan in this analysis. The CDCA Plan (1980, as amended), while recognizing the potential compatibility of solar generation facilities on public lands, requires that all sites associated with power generation or transmission not identified in that plan be considered through the plan amendment process. If the BLM decides to grant a ROW, the BLM would also amend the CDCA Plan as required.

In the Final EIS, the proposed action is to authorize the DSSF project and approve a CDCA Plan amendment in response to the application received from Desert Sunlight Holdings, LLC. The BLM's preferred alternative is the proposed action, which consists of the power generation site (Solar Farm Layout B), Gen-Tie Line GT-A-1 (which parallels Kaiser Road), Substation A, and Access Road 2, aggregating 4,165 acres of permanent ground disturbance. Other alternatives to authorizing the proposed DSSF project include: (1) Authorize the Solar Farm Layout B, Gen-Tie Line GT-B-2, and Red Bluff Substation B, aggregating 4,100 acres of permanent ground disturbance; and (2) authorize a reduced footprint alternative with a reduced output including Solar Farm Layout C (413 MW), Gen-Tie Line GT-A-2, Red Bluff Substation A, and Access Road 1, aggregating 3,292 acres of permanent ground disturbance. Additionally, the Final EIS analyzes two no project alternatives: (1) Deny the project but amend the CDCA Plan to allow other solar energy power generation projects on the project site; and (2) deny the project and amend the CDCA Plan to prohibit solar energy projects on the project site. As required under NEPA, the Final EIS analyzes a no action alternative (no ROW grant and no CDCA Plan amendment).

The Final EIS evaluates the potential impacts of the proposed DSSF and

CDCA Plan Amendment on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, water resources, geological resources and hazards, land use, noise, paleontological resources, public health, socioeconomics, soils, traffic and transportation, visual resources, wilderness characteristics, and other resources.

A Notice of Availability for the DSSF Draft CDCA Plan Amendment/Draft EIS was published by the EPA in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 2010 (75 FR 52736). The formal 90-day comment period ended on November 26, 2010. Comments were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the Proposed CDCA Plan Amendment/Final EIS. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change proposed land use plan decisions.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the DSSF project may be found in the "Dear Reader" letter of the Proposed CDCA Plan Amendment/Final EIS and at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-912-7212, and e-mails to Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov. All protests, including the follow-up letter to e-mails or faxes, must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Before including your phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest 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 and 1506.10; 43 CFR 1610.2 and 1610.5.

Thomas Pogacnik,

Deputy State Director, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Genesis Project, Eureka County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Elko District Office has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Newmont Mining Corporation's proposed Genesis Project and by this notice is announcing its availability.

DATES: The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Printed copies of the Genesis Project Final EIS are available for public inspection at the BLM Elko District Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada during regular business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. The Final EIS is also available on-line at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirk Laird, Project Manager, (775) 753-0200, address: 3900 E. Idaho, Elko, NV 89801, or e-mail: Kirk_Laird@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: Newmont Mining Corporation's Genesis-Bluestar mining operations area is located in northeastern Nevada on the Carlin Trend, a 50-mile-long by 10-mile-wide geologic area that has produced more than 60 million ounces of gold from numerous mines over the last 30 years. The proposed action is to expand the Genesis Pit, develop the new Bluestar Ridge Pit, backfill the Beast and Bluestar pits and partially backfill the Genesis

Pit to prevent development of a pit lake in the Genesis pit, expand the Section 36 and Section 5 waste rock disposal facilities, construct the necessary haul roads and access roads, and process 60 million tons of gold-bearing ore. The proposed project would disturb an additional 43 acres (25 acres of public land and 18 acres of private land) and provide for continued mining activities on approximately 1,092 acres of previously disturbed lands. The Draft EIS analyzed impacts of the proposed action and no action alternatives, and identified measures to mitigate adverse impacts. Major issues addressed in the Draft EIS include: (1) The cumulative impacts of mining and related actions on affected resources, for example water quality and quantity, in the Carlin Trend; (2) the release of mercury associated with processing the 60 million tons of ore; (3) the impacts of 12 additional years of mining as it relates to continued employment and economic activity for the local area; and (4) the impact of a pit lake forming under the no action alternative, but not in the action alternative. The NEPA analysis considered wilderness characteristics and complies with Secretarial Order 3310.

The proposed action includes an adaptive management plan which was analyzed in the Draft EIS and included as an appendix to the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS was released for public review on April 23, 2010, for a 45-day comment period. A public comment meeting was held in Elko, Nevada on May 19, 2010.

The Final EIS has been prepared in an abbreviated format, and includes comments on the Draft EIS and the BLM's responses along with minor modifications and corrections to the Draft EIS.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10.

Kenneth E. Miller,
District Manager, Elko.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-IMR-ROMO-1210-6463;1526-0002-SZP]

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Long Draw Reservoir Special Use Authorization, Rocky Mountain National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: [Notice of Availability] Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact

Statement for the Long Draw Reservoir Special Use Authorization, Rocky Mountain National Park.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Record of Decision for the Long Draw Reservoir Special Use Authorization, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. On September 17, 2010, the Regional Director, Intermountain Region approved the Record of Decision for the project. As soon as practicable, the National Park Service will begin to implement the Preferred Alternative contained in the FEIS issued on March 27, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence Gamble, Chief of Planning and Compliance, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO 80517, telephone 970-586-1320, e-mail larry_gamble@nps.gov; Dyce Gayton, Forest Planner, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building E, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526, telephone 970-295-6761, e-mail dgayton@fs.fed.us; or Tom Ford, Group Leader for Recreation, Planning and Design, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building E, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526, telephone 970-295-6610, e-mail tford01@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, is the lead agency for this project and was responsible for preparation of the EIS because Long Draw Reservoir is located on National Forest System lands. The NPS is a cooperating agency on this project because the operations of Long Draw Reservoir affect lands within Rocky Mountain National Park managed by the NPS, and two alternatives considered in the EIS propose actions within the park. A total of four alternatives were considered: A no-action alternative and three action alternatives.

With the Record of Decision, the National Park Service approves the implementation of Alternative 3 within the park. This decision is being made in conjunction with the Forest Service's decision to apply terms and conditions to the 30-year authorization for Long Draw Reservoir and is necessary for the Forest Service to implement the selected alternative. The National Park Service is approving implementation of native greenback cutthroat trout restoration in the headwaters of the Cache la Poudre River within Rocky Mountain National Park by the Forest Service, Water

Supply and Storage Company of Fort Collins, Colorado, and their project partners, with oversight provided by the National Park Service. In addition to the activities associated with implementation of the terms and conditions for the Long Draw reservoir authorization, the NPS will implement native fish restoration in Cascade Creek.

The Record of Decision includes a description of the background of the project; a statement of the decision made including key actions and mitigating measures/monitoring to minimize environmental harm; the basis for the decision; an overview of public involvement and agency consultation in the decision-making process; a description of other alternatives considered; a description of the environmentally preferred alternative; and a findings on impairment of park resources and values.

Copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from the contact listed above or online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/romo>.

Dated: March 1, 2011.

John Wessels,
Regional Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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National Park Service Alaska Region's Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) Program

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting for the National Park Service Alaska Region's Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) program.

SUMMARY: The Gates of the Arctic National Park SRC will meet to develop and continue work on National Park Service (NPS) subsistence hunting program recommendations and other related subsistence management issues. The NPS SRC program is authorized under Title VIII, Section 808 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Public Law 96-487, to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Public Availability of Comments: This meeting is open to the public and will have time allocated for public testimony. The public is welcome to present written or oral comments to the SRC. This meeting will be recorded and