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## BLM CARSON CITY DISTRICT RMP PLANNING FACT SHEET *Mineral Resources*

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The BLM Carson City District (CCD) is developing the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Carson City District planning area. The Carson City RMP will provide detailed information about the current state of resources on public lands within the planning area, and set forth a plan of action for managing those resources for the next twenty or so years under the BLM's multiple use mandate

### LAND OF VALUABLE RESOURCES

BLM-administered lands are available for the exploration and development of mineral resources because of the BLM's dual mandate of multiple use and sustainable yield. The Mining Law of 1872 provides the legal framework for individuals and companies to acquire mineral rights to a variety of hard rock minerals, including precious metals, base metals, and industrial minerals. Mining claimants are required to get BLM authorization before conducting any significant surface-disturbing activities. Miners are also required to obtain various approvals and permits from other federal, state and local governments. Financial guarantee bonds are also required of miners to ensure reclamation will be completed to all agency standards.



### MAJOR MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE PLANNING AREA

Precious metals (gold and silver) and base metals (copper, iron, and tungsten) are all found in the CCD planning area. Metallic mineral occurrences include both vein hosted and disseminated precious metals deposits and contact metamorphic base metal deposits. Industrial minerals such as diatomite, limestone, clay, and salt are also found in the CCD planning area. Mines operating in the CCD in 2010 produced 350,000 ounces of silver; 20,000 ounces of gold; 26,000 tons of salt and an unreported amount of diatomite, limestone, and clay.

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## OTHER MINERAL RESOURCES

- The CCD planning area also contains significant mineral material resources including construction sand and gravel, aggregate, and decorative rock.
- Mineral material production from public land in the CCD planning area averages about 1,000,000 tons per year.
- These resources can be obtained through the BLM-administered material sales program.



## OTHER MINERAL FACTS

- The CCD planning area contains over 60,000 mining claims.
- There are 41 authorized Notices and 24 authorized Plans of Operations for exploration and mining activities in the CCD planning area.
- Total surface disturbance authorized in the CCD planning area totals approximately 3,300 acres.

### *The BLM wants your input...*

- How should mineral development be managed to minimize resource conflicts?
- Are there public lands that should be withdrawn from mineral entry because of conflicts with other public land uses?
- Should special conditions of approval be placed on mineral development? If so, what are they and where should they be applied?
- What are the potential social and economic effects associated with mineral development? How would planning decisions affect communities in the Carson City District?

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**CCD Planning Webpage:**  
[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson\\_city\\_field.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html)

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