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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office has completed an Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Walker Lane Minerals Corp. Isabella Pearl Project in Mineral County, Nevada, EA # DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2018-0007-EA. The BLM is seeking public comments and input on this DEA and public input under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the project. This includes seeking information and identifying historic properties in or near the project area. The DEA will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period as of March 23, 2018.

This DEA analyzes the proposal by Walker Lane Minerals Corp. (WLMC) and potential impacts from the proposed development of this project. WLMC is proposing to develop an open-pit mine and cyanide heap leach facility. Components of the Proposed Action include:

- open-pit area encompassing three ore bodies
- oxide ore stockpile
- crushing and screening facility
- leach pad divided into two cells
- pregnant pond to be converted to evapotranspiration (ET) cell
- barren/stormwater pond to be converted to ET cell
- three diesel-powered electric generators
- two fuel yards
- adsorption-desorption-recovery plant (ADR Plant)
- office and lab facilities
- two completed production water wells
- two contingent production water wells
- monitoring wells
- raw water storage tank
- equipment maintenance shop
- waste rock dump
- two sanitary leach fields
- haulage and access roads
- growth medium stockpile (heap perimeter berm)
- growth medium (colluvium) borrow site
- decomposed and weathered granitic rock borrow and stockpile
- fencing and gates
- sulfide ore storage area and leachate sump
- contingent exploration roads and drill pads

A copy of the DEA is available in the Carson City District BLM Office and on the project webpage at: https://goo.gl/XrG9Nz during the 30-day comment period. Please send written comments to: Kenneth Depaoli, Project Lead, Stillwater Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Comments may also be submitted electronically via the DEA webpage (under the “Contact Information”
section), via email to blm_nv_cdd_isabelleapearl@blm.gov or via fax at (775) 885-6147 with the subject heading “Isabella Pearl Project EA”.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal information—may be publicly available at any time. While you ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. After the public review period has ended, comments will be analyzed and considered part of the decision-making process. If you have any questions, please contact Kenneth Depaoli at (775) 885-6000 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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