

5.0 List of Preparers and Reviewers

As required by NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1502.17), **Table 5-1** lists the people responsible for preparing, reviewing and disseminating this Draft EIS. The BLM, as lead agency, provided overall guidance to ensure this EIS process is consistent with all applicable regulations and requirements. This guidance included final oversight and approval of the public involvement, alternatives development, and impacts analysis. The BLM has retained AECOM as a third-party consultant to work under BLM direction in the preparation of this EIS (**Table 5-2**). AECOM was selected by the lead agency to avoid any conflict of interest. AECOM has certified that it does not have any financial or other interest in the decisions to be made pursuant to this EIS. Barrick Gold US responsibility was limited to providing information on the details of the Proposed Action and alternatives and to review and ensure the technical and engineering accuracy of the alternative descriptions. Barrick Gold US also provided comments on other sections of the EIS for BLM consideration. The cooperating agencies listed below provided input on the alternatives, the affected environment, and the environmental consequences sections relevant to the resources for which they have management responsibility.

Table 5-1 List of Preparers and Technical Specialists

Specialist	Responsibility/Resource
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Miles Kreidler	Project Manager, Minerals, Geology
Jill Moore	Egan Field Manager
David Jones	Air Quality
Chris McVicars	Invasive, Non Native Species
Scott Standfill	Range, Vegetation, Soils, Wetlands
Tom Olsen	Hydrologist
Leslie Riley	Archaeologist
Ruth Thompson	Wild Horses
Maria Ryan	Range
Marian Lichtler	Wildlife (Wildlife-related Noise), Special Status Species
Emily Simpson	Wilderness/Character
Erin Rajala	Visual/Recreation
Stephanie Trujillo	Lands and Realty
Randy Johnson	Wastes, Hazardous and Solid
Elvis Wall	Tribal Coordination
Mindy Seal	NEPA, Environmental Justice and Social Economics, Assistant Field Manager
Chris Mayer	Range, Assistant Field Manager
Cody Coombs	Fuels, Forest Resources
Chris Hanefeld	Public Affairs

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Barrick Gold US (Proponent)	
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Steve Schoen	Permitting Manager
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Nevada Department of Wildlife (Cooperating Agency)	
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Caleb McAdoo	Game Biologist
Cody Schroeder	Big Game Biologist
White Pine County, NV (Cooperating Agency)	
Richard Howe	Commissioner
Eureka County, NV (Cooperating Agency)	
Jake Tibbitts	Natural Resources Manager
Dale Bugenig	Hydrogeologist
Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program (Cooperating Agency)	
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Table 5-2 AECOM (Third-party Contractor)

AECOM Team Member	Responsibility/Resource	Degree/Certification	Experience (years)
Matt Petersen	Project Manager, Senior NEPA Review, Cumulative Impacts	M.S. Aquatic Ecology B.S. Fisheries	20
Scott Duncan	Assistant Project Manager; Senior NEPA Review	M.S. and BA, Biology	29
Janet Guinn	Project Coordinator, Cultural Resources, Chapter 6, Cumulative Impacts	B.S. Psychology/Anthropology	12
Andrew Newman	ID Team Lead Wildlife/fisheries Resources and Special Status Wildlife, Vegetation, Wetlands and Riparian Zones, Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species, and Special Status Plants	M.S. Natural Resource Management B.S. Conservation Biology	12
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Patrick Plumley	Geology & Minerals, Groundwater and Surface Water	M.S. Geology B.S. Geology	25
Bob Berry	Hydrogeology, Geochemistry	PhD, Geology / Geochemistry Prof Degree, Hydrogeology B.S. Geology	36
Bill Berg	Paleontological, Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste	M.S. Geology B.S. Geology	33
Terra Mascarenas	Soils, Watershed, Reclamation	B.S. Soil and Crop Science, Concentration in Environmental Science Certificate of Technology	16
Chris Dunne	Range, Wildlife Horses	B.S. Natural Resources Management	7
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Scott Mackinnon	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	B.S. Physical Geography	11
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