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Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this letter because you have expressed interest in one or both of the following proposals or you have expressed interest in past Federal actions pertaining to public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District.

The BLM Ely District, Egan Field Office is soliciting written comments regarding the Pan Mine Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), prepared by the BLM, Egan Field Office. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, this DEIS analyzes the Plan of Operations submitted by Midway Gold U.S., Inc. for the Pan Mine Project, and three alternatives.

The proposed project would be located in the Pancake Mountain Range, in White Pine County, Nevada, approximately 50 miles west of Ely and 22 miles southeast of Eureka. The proposed project is an open-pit gold mine with two larger pits and four smaller pits, as well as crushing facilities and stockpiles; two waste rock disposal areas; a heap leach pad and associated conveyors; processing facilities and ponds; water supply wells; haul roads and access roads; ancillary facilities; and 69 kV transmission line. Construction and operation of the mine would result in approximately 3,204 acres of disturbance that includes the previously authorized exploration disturbance of 100 acres. Upon completion of mining, the operation would be reclaimed.

The DEIS will be available for a minimum 45 day public comment period. Written comments should be addressed to the BLM Ely District Office, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301, Attn: Miles Kreidler. Comments should be postmarked or otherwise delivered to the Ely District Office by Monday, May 6, 2012, to ensure full consideration. Comments may also be faxed to Kreidler at (775) 289-1910 or submitted electronically to BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov. Please make your comments as specific as possible.

The BLM has scheduled two public meetings for the Pan Project DEIS, which will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 9, 2013, in Ely at the Bristlecone Convention Center (150 Sixth Street) and on April 10, 2013, in Eureka at the Eureka Opera House (31 S. Main St.).

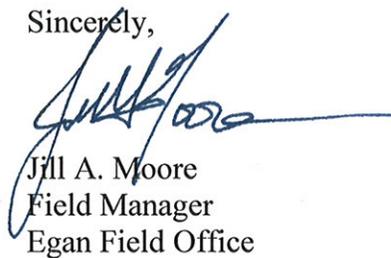
Additional information is available online at <http://www.blm.gov/nv/>. Click on the Ely District map and then click on the Pan Mine Project under "In the Spotlight." The DEIS is also available on the NEPA register at https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. Project materials may

also be viewed at the BLM Ely District Office, 702 N. Industrial Way, Ely, NV, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – would be part of the public record for the project, and may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we would be able to do so.

If you would like any additional information, please contact Miles Kreidler, Project Manager, at (775) 289-1893 or mkreidler@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill A. Moore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jill A. Moore
Field Manager
Egan Field Office