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To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: MIDWAY EIS COMMENT ON PAN PROJECT
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From: **Ray Farnsworth** <ray.farnsworth@worthenequipment.com>
Date: Sat, May 4, 2013 at 11:49 AM
Subject: MIDWAY EIS COMMENT ON PAN PROJECT
To: "GOLD/BLM, MIDWAY" <blm_nv_eydo_midway_pan_eis@blm.gov>
Cc: "FARNSWORTH, WES" <wesfarnsworth@att.net>

I AM A 3RD GENERATION NEVADAN. MOST OF US BORN IN ELY. MY SONS ARE THE 4TH GENERATION NEVADANS AND VERY PROUD OF OUR STATE. MY GRANDFATHER, DAD, AND MYSELF HAVE ALL RAISED OUR FAMILIES WORKING IN OR WORKING AS A VENDOR/SUPPLIER TO THE MINING INDUSTRIES. MY SON IS ALSO WORKING WITH A VENDOR/SUPPLIER COMPANY SO THE MINES ARE OUR LIVES. THROUGH THE YEARS THE MINING INDUSTRY HAS MADE GREAT IMPROVMENTS IN RECLAMATION, COMMUNITY, HABITAT AND JOB REVENUES. I KNOW ALOT OF THAT HAS COME FROM YOUR BLM STUDIES. ALL MINES CURRENTLY SPEND ALOT OF MONEY AND TIME DEVOTED TO THOSE ISSUES AND MIDWAY HAS PUT FORTH GREAT EFFORTS AND MONEY MAKING THE PAN MINE A REALITY. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE APPROVAL OF THE PAN MINE FOR CONTINUED JOB GROWTH AND REVENUE FOR OUR GREAT STATE OF NEVADA.

THANK YOU

RAY FARNSWORTH
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WORTHEN EQUIPMENT INC
SPARKS NV
775-353-2828

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
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From: **Roger Newell** <rogernewell@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, May 4, 2013 at 8:35 AM
Subject: Positive Comments Regarding Pan Project White Pine County Nevada
To: [BLM NV EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)

Dear Miles Kreidler:

First of all, thanks to you and to the BLM for working on permitting issues regarding the Pan Gold Mining Project. The time and effort you have devoted to this project is much appreciated, and I am sure the project will benefit from your work.

The project will provide solid and long lasting benefits to White Pine County in the form of between 150 to 200 badly needed quality jobs. In addition to this immediate benefit, a longer term benefit will derive from opportunities that will be available for on the job training to advance skills and abilities of men and women in the community that are interested in personal development. These people will have an opportunity to learn important skills that will allow them to add value back into the community and to their families.

Environmentally, the Pan Project is in a Sage Grouse area, and Midway is itself working hard and supports focused research regarding Sage Grouse issues. Where the Sage Grouse and the Pan Project overlap, Midway will act to minimize and mitigate impacts on the Sage Grouse population.

The Pan Project has a solid economic basis, will be a positive addition to White Pine County, and I support approving the project for full development.

Again, thank you for your time and efforts devoted to permitting the Pan Project.
Roger Newell

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
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From: **John Welsh** <jwelsh@telestonevada.com>
Date: Fri, May 3, 2013 at 3:06 PM
Subject: Pan Project Comment
To: BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

Gentlemen,

I have reviewed the proposed Pan Project EIS and I am writing to support the development of the mine as proposed with the Alternative Waste Rock location and the proposed power line location (not the alternative that is several miles longer). My small business provides engineering services to the mining industry and my 15 employees live and work throughout Nevada. As we travel to the various mine sites, we buy fuel, food, and supplies from local vendors and routinely rent motel rooms and small equipment in mining communities. Our economic impact does not get counted in the statistics, but it is due to the mining of minerals. If we continue to develop new mines, mining can remain a sustainable endeavor in Nevada. We need to preserve the jobs we have and create new jobs whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted in Favor of the Pan Project,

John D. Welsh

John D. Welsh, P.E.

President

Welsh Hagen Associates, Inc

Reno, Nevada 89511

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May 3, 2013

BLM Ely District Office
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Attn: Miles Kreidler

Submitted via Email: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

RE: Midway Gold's Pan Project EIS

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

The Utah Mining Association (UMA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Midway Gold's Pan Project in White Pine County, Nevada. UMA supports Midway Gold and the good-paying, environmentally sound mining jobs the Pan Project will create.

UMA is a 97 year old, 142 member, non-profit, non-partisan trade association representing the interests of the mining industry in Utah. UMA members are actively involved in exploration and mining operations on public and private lands throughout the state. Our diverse membership includes every facet of the mining industry, including geology, exploration, mining, engineering, equipment manufacturing, legal and technical services, and sales of equipment and supplies.

Midway Gold is a UMA member, and the Pan Project will provide tremendous economic benefits to regional businesses, including those in Utah, that will service and supply the mine.

It is readily apparent by studying the DEIS that Midway Gold and the BLM have developed a solid plan that will employ 160 people during the construction phase and provide 150 good-paying jobs during the mine operation, all while protecting the surrounding environment, including water and wildlife.

We support Midway's proposed action, along with the BLM's suggested modifications to the waste rock design. The waste rock design modifications will decrease land disturbance by 79 acres, thereby affecting less sage-grouse habitat.

However, we do not favor the South West Power Line Alternative that proposes an unnecessarily long, more circuitous power line. Midway's proposed line will be 8.5 miles long, while the proposed Alternative would be 32 miles long, unduly increasing disturbance and costs. Any benefits to the sage-grouse realized by the longer alternative would be more than offset by the negative impacts to other birds, vegetation and water resources.

We urge you to adopt Midway Gold's proposed action, with the suggested modifications to the waste rock design. The measurable socioeconomic benefits of the Pan Project, along with the low environmental impacts, make this a win-win for the region.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Compton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and "C".

Mark D. Compton
President

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](mailto:Colleen.Lavery)
Subject: Fwd: Pan Mine
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From: **Don Whipple** <evcdon@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 3, 2013 at 1:47 PM
Subject: Pan Mine
To: [BLM NV EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)

We at Eagle View Contractors strongly support the Pan Mine project. Eagle View Contractors is a Nevada contractor and corporation that has suffered significantly in the economic downturn of the past few years. In 2012, Eagle View did less than half of the gross revenues that it had done just a few years ago. Should Eagle View be successful in contracting with Midway, the Pan Mine provides an opportunity for us to rehire many, if not all, of our laid-off employees that had been loyal to our company for years.

We appreciate the Governments interest in our opinions.

Don Whipple

Vice President

Eagle View Contractors

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May 8, 2013

Mr. Miles Kreidler
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Email: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

Mr. Kreidler:

Although I work for Granite Construction in the role of Mining Business Development Manager, I am writing as a citizen in support of the Midway Gold Pan Project, located east of Eureka, Nevada. I have these general comments:

The Pan Mine is good for jobs creation, and has a stated objective of hiring locally and from Nevada-based entities. The tax proceeds from the mine construction and production phases will be good for the local and state economies, helping with employment diversification as well as revenue generation.

Upon reviewing the mine plans and Alternatives in the DEIS, along with the understanding that there is no surface water and groundwater is at depths well below the designed open pit depths, I believe mine environmental considerations will be minimal and mitigation plans coupled with the robust reclamation plans will secure this site with strong environmental management and stewardship measures.

In consideration of the Proposed Action and the two Alternatives outlined in the DEIS, I have these comments:

- I support the Waste Rock Disposal Site Design Alternative
 - Decreased land disturbance; least effect on sage grouse and other wildlife considerations; and decreased visual impacts
- I oppose the South West Power Line Alternative—32 miles vs about 8 miles in proposed action. Undue focus on single species (sage grouse) negates focus on the broader diverse environmental impacts. Other concerns include:
 - Safety concerns for mine employees and contractors; increased negative visual impacts; reduced grazing; greater risks to diverse wildlife

I have been in the exploration and mine development industries for over 33 years; I lived in Ely from 1982-1984, and would have stayed except there were no mining-related jobs. I am excited about the development of this mine project in eastern Nevada, contributing to economic diversification in the region, while also providing respected environmental controls and mitigation measures.

Kind regards,

Ann Carpenter
5445 Goldenrod Drive
Reno, Nevada 89511

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
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From: **Graeme Major** <majorgraeme@gmail.com>
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Subject: Pan DEIS Comments
To: [BLM NV EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)

I have been a resident of Nevada for more than 15 years and live here by choice because of the lifestyle and opportunities. I value the opportunities for outdoor recreation, and also recognize the importance of the business and employment opportunities that sustain Nevada's rural communities.

I am familiar with the Eureka area including the Pan site. I have read the Executive Summary of the DEIS and consider that this project represents a good opportunity to provide support to rural Nevada with minimal potential impact to outdoor opportunities and groundwater resources. Projects of this nature are essential for sustaining rural communities, and the historic mining and outdoor culture of the state.

Based on my knowledge of the area and the information presented in the ES of the DEIS I strongly support the development of this project. Design options that minimize the area of disturbance should be preferred.

Graeme Major
Reno, Nevada

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
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From: **Collins, John** <John.Collins@gcinc.com>
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Subject: Midway Gold - Pan Mine Project - Public Comment
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<[BLM_NV_FYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)>

ATTN: Miles Kreidler

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

My name is John Collins and I am a resident of Douglas County, Nevada. While I may live several hundred miles away from the proposed Pan Mine, I want to offer my support for this project. Mining is an important industry in our state, and is one of the only industries that supports rural communities. The mines are invested in their communities and support programs like schools, athletics, arts, and public parks and open space. Mining is also an important tax base in our state, and not only supports the community around the mines, but the state as a whole. I work for Granite Construction Company, and to me and my coworkers, and my family, this project means an opportunity for work, not only for the mine, but for roads and infrastructure to support the mine, increased tax revenue for roads for the state and county, and development and housing for Ely and Eureka. I am also a hunter and enjoy outdoor activities with my family. Mining does scar the earth during production, so I would encourage you to choose options that limit the footprint of disturbance and minimize the length of power lines and other infrastructure that remain visible throughout production mining and beyond.

Projects and industries like mining support so much more than themselves, and while we need to manage them and not let them operate unregulated, we need to not only allow them, but encourage them to explore and develop new resources. I hope you will allow and encourage Midway Gold in such endeavors.

Thank you for your time and consideration of Midway Gold and the Pan Mine Project.

Sincerely,

John Collins

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Minden, NV 89423

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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
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From: **Nolan Smith** <nsmith@montanaresources.com>
Date: Fri, May 3, 2013 at 6:58 AM
Subject: Midway Gold permit
To: "[BLM_NV_FYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)"
<[BLM_NV_FYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)>

Mr. Kreidler,

I am familiar with Midway's Pan project and know many of the principles involved. I have the utmost confidence in the project's success and those involved.

I urge you to grant Midway their permit in a timely manner with the waste rock alternative design.

Sincerely,

Nolan Smith

Geological Engineer

Butte, MT

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Gold Pan Mine DEIS
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From: **Dale Derbidge** <dlderbidge@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 2, 2013 at 9:20 PM
Subject: Midway Gold Pan Mine DEIS
To: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

Name: Linda Derbidge
County: White Pine
P.O. Box 151854
Ely, NV. 89315
dlderbidge@gmail.com

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the Midway Gold Pan Mine project. I have been a resident of Ely for over thirty-eight years. My husband and I bought a business here in 1975 and have been business owners ever since. I have seen the economy of the area at it's very worst and also at some of the best times. I feel that permitting Midway Gold to operate the Pan Mine would not only make a very positive impact on the economy in Ely and surrounding areas but would give our young people an opportunity to stay in the community and make a living.

I have seen the Midway Gold proposal and what they have already done to minimize the impact the mining operation would have on the environment. I appreciate everything this area has to offer and the job the BLM is doing to maintain the integrity of our environmental landscape.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Derbidge

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Gold
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From: **Bob Warriner** <bob.warriner@cyanco.com>
Date: Thu, May 2, 2013 at 9:08 PM
Subject: Midway Gold
To: "blm_nv_eydo_midway_pan_eis@blm.gov"
<blm_nv_eydo_midway_pan_eis@blm.gov>

Thank goodness for companies like Midway who are willing to risk millions to develop new projects that result in more jobs and economic stability. My company is a supplier to the mining industry and employs more than 40 people in Nevada. Without mining, we would employ 0. I strongly endorse the Pan Project.

Bob Warriner
Sent from my iPad



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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84127

May 2, 2013

BLM Ely District Office
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, NV 89301
Attn: Miles Kreidler

Dear Mr. Kreidler

I am writing to comment on Midway Gold's request for permission to open a gold mine on their Pan Project.

Cate Equipment Company is a distributor for mining equipment with locations in Salt Lake City, Pocatello, Idaho, Gillette Wyoming and Elko Nevada.

The Midway Gold Pan Project will result in an initial benefit to Cate Equipment of \$2,000,000.00 in sales with additional \$6,000,000.00 in business over the next several years. It may also result in us adding additional personnel in the Ely area.

One concern we have is the proposed alternative power line and access road. We feel the original proposal for the power line and access road is far more appropriate than the alternate proposal. The alternate proposal will add a least (1) one additional hour of travel each way for our service technicians driving large DOT compliant trucks. The alternate route is considerably more dangerous with more hills and blind curves especially causing more concern in the dark and in winter. We ask that you give strong consideration to the original power line and access road proposal.

We hope you approve Midway Gold's application for permit to open the Pan Project.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Respectfully
Bill McNeil

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill McNeil".

Manager – Mining Sales
Cate Equipment Company



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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
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From: Frank Yu <frankyu@cox.net>
Date: Wed, May 1, 2013 at 5:37 PM
Subject: Midway Gold Pan DEIS Comments
To: [BLM NV EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)
Cc: Frank Yu <frankyu@cox.net>

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

I am writing to you regarding Midway Gold's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for its Pan project. As a director and a substantial shareholder of Midway, I would like to provide my comments in the following two areas,

1. Economic Impacts

Midway Gold currently has multiple gold mining projects in Nevada and the company is committed to bring these projects to production. The Pan project is the first in line and is expected to have a significant economic impact to the State of Nevada and the local communities. The project is projected to generate approximately

- a. \$100 Million capital investment
- b. 150 jobs (\$11.5 Million payroll per year)
- c. \$20 Million purchases per year in Nevada
- d. \$28.9 Million Net Proceeds Tax (at \$1550/oz gold) or \$18.1 Million (at \$1200/oz gold)
- e. \$9.8 Million per year property taxes over the first 8 years

2. Environmental Issues

Midway Gold is committed to address and minimize any environmental impact that may arise due to the operation of its Pan project. One example will be the sage grouse issue which is currently affecting business opportunities across the state. We support the effort to have an independent and well-founded research to determine the real and measurable issues and impacts

regarding sage grouse. Prior to that, we are committed to do what is right and will assess any impact observed during operations and mitigate appropriately.

In today's economic environment, I believe the social and economic benefits recognized from the project far outweigh any potential environmental impact. I strongly urge you to advance the EIS process for Midway Gold's Pan project in an expeditious manner. Thank you!

Regards,

Frank S. Yu

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: We approve Midway in opening up here in White Pine County
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From: **Charlotte Hammock** <gchammock04@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 1, 2013 at 5:14 PM
Subject: We approve Midway in opening up here in White Pine County
To: BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

We, Glenn & Charlotte Hammock approve the opening of Midway Gold Pan project here in White Pine County. We feel it would be very positive for our communities economic growth. The company has already made a positive impact on our community. Ever since the Robinson Mine lay offs, White Pine Counties economy has taken a big hit and the community has been really hurt. Many people have left the area vowing not to return and there are so many who have stayed that are still unemployed.

Us that live here take very good care of our lands and wildlife and don't see where Midway would change that. We live here because we love the area and wildlife and like all of you, watch out for people that try to destroy what we have. We see that if Midway opened up, it would only have a very positive impact on everything and everyone here in White Pine County.

Midway could only make things better so that die hard White Pine County people won't have to leave.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Glenn Hammock & Charlotte T. Hammock

Borell Consulting Services LLC
6420 Rockridge Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516

May 1, 2013

Mr. Miles Kreidler
BLM Ely District
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, NV 89301

[BLM NV EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)

RE: Midway Gold Pan Project EIS

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

The Midway Gold Pan project provides a great economic opportunity for the immediate future for this area of Nevada. This is unique for the Nation right now when quality, skilled jobs are so badly needed.

I support the Waste Rock Disposal Site Design Alternative and the Southwest Power Line Alternative. Both of these alternatives are better from the standpoint of both potential environmental impacts and at the same time they are less costly for the mine. Other waste rock and power line alternatives would have greater land disturbance and greater potential impacts on sage grouse habitat.

I urge that the Record of Decision be published at the earliest possible date that will provide a legally defensible decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. C. Borell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "S" being particularly large and stylized.

Steven C. Borell, P.E.
Principle

MINE DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS, INC.
8151 San Juan Range Rd.
Littleton, Colorado, US 80127

Mr. Miles Kreidler
BLM Ely District Office
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, NV 89301

Subject: Support of Midway Gold's Pan Project EIS

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

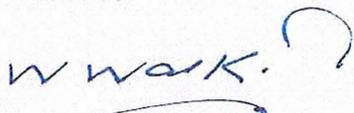
I wish to offer my support of the Pan Project for the following reasons:-

- 160 jobs during the one-year construction phase.
- 150 family wage jobs during operations.
- A majority of the workforce will be hired from the local region.
- The overall annual labor payroll for this project will be more than \$11 million.
- Property taxes are expected to bring in \$1.2 million per year.
- Nevada purchases are expected to total \$20 million per year.
- This project's overall capital investment is \$100 million.
- The net proceeds tax is expected to bring in \$28 million with a gold price of \$1550/oz.

The BLM's Waste Rock Disposal Site Design Alternative should also be implemented as it minimizes the amount of land necessary for the operation of the Pan Project.

Thank you for considering my support of this valuable economic addition to the economy of Ely and White Pine County.

Yours truly,



William W Walker
President

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
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From: **Catherine Clark** <cclark@westernlithium.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 4:46 PM
Subject: Pan Mine Project DEIS - Request for Additional Information
To: "mkreidler@blm.gov" <mkreidler@blm.gov>

Hi Miles –

I understand that you are the person in charge for the Pan Mine Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I was reviewing the DEIS document on-line and noticed that Appendix 4A Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy is not posted or available for download on the web site.

Appendix 4A is incorrectly labeled as the Mitigation Plan.

Would it be possible for the BLM to both a) post the appendix 4A Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy document on the web site, and b) send me a copy for my review.

My contact information is below.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you.

Catherine Clark
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From: **Kreidler, Miles** <mkreidler@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, May 1, 2013 at 9:07 AM
To: Catherine Clark <cclark@westernlithium.com>
Cc: Pan EIS Records Email <BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov>

Hello Catherine,
The master table of contents is incorrect. The Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy (BBCS) has not yet been completed. It will be included in the FEIS. The FWS will begin their review of the draft BBCS in a few weeks.
Let me know if you have any other questions.
Thank you,

Miles Kreidler, Minerals Specialist
BLM Egan Field Office
Direct Line: (775) 289-1893

On Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 4:46 PM, Catherine Clark <cclark@westernlithium.com> wrote:

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My contact information is below.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you.

Catherine Clark
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From: **Kreidler, Miles** <mkreidler@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, May 1, 2013 at 10:18 AM
To: Pan EIS Records Email <BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov>

Miles Kreidler, Minerals Specialist
BLM Egan Field Office
Direct Line: (775) 289-1893

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From: **Catherine Clark** <cclark@westernlithium.com>
Date: Wed, May 1, 2013 at 10:12 AM
Subject: RE: Pan Mine Project DEIS - Request for Additional Information
To: "Kreidler, Miles" <mkreidler@blm.gov>

Miles – thanks.

Could you add my name to the public mailing list. I would like to receive a hard copy of the FEIS when it becomes available.

Thanks.

Catherine

From: Kreidler, Miles [mailto:mkreidler@blm.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 9:07 AM
To: Catherine Clark
Cc: Pan EIS Records Email
Subject: Re: Pan Mine Project DEIS - Request for Additional Information



Ames Construction, Inc.

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May 1, 2013

Bureau of Land Management
Ely District Office
HC 33 Box 33500, 702 N. Industrial Way
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Attention: Miles Kreidler

Reference: Midway Gold Pan Mine EIS
NEPA Register: DOI-BLM-NV-L010-2012-0024-EIS

Subject: DEIS Comments

Mr. Kreidler,

Ames Construction, Inc. is a heavy civil, mining and industrial general contractor that has maintained a local office in Carlin, Nevada since 1989. We are a major supplier of construction services to the US mining industry. Additionally, Ames has had its Western Regional headquarters in nearby West Valley City, Utah since 1985.

We are very familiar with the Pan Mine project, and have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We are very confident in Midway Gold's experienced management team and their commitment to environmental stewardship.

The design and construction of this project will provide about 150 well-paying construction jobs for 18 months, and similar number of long-term well-paying jobs for at least the next 13 years. These jobs represent a tremendous benefit to White Pine County, nearby Eureka County, the State of Nevada, and economic benefits throughout the US as design firms are engaged and mining equipment and plant construction materials and are purchased.

The Pan Mine project is going to employ long-established and proven mining and processing methods that minimize operational risk.

We have reviewed the Environmental Protection Measures for the Proposed Action and believe them to be comprehensive, reasonable, and customary. We would expect negligible environmental impacts if the project is managed, monitored and inspected to ensure compliance with their operating permits and proposed actions.

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With respect to the Southwest Power line alternative, we urge the common sense approach, the shortest route (8½ miles vs 32 miles), which should result in the least environmental impact and would be the most practical and cost effective. The shorter route has the additional advantage of avoiding negative impacts to other birds, vegetation and water resources.

With respect to the Waste Rock Disposal Site Alternative Design, it makes the most sense to limit the footprint of the disposal site by some 79 acres which would reduce impacts to potential sage grouse habitat. We support the alternative design.

The Midway Gold Pan Mine Project has our unqualified support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Parker" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Parker
Industrial Division Manager



April 30, 2013

BLM Ely District Office

Attn: Miles Kreidler

HC Box 33500

Ely, NV 89301

RE: Comment on Midway Gold's Pan Project EIS

Mr Kreidler

I was fortunate to be exposed to the Pan Project in May 2009 and also got to know the people involved. It is evident that Midway Gold has taken this project much further and employed the necessary people to support the planning and permitting process, who have had a positive impact on the economy of the area. The Pan Project will clearly require more employees and these employees and associated project expenditure will have a positive impact on the economy of Ely and White Pine County.

I have been following efforts to address the reported decline in the number of sage grouse for several years. In my opinion, a scientifically conclusive method to address this reported decline has not yet been identified, particularly whilst hunting of the sage grouse is continuing. Midway Gold's commitment to assess any impacts to the Pan Project area sage grouse population during operations is commendable. Their further commitment to mitigate any adverse impacts upon the sage grouse should be supported. These proposed actions by Midway Gold should suffice until a scientifically based plan for addressing the reported sage grouse decline is developed.

The waste rock site design alternative included in the DEIS should be implemented. It clearly makes sense to disturb the minimum amount of land necessary for the economical operation of the Pan Project.

Midway Gold has committed to caring for all species at the Pan Project site. Requirements for mitigating impacts should be reasonable and proportional to the land area disturbed by the project.

Thank you for considering my comments.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Norman Schwab', is written over a horizontal line.

Norman Schwab

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Plan of Operation
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:02:10 AM

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From: **Warren Thompson** <WThompson@premiergoldmines.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 10:17 PM
Subject: Midway Plan of Operation
To: "[BLM_NV_FYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)"
<[BLM_NV_FYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)>

To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of Midway Gold and their efforts to advance a very important exploration project in our state of Nevada. Please understand my company Premier Gold Mines USA (Au Reka Gold) is just finishing a POOX at Cove Project in Lander County. The benefits are many and the negatives are few.

Midway and the BLM have done a good job of developing a plan that will employ 150 people at good-paying jobs, all while protecting the surrounding environment, including water and wildlife. The BLM is considering two alternatives; we support Midway's proposed action along with the BLM's suggested modifications to the waste rock design, but we do not favor the alternative proposing an unnecessarily long power line.

Please consider the value of this project in our negative economy. Please consider this project will give back more to the regional and local economy/government if it moves forward.

Nevada Exploration Manager

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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Gold - Pan Mine Project
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:01:54 AM

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From: **Cory HAYES** <Cory.Hayes@nexansamericable.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 2:47 PM
Subject: Midway Gold - Pan Mine Project
To: "[BLM_NV_FYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)"
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Mr. Miles Kreidler,

Please move forward with the DEIS in favor of the Midway Gold - Pan Mine Project. The Pan Mine is good for the economy and that is an important factor in America right now – every job counts!

Of the two alternatives proposed - the Waste Rock Disposal Site Design Alternative seems to make sense.

The proposed the Southwest Power Line Alternative however is contrary to Midway's proposed line that will be 8.5 miles long, while the proposed Alternative would be 32 miles long, unduly increasing disturbance and costs.

Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion on this matter please take into consideration in your decision.

Kindest best regards,

Cory Hayes

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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: midway mine EIS comments
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:01:31 AM

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From: **Jamie Sturgess** <jsturgess@rosemontcopper.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 2:16 PM
Subject: midway mine EIS comments
To: "[BLM_NV_FYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)"
<[BLM_NV_FYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)>

April 30, 2013

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Midway District
Bureau of Land Management

Dear District Manager:

Please accept these comments from an experienced NEPA professional, degreed ecologist, and minerals industry veteran on both public private, and state lands.

My experience with NEPA has included power lines, open pit precious and base metals. And BLM, National Forest, and Endangered Species issues as well as water quality concerns.

Through all of these proceedings, which as included over a dozen Environmental Assessments for mines, as well as a half dozen EIS's, three things come out as almost universal:

Shorter distances means lower impacts. Direct access routes impact less than indirect access routes. And common-sense selections of alternatives are almost always superior and more supportable than contrived inelegant fixes to perceived problems.

To the point for the Midway Mine Plan: avoiding or skirting a sage grouse area with a 32 mile long power line instead of an 8 mile long power line is not conservation. It is reality evasion. It is tripling or worse of costs, for a reason that is not likely required to meet ESA section 7 consultation needs to avoid either jeopardy or adverse modification to critical habitat. In a very real way it is not a reasonable or prudent alternative. Not to suggest it is not without basis or without some positive mitigative values, but it is not compelling as a conclusion. By this approach, the BLM should close all of its roads through sage grouse habitat, and take other even more draconian steps, if it would avoid jeopardy. But in this case, there is no jeopardy at question.

and the idea that the extra 24 miles of power line make LESS IMPACT than a more direct route is arguable at best, and litigatable at worst.

Comment No.: 72

BLM rules require mitigation of unreasonable impact. I suggest that quadrupling power line construction costs, impacts, and maintenance forever is unreasonable.

Perhaps avoid a specific lek area with a roundabout route, but not that extreme.

On other matters, the collaboration of mining management and BLM ID Team to revise the waste rock and footprint are superb examples of impact avoidance.

Thank you for the chance to comment.

Jamie Sturgess

MS Ecology

UC Davis

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Comment in Support of Midway Gold
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:01:23 AM

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From: **Curtis Moore** <cu_mo@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 2:03 PM
Subject: Comment in Support of Midway Gold
To: "BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov"
<BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov>

Dear Mr. Kreidler, BLM:

As a supporter of mining and domestic mineral development, I submit this email in support of the proposed action in the DEIS for Midway Gold's Pan Mine in Nevada. I believe the BLM compiled an excellent record in support of the proposed action by fully examining the costs, benefits, and environmental, economic, safety, wildlife, cultural and other impacts.

Indeed, there are some people who would like to see all mining cease in the U.S., including mining on BLM lands. However, the BLM is required to manage its lands under a principal of "multiple use", which includes resource development. And, the U.S. should develop our minerals, because we need the raw materials for our industry, energy, and advanced, dynamic economy. In fact, the U.S. develops our minerals more responsibly than any other country in the World, because we have the toughest laws, regulations, and enforcement. Government agencies like the BLM help ensure responsible resource development.

Lastly, at a local level, good mining jobs will be created and economic development will occur. While the national economy appears to be improving, we can use all the economic growth we can get these days.

Again, thank you for your hard work, and I hope you give the final approval for this good project to move forward.

Curtis Moore
635 S. Devinney Way
Lakewood, CO 80228

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Project
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:01:16 AM

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From: **Stephen Quin** <SQuin@midasgoldcorp.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 2:02 PM
Subject: Midway Project
To: "[BLM_NV_FYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)"
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Mr. Miles Kreidler
BLM Ely District Office
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, NV 89301

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of Midway's planned development of the Pan project in Nevada as it should be good for the economy in the current very challenging fiscal environment faced by Nevada and the USA. Midway notes that the Pan mine, if approved, would create 160 jobs during the construction phase and support 150 jobs during operations, mostly to be hired from the local region, injecting significant payroll, taxes, purchasing and contracts into the local economy. These significant benefits should be weighed very carefully in the decision process.

I understand that the DEIS puts forth two primary alternatives to Midway's proposal - a modified waste rock site design and a longer power line. I support the alternative waste rock site design, but do not support the longer power line option. I support the modified waste rock site design because it significantly decreases land disturbance, impact on sage grouse habitat, visual impact and costs. I am not supportive of the longer power line route because the longer route would unduly increase disturbance and costs, reduce livestock grazing, while potentially increase the risk for impacting habitat for burrowing owls and golden eagles. As the EIS says, this longer route likely impacts on four golden eagle nests and two burrowing owl nesting territories that may more than offset any benefits to sage grouse habitat.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours respectfully,

Stephen Quin President & CEO

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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Pan Project DEIS Comments
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:01:09 AM

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From: **Nathaniel Klein** <NATHANIEL@halefunds.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 10:46 AM
Subject: Pan Project DEIS Comments
To: "blm_nv_eydo_midway_pan_eis@blm.gov"
<blm_nv_eydo_midway_pan_eis@blm.gov>, "mkreidler@blm.gov"
<mkreidler@blm.gov>

Mr. Kreidler,

After reviewing Midway Gold's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Pan Project (DEIS) I am in complete support of the project. The Midway team has thoroughly examined the project and has put forth a plan that is both environmentally responsible and offers significant socioeconomic benefits. The current economic state of Nevada is bleak, resulting in significant unemployment. The Pan Project will provide jobs for Nevada, which will create income for many to spend locally that will trickle through the local economy. This is a needed project for Nevada and Ely.

The Midway team understands the sensitivity of the Sage Grouse across Nevada. This issue is not just affecting the Pan Project but many business opportunities across Nevada. The Midway approach discussed in the DEIS should be used as the gold standard to address this issue. Midway takes this issue seriously and has put forth a plan that will mitigate any concerns. Lastly, the BLM alternative waste rock disposal site in the DEIS will reduce the acreage of land disturbed in the area and reduce potential impacts to Sage Grouse habitat.

I am in favor of the proposed project, which has socioeconomic benefits that significantly outweigh the minimal, if any, environmental impact.

Regards,

Nathaniel Klein | Hale Capital Partners
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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](mailto:Colleen.Lavery)
Subject: Fwd: Pan Project
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:00:52 AM

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From: **Charlie Palmer** <CPalmer@harwest.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2013 at 9:30 AM
Subject: Pan Project
To: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

As in all parts of the country we need jobs. This project Midway Gold is trying to permit in White Pine County should be highly considered. The mining industry supplies well paying jobs which are will help the local economy. Midway Gold supports regulatory and environmental concerns of the BLM and is committed to compliance. The project is a plus for everyone.

I support this worthy project and believe their permit should be granted.

Charlie Palmer

Harrison Western Construction

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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support of Pan Project
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:00:36 AM

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From: **Bentel, Dave** <dbentel@srk.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 29, 2013 at 10:49 AM
Subject: Support of Pan Project
To: "[BLM_NV_EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)"
<[BLM_NV_EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)>

Dear Mr. Kreidler.

I am in support of this project going forward because Midway are responsible project proponents who make it clear that they are very supportive of technical solutions that are protective against environmental contamination, and have public health and safety at the top of their list. Under these circumstances the project looks to be an economic win for this region of Nevada.

Thank you and be safe.

Dave Bentel

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Reno, Nevada 89511
U.S.A

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](mailto:Colleen.Lavery)
Subject: Fwd: We support the Midway Gold Pan Project!
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:00:18 AM

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From: Rich Landers <santoquill@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 29, 2013 at 9:58 AM
Subject: We support the Midway Gold Pan Project!
To: [BLM NV FYDO Midway PaN EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_PaN_EIS@blm.gov)

Mr. Miles Kreidler
Bureau of Land Management
Ely, Nevada

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

As business owners (Scotty's RV Park in Eureka) and as responsible and happy residents of Eureka, we wish to indicate our support for the success of the nearby Midway Gold Pan project.

When so many parts of the country are having tough times, we feel fortunate to live in Nevada where we are blessed with abundant natural resources, and where the intelligent management and use of those resources will be a continuing asset to the local and national economy.

We believe that the effects of the substantial taxes and payroll monies from the Pan Project will benefit everyone in the area in different ways----- and that the 150 or so mining jobs (at good wages!) will generate other supporting jobs that we can't even imagine yet. Our healthcare facilities in Eureka will likely expand to meet the increased population, and all of us (particularly some of us seniors!) would certainly welcome that.

As an aside, one of our best friends is a local mature horsewoman, who has been training horses and people for most of her adult life, and she still has a couple of beautiful Appaloosas who are champing at the bit to get working again. Things have been a little slow for our friend these last few years because of the economy, but an increasing population of workers (and their families) here would likely enable her to get back in the saddle again and start training a new generation of riders.

Comment we have heard from others regarding the Pan Mine has been overwhelmingly positive. We strongly support the Pan Project and hope that the responsible decisions of your Office will permit the operation to move ahead.

Sincerely,

Richard Landers & PJ Benet-Davis, Owners
Scotty's RV Park, Eureka, Nevada

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Pan Mine
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:00:08 AM

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From: <Scotpahrump@aol.com>
Date: Sun, Apr 28, 2013 at 7:17 AM
Subject: Pan Mine
To: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

To whom it may concern:

I, Scot Troter, living at 1580 Fawn Street; Pahrump, Nevada, 89048 would like to see the Pan Mine approved.

I am a current student at Great Basin College in Pahrump. Many of the students here will need jobs once they graduate. Mining has been a great industry here in Nevada (I was born in Las Vegas), and will be for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration,
Scot Troter
Scotpahrump@aol.com

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd:
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From: **bernie romero** <br_sheriff@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 26, 2013 at 12:10 PM
Subject:
To: "[BLM NV EYDO Midway pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_pan_EIS@blm.gov)"
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Name: Bernie Romero
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Date: April 26, 2013

I want to be on the mailing list for future updates and notifications for this project

Comment: I fully support this project, mainly because of the employment opportunities and the economic benefit it will provide for White Pine County and the State of Nevada. I believe these benefits far outweigh any environmental impact that cannot be mitigated.

Income from the jobs generated by this project will largely remain in the community and will help in improving the infrastructure for the City of Ely and White Pine County. For so long these governments have struggled to make ends meet and in doing so, the planned capitol projects have been placed on the back burner and have therefore degenerated. Our schools have suffered because of lack of funding and our children and grand children are receiving inadequate education. Projects such as this will assist in bringing us back to normal or above average.

I also support the well-founded and proven research that is used to determine real and measurable issues and impacts to other indigenous animals living the disturbed areas. Even though, it were not for Federal Requirements, the average citizen would not these animals existed.

All in all, I fully support this project and urge the Bureau of Land Management to issue a record of decision and allow Midway to proceed with it's mining operations.

Bernie Romero

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](mailto:Colleen.Lavery)
Subject: Fwd: Comments on Midway Gold Pan Project EIS
Date: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:59:58 AM

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From: **Ron Espell** <respell@americanvanadium.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 25, 2013 at 9:47 AM
Subject: Comments on Midway Gold Pan Project EIS
To: BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

I would like to provide the following comments on the Midway Gold Pan Project:

1. I fully support this project for the following reasons:

- a. **JOBS & REVENUE** – The real and measurable socioeconomic benefits far outweigh the comparatively low environmental impacts the Pan Mine could produce. Midway has already made a positive impact in the local community and future benefits including jobs and cash flow into the region are being counted on to assist economic rejuvenation in the area.
- b. **SAGE GROUSE MITIGATION** – The sage grouse mitigation plan included in the EIS is comprehensive and fully addresses the possible impacts.
- c. **WASTE ROCK DISPOSAL SITE DESIGN ALTERNATIVE** – The alternative in the DEIS that will reduce the acreage of land disturbed in the area and reduces impacts to potential sage grouse habitat.
- d. **OTHER WILDLIFE MITIGATION** –The analysis in the DEIS is appropriate to analyze impacts to other species such as to the burrowing owl, pygmy rabbit, kangaroo mouse and other wildlife. The mitigation proposed is appropriate to the potential impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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April 26, 2013

U.S. Bureau of Land Management
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Attn: Mr. Miles Kreidler

RE: Midway Gold's Pan Mine Draft EIS

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

I am writing as a private citizen and mining geochemistry and hydrogeology expert, to express my support for Midway Gold's Pan Mine project in general, and for the Draft EIS in particular. I have worked with scores of mining companies in Nevada over the past 20 years and the Midway Gold team ranks among the best I have worked with. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with the solid team at Midway Gold and observed how they have responded to the various environmental issues they faced through the permitting process.

From a geochemistry standpoint, the Pan project has the benefit of abundant carbonate material and benign waste rock which will be easily manageable using standard mining and closure practices. This means there is no risk of acid rock drainage and metals leaching potential is low. In addition, the low rainfall and high evaporation at the site provide additional assurance that no acid rock drainage or metals leaching will be generated. The alternative waste rock disposal facility proposed in the DEIS poses negligible risk from an acid-rock drainage or metals leaching standpoint (same as proposed action), but also provides additional benefits compared to the proposed action in that it will have a smaller disturbance area.

The hydrogeologic conditions at the site provide a perfect scenario for a mining project; abundant, warm water to supply the mine, from a confined (i.e., isolated) bedrock aquifer deep beneath the project. Drawing water from this aquifer will not affect any other local users due to the large distance from other users, the highly-productive nature of the aquifer, and the stratigraphy that dips to the west, further buffering the local bedrock aquifer from the alluvial groundwater users miles away. In addition, water levels are very deep, resulting in a very thick unsaturated zone beneath the mine facilities that provides extra protection of groundwater resources in the case of accidental discharge or leakage from mine facilities.



While I am no economist, it is obvious that the project will supply sorely needed employment to the region in a time when unemployment in the nation and in Nevada in particular is an acute problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Johnson".

Brent Johnson, P.G.
Principal Geochemist



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April 25, 2013

U.S. Bureau of Land Management
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Attn: Mr. Miles Kreidler

RE: Midway Gold's Pan Mine Draft EIS

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

I am writing as a private citizen to endorse the plan that Midway Gold is proposing to mine the deposit at the Pan project in Nevada. In a forty-two year career I have conducted numerous feasibility studies as well as been responsible for designing, constructing, staffing and operating multiple mining operations and improving process efficiencies around the world.

The past four years I have served as Chairman, President and CEO of Midway, pleased to lead a team with equally deep experience in mine planning and operation. This team has worked hard to bring the Pan mine into reality, pursuing a sustainable approach to mining. The Pan Mine will be exemplary, benefitting from the fortunate environmental factors of an arid climate, deep aquifer, highly buffering carbonate geologic setting. The mine has been designed to minimize environmental and social impacts, and will bring economic advantages to Nevada and the communities we are part of.

Mining plays a significant role in Nevada's economy, contributing more than 6.5 billion dollars or nearly 5 percent of the state GDP (up more than 400 percent since 2004). The mining industry accounted for 19.7 percent of all employment growth June 2009-June 2012 (2,600 jobs out of 13,200 net growth statewide). Mining contributed \$417.2 million in Nevada property, sales, and net proceeds tax in 2011 (statistics available from the Nevada Mining Association website: http://www.nevadamining.org/issues_policy/pdfs/NevadaEconomyandMining.pdf).

Through the Pan Mine, Midway is well situated to contribute to this important sector of Nevada's economy. The Pan Mine will provide 160 jobs during the one-year construction phase and 150 jobs during operations, with the expectation that the majority of the workforce will be hired from the local region. The overall annual labor payroll for this project will be more than \$11 million. Property taxes are expected to bring in \$1.2 million per year and the net proceeds tax is projected to bring in \$28 million (gold price of \$1550/oz.). The project's overall capital investment is \$100 million with Nevada purchases expected to an average of \$20 million per year.

Midway is even now working to reduce the environmental impact of the mine plan. We prefer the waste rock disposal site alternative identified in the Draft EIS because it will occupy less sage grouse general habitat, as well as reduce visual impacts and total acreage disturbed by 79 acres. We are voluntarily modifying our designs so that we will meet the ICMI International Cyanide Management Code. We are making plans to house and transport employees as necessary to provide the best working conditions possible. These plans have been outlined in Midway's formal

Mr. Miles Kreidler

April 25, 2013

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comments to the BLM on the DEIS. Midway has already made contributions to the local community through participation in community events as well as contributions to deserving organizations.

Midway has worked with the BLM and NDOW to address concerns regarding sage grouse habitat. The access road has been routed to avoid and shield leks found in the area. Further site-specific surveys have added to the BLM's understanding of sage grouse usage of local habitat. In addition, Midway has committed to an independent study to be conducted by the USGS, funding it for more than \$1.5 million. Midway will also pay for mitigation to actual impacts identified by these studies. The Southwest Powerline Alternative has been studied but it has been found that any benefits to the sage grouse brought by the longer alternative would be more than offset by the negative impacts to other birds, vegetation and water resources. However, Midway supports modifications to the powerline that will also moderate impacts to any nesting sage grouse in the area.

I appreciate that the Egan field office of the BLM has worked with Midway to develop the plan to this point. We look forward to continued good stewardship on the part of the BLM.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Brunk
Chairman, President and CEO
Midway Gold U.S. Inc.



Kenneth A. Brunk
7215 S. Chapparral Circle East
Centennial, Colorado



April 24, 2013

BLM Ely District Office
Attn: Miles Kreidler
HC Box 33500
Ely, NV 89301

RE: Comment on Midway Gold's Pan Project EIS

Mr. Kreidler

I have had the opportunity to visit the Midway Gold office in Ely on several occasions. It was obvious to me that Midway Gold has employed a number of people in Ely to support the planning and permitting process for the Pan Project. I am confident that these employees have had a positive impact upon the economy of Ely and White Pine County. It would seem to me that the increased employees needed to operate the Pan Project by Midway Gold will have a greater positive impact upon the area economy.

I have been following efforts to address the reported decline in the number of sage grouse for several years. In my opinion, a scientifically conclusive method to address this reported decline has not yet been identified. Midway Gold's commitment to assess any impacts to the Pan Project area sage grouse population during operations is commendable. Their further commitment to mitigate any adverse impacts upon the sage grouse population should be supported. These proposed actions by Midway Gold should suffice until a scientifically based plan for addressing the reported sage grouse population decline is developed.

The waste rock site design alternative included in the DEIS should be implemented. It just makes sense to disturb the minimum amount of land necessary for the economical operation of the Pan Project.

Midway Gold has committed to caring for all species at the Pan Project site. Requirements for mitigating impacts should be reasonable and proportional to the land area disturbed by the project.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Doug Carriger

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Carriger", is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards.

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Gold's Pan Project comment
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From: **Laura Fletcher** <lfletcher@harwest.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 24, 2013 at 2:40 PM
Subject: Midway Gold's Pan Project comment
To: BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

Dear Mr. Kreidler,

Please accept this letter in support of Midway Gold's Pan Project in White Pine County, Nevada. The project will foster much-needed job opportunities, and Midway's planned mine can supply well-paying jobs to the local population, helping to diversify the local economies.

In addition, Midway supports appropriate mitigation regarding the listing of the sage grouse and is committed to addressing impacts identified. As an example, Midway supports the BLM's alternative waste rock disposal site, which will reduce the area of disturbance, thus addressing concerns to the local sage grouse population.

For these reasons, and in accordance with my own personal reasons to support all domestic mining efforts, I believe that Midway will be a "good citizen" of the mining community and should be granted their permits to proceed with the Pan Project. My employer, Harrison Western Construction Corporation, also supports Midway Gold in their pursuit of a successful mining project.

Thank you,

Laura

Laura Fletcher

Business Manager



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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](mailto:Colleen.Lavery)
Subject: Fwd: Pan Project Draft EIS comments
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From: Don Beesley <dbeesley@hardrock-consulting.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 23, 2013 at 12:39 PM
Subject: Pan Project Draft EIS comments
To: BLM_NV_FYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

Attn: Miles Kreidler:

My comments on the Pan Project DEIS:

Jobs and Revenue: The potential socioeconomic benefits recognized from the project are expected to far outweigh the potential environmental impact. This is clear from the Draft EIS and what I have read from news releases. The location somewhat mid way between Eureka and Ely will make the project valuable to both communities.

Sage Grouse Mitigation: The sage grouse issue is currently affecting business opportunities across the state and Midway is no exception. I support well-founded and proven research that is used to determine real and measurable issues and impacts. Subsequent to this research, I support appropriate mitigation to help the bird and the sagebrush ecosystem as a whole. Prior to any outside well-founded and proven research, I would hope we do what is right and also hope we are committed to assessing any impacts observed during operations for appropriate mitigation.

Waste Rock Disposal Site Design Alternative: The BLM has included an alternative waste rock disposal site in the DEIS that will reduce the acreage of land disturbed in the area. I support this alternative because the majority of the land is potential sage grouse habitat. Choosing this alternative will reduce potential impacts to sage grouse habitat. It is also more cost effective for operations which will enhance the viability of the operation and therefore also enhance the economic benefit to the communities.

Regards,
Don Beesley
Principal and Director
Hardrock-consulting LLC

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](mailto:Colleen.Lavery)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Midway Gold's Pan Project
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From: **Laura Ruud** <ruud.laura@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 22, 2013 at 9:16 AM
Subject: Support for Midway Gold's Pan Project
To: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

Dear BLM in Ely, Nevada,

I would like to express my support for Midway Gold's Pan Project, currently being developed in White Pine County, Nevada. This area of Nevada is sorely in need of new job opportunities, and Midway's planned mine can supply well-paying jobs to the local population, helping to diversify the local economies.

In addition, Midway supports appropriate mitigation regarding the listing of the sage grouse and is committed to addressing impacts identified. As an example, Midway supports the BLM's alternative waste rock disposal site, which will reduce the area of disturbance, thus addressing concerns to the local sage grouse population.

For these reasons, I believe that Midway will be a "good citizen" of the mining community and should be granted their permits to proceed with the Pan Project.

Thank you,

Laura Ruud

Sparks, Nevada

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Pan Mine Project West of Ely
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From: **Bryan Larsen** <bryanlarsen.48@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 18, 2013 at 12:07 PM
Subject: Pan Mine Project West of Ely
To: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you today to voice my support of the proposed Pan Mine Project West of Ely. In my opinion this project will add much needed employment opportunity to the White Pine County area. In addition, I think that Midway Gold is committed to sustainability and this operation will benefit the community in many ways for generations to come. I realize some individuals have concerns with this project but I have not heard any objections that are significant enough to block this project, or that cannot be mitigated in a reasonable way.

Regards,

Bryan Larsen

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](mailto:Colleen.Lavery)
Subject: Fwd: Pan Project Development
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From: <DShaddrick@aol.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 17, 2013 at 2:06 PM
Subject: Pan Project Development
To: [BLM NV EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)
Cc: JWells@midwaygold.com

Miles Kreidler,

Dear Sir,

I have reviewed the draft EIS submitted by Midway Gold and I am quite impressed. They have done an excellent job of covering all of the bases and will clearly be responsible stewards of our public lands. The alternatives proposed by the BLM appear to be effective and reasonable.

I'm sure you are aware of the fact that projects of this type are very important for the economy of rural Nevada and should be encouraged wherever possible.

I strongly support Midway Gold in it's efforts to expand the economy and tax base of Nevada and I strongly support the efforts of the BLM to promote responsible development of our natural resources.

Sincerely,

David R. Shaddrick, Geologist.

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Gold Pan Project, White Pine County, Nevada
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From: **Lynne Volpi** <lvolpi@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, Apr 17, 2013 at 12:32 PM
Subject: Midway Gold Pan Project, White Pine County, Nevada
To: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

Dear. Mr. Kreidler;

I would like to express my support for Midway Gold's Pan Project, currently being developed in White Pine County, Nevada. As you know, this area of Nevada is sorely in need of new job opportunities, and Midway's planned mine can supply well-paying jobs to the local population.

In addition, Midway supports appropriate mitigation regarding the listing of the sage grouse and is committed to assessing any impacts observed during their operations. Also with respect to sage grouse, Midway supports the BLM's alternative waste rock disposal site, which will reduce the area of disturbance, thus positively impacting the local sage grouse population.

For these reasons, I believe that Midway will be a "good citizen" of the mining community and should be granted their permits to proceed with the Pan Project.

Regards,

Lynne Volpi

Women's Mining Coalition

Coordinator

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Pan Project
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From: **Steve Stork** <ssork.64@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 17, 2013 at 11:57 AM
Subject: Midway Pan Project
To: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov
Cc: rgross@midwaygold.com

Dear BLM,

I am writing to express support for Midway Gold's Pan Project in White Pine County Nevada. Midway has demonstrated that they are responsible stewards of our natural resources, by way of the plan presented. Midways project fits one of the many multiple uses of our public lands. I look forward to the final EIS process and its publication in the federal register.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Stork

Principal

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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Gold Pan Mine Project EIS Comments
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From: **Kevin Brown** <kevinbrown7788@msn.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 16, 2013 at 11:36 AM
Subject: Midway Gold Pan Mine Project EIS Comments
To: "BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov"
<blm_nv_eydo_midway_pan_eis@blm.gov>
Cc: Kevin Brown <kevinbrown7788@msn.com>

Midway Gold Pan Mine EIS
C/O Miles Kreidler
Bureau of Land Management
Ely District Office
HC 33 Box 33500, 702 N. Industrial Way
Ely, NV 89301

Kevin Brown
PO Box 150765
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Ely, NV 89315
775.296.3368

Miles,

I fully support Midway Gold's Pan Mine. It is clear that the mine will be operated in a safe and environmentally prudent manner by Midway under the BLM's auspices.

The prospect of 150 fulltime jobs more than offsets the very well mitigated impacts to any sage grouse. At a mitigation cost of over \$50,000.00 per sage grouse, it is clear that Midway is going above and beyond in their duty to reasonably mitigate impacts

Apparently the BLM has come up with an alternate waste rock disposal site, which I support as long as the economic impact to Midway's mine operations is neutral or positive.

This mine is especially important to Ely to diversify its economics, which currently revolve almost entirely around a single copper mine. Please support Ely and White Pine County with this new project.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brown

White Pine County School District

1135 Avenue C Ely, Nevada 89301 (775) 289-4851 FAX (775) 289-3999



April 8, 2013

BLM Ely District Office
HC 333 Box 33500
Ely, NV 89301

Attn: Miles Kreidler

Please accept this letter of support for the Midway Gold Corporation's Pan Project located in White Pine County, Nevada.

Midway Gold's development of its Pan Project will provide a much needed boost to the communities and local governments in White Pine County. Not only will the tax revenue help local governments, the increase in employment and payroll will revitalize and support local businesses, community events and youth activities. The increase in tax base from property and net proceeds of minerals will help the local school district (White Pine County School District) address some of its facilities, technology and transportation needs that have been deferred over the years in order to maximize instructional and student support services.

Many of the communities in White Pine County were founded through mining and have had a long relationship with the industry. As of today, mining is the largest private employer in the County. The potential financial benefits from the Pan Project will help fund public services, however perhaps the most valuable asset this development will bring are its human resources. The quality of a community is predicated on the quality of the people within the community. It has been our experience that the mining industry understands the significant role the community plays not only with job recruitment but also with job retention. Over the years mining industry employees have provided leadership for local governments and have helped revitalize community organizations including senior citizen and youth organizations. Their generous support through financial donations, sponsored events and fund raising activities have been fulfilled needs and provided benefits that would not have been possible without their support.

We see the construction of the Pan Project as a key component to improve the financial landscape as well as the socioeconomic health and welfare of White Pine. It is critical to the economic viability of the communities, businesses and local governments in White Pine County that this project and similar projects be developed.

Sincerely,

Paul Johnson, CFO

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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Pan DEIS Comments
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From: **Kreidler, Miles** <mkreidler@blm.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 11, 2013 at 9:05 AM
Subject: Fwd: Midway Pan DEIS Comments
To: Pan EIS Records Email <BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov>

Miles Kreidler, Minerals Specialist
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From: **Donald Harris** <Donald.Harris@alliednevada.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2013 at 4:50 PM
Subject: Midway Pan DEIS Comments
To: "mkreidler@blm.gov" <mkreidler@blm.gov>

Miles K.

Pan is an good gold project associated with the Ely and Eureka areas. Comments on the project include:

1. Impact to sage grouse habitat, with a lek field located proximal to the proposed activity
2. Impact to ground water levels, presume that the mine water production will come from valley to west, which has major ranching/alfalfa growing area.
3. Has Midway secured water rights in the area and changed to point of diversion.
4. Relation to Gold Rock project. Has this been included in the analysis, as the project is close enough to use the Pan infrastructure.
5. Does Midway have the financial backing needed to complete this project and resultant reclamation. Two instances of small companies in the immediate area, Mt. Hamilton and Easy Junior, have gone defunct during process and Federal government ended up doing reclamation and relying on bond.
6. Impact to archeology sites, including carbonari sites and native American sites. Has this been adequately addressed to BLM satisfaction

7. Rock types are very similar to the Emigrant Project of Newmont's near Carlin, NV. Has waste characterization been sufficiently addressed, so that we do not see acid mine drainage issues similar to Rain? There was a very extended HCT period for Emigrant to determine this.

8. With Mt Hope and Ruby Hill mines in Eureka, is there sufficient infrastructure to support Pan as a mine. Does Midway have a housing/staffing plan of merit.

Thanks

Don Harris

Reno, NV

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](mailto:Colleen.Lavery)
Subject: Fwd: Pan Project Support
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From: **Mark Dibble** <mdibble@wheelercat.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2013 at 10:52 PM
Subject: Pan Project Support
To: "[BLM_NV EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)"
<[BLM_NV EYDO Midway Pan EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov)>

Hello.

I would like to submit my support for Midway Gold's Pan Project. I know the Midway people and I believe that they will be excellent stewards of the property that they mine. I am confident that Midway will do a first rate reclamation job when the project is complete.

The Pan project will deliver needed jobs to the people of Eureka and White Pine Counties in Nevada. The Pan project will also support businesses in Ely and Eureka.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Dibble | Product Manager, Mine Support Equipment | Wheeler Machinery Co.

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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [FYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midway Gold Pan Project
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From: **Kip Mecum** <k.mecum@mchsi.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 4, 2013 at 7:31 AM
Subject: Midway Gold Pan Project
To: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov

To whom it may concern, we wish to lend our support to and in behalf of the Midway Gold Pan Project. The Pan Project is one of those opportunities for BLM to support a project that will create good paying jobs in both a County and a State, that will help to improve the local and regional economies in an area of the country where they are badly needed. Your time and attention in reading this email is greatly appreciated. Sincerely,

Karen & Kip Mecum
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Tuscola, Illinois 61953

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217-621-6217 (cell)

The greatest gift we can give our children is a relationship with Jesus Christ because once we do that He becomes a part of every decision they make.

From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of [EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV](#)
To: [Colleen Lavery](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment
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From: **Pete Mangum** <petemangum98@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 3, 2013 at 10:04 AM
Subject: Public Comment
To: BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov



My name is Rory L. (Pete) Mangum.
I am a Community Based Instructor for Nevada Cooperative Extension. I am in charge of the 4-H program. I am also a 8 year Veteran Member of the White Pine County School District Board of Trustees. I am a Volunteer Firefighter and EMT for the City of Ely for 25 years.
Midway Gold has been a dedicated and invested Company in our City and County since they began here a few years ago. They support our Schools, our 4-H program and other youth programs here. They are without a doubt investing in our community..
Midway Gold will bring much needed jobs to our economy. The real and measurable economics far outway the low environmental impacts the Pan Mine can produce.

Midway Gold's Sage Grouse midigation plan is solid. They are taking every effort to reduce impact on this habitat. They are spending a great deal of funding towards this effort.

I am in favor of the Waste Rock Disposal Site Design Alternative that will help reduce the accreage of land disturbed in the area.

I am confident Midway will work hand in hand with BLM Biologists to reduce the impacts on all other wildlife in the area.

It is my oppinion, Midway Gold is a reputable Company and we need them here in our County for growth in our Schools. 4-H and other youth programs, Adult Organizations, 4-H Volunteer Leaders, and other aspects of our communities.

Our Elementary and Middle Schools are now over 100 years old. They are outdated, outlived and quite frankly tired places

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in which to educate the next generation.. We need Midway's tax dollars to work towards newer more modern Schools so that we can keep up with Science, Math, Language Arts, and especially Technology.

Please consider all my comments in your decision.

Thank you,

Pete Mangum



PAN DEIS COMMENTS

I would like to focus my comments on the data found in the various DEIS documents that attempt to measure the socioeconomic impact of Midway's Pan Project on the following entities.

- Employee jobs and payroll income
- White Pine County property tax revenue
- White Pine County ad valorem tax revenue

Jobs and payroll

While the Construction, Operations-Maintenance, and Reclamation phases of the mine life would extend to 28 years, the planned active mining period would encompass a 13 year period when employment would be at its maximum steady state of 176 employees.

A substantial number of these jobs would be held by local residents which would represent a significant fraction of the White Pine County work force.

As stated in the DEIS:

4.16-2.1, pg 4-92

"The Midway Mine operations would create major, long-term positive impacts on the economies of White Pine and Eureka counties and the Duckwater Reservation. Mine operations would result in beneficial, long-term impacts for individuals seeking stable employment as the mine would provide long-term employment and income throughout the life of the Proposed Action."

Table 4.16-2, pg 4-92 indicates that the 176 jobs would produce annual labor income of **\$12,099,967**, or a 13 year total of **\$157,299,571**.

Property tax revenue

Table 4.16-3, pg 4-99, Estimated Property Tax Liabilities for the Pan Mine

This table shows a breakdown of the property tax revenue that would accrue to various entities within White Pine County during the first 8 years of mine operations. Extended to the 13 year operational life of the mine, the estimated property tax revenue to the County would total **\$15,925,000**.

Ad valorem tax revenue

Ad valorem taxes would be levied on the net proceeds of mining (NPM), a function of production, costs of recovery and processing, and other variables. An assumption of gold at \$1550/ounce would result in NPM taxes totaling **\$28.9 million** over the life of the mine, of which an estimated **\$21.2 million** would accrue to White Pine County.

There are a number of additional monetary benefits that would accrue to the surrounding community including but not limited to the multiplier effect of the income and revenue, sales tax receipts from expenditures by individuals and businesses, and the income and tax revenue generated from the construction and reclamation phases of the project which are not accounted for above.

The above total in tax revenue and labor income stands at **\$194,424,571**, so that I believe it is not unreasonable to assume that with other increments added, the community stands to benefit on the order of **1 quarter of a billion dollars** if the project is permitted.

Further, I believe both Midway as a company and Pan as a project are viable entities. Midway, in an extremely tight credit environment, has secured more than 70% of the financing necessary to fund the project and awaits only the conclusion of the permitting process to secure the remainder. Pan is a relatively simple and inexpensive project on an all-in cost basis per ounce making the project failure risk minimal.

In support of permitting the project I would also cite the BLM mission statement "**IT IS THE MISSION OF THE BLM TO SUSTAIN THE HEALTH, DIVERSITY, AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS**"

And the White Pine County Policy statement concerning mineral resources:

7. Mineral Resources

The development of Nevada's mineral resources is desirable and necessary to the economy of the nation, the state and particularly to White Pine County. White Pine is the state's leading producer of copper and has produced vast quantities of gold, silver, and other metals.

I believe permitting this project conforms to both the spirit and the letter of these statements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Daniel B. Funk
1808 Chandelle Ct.
Port Orange, FL
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From: mkreidler@blm.gov on behalf of EYDO Midway Pan EIS, BLM NV
To: Colleen Lavery
Subject: Fwd: Midway
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From: Breeden, Mark <breedenm@stifel.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 22, 2013 at 8:02 AM
Subject: Midway
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Mr. Kreidler,

I'm in favor of the project that Midway is proposing. As a past resident of McGill, Nevada when Kennecott was the main employer I realize how vital mining is to White Pine County.

Mark L Breeden
Senior Vice President/Investments



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To whom it may concern:

I am a Nevada resident who would like to comment on Midway Gold's potential pan gold project. I think its a wonderful addition to our state. It will bring much needed "high" paying jobs to the rural communities. This in turn will help our local business and more importantly our state treasury in the form of taxes. We need more jobs for our youth and to help sustain our small rural communities. As a citizen of the state- I say give the mining company the permit they need and tell them to get to "WORK".

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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