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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District (WD), Humboldt River Field Office (HRFO) has completed a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Stockpile Reserves, LLC (Stockpile Reserves) plan to resume mining activities at an existing underground antimony mine that ceased activities in the early 1980s. The Fencemaker Antimony Mine is located in Fencemaker Pass on the western side of the Stillwater Range, approximately 38 miles east-southeast of Lovelock, Nevada and 62 miles south-southwest of Winnemucca, Nevada in Pershing County, Nevada.

In accordance with the Plan of Operations (Plan) proposed mining-related activities would include using an existing cleared and leveled area (0.38 acres) and clearing an additional adjacent 0.25 acres (0.63 acres total) for parking vehicles, temporarily staging ore, equipment maintenance, storage sheds, parking a watchman trailer, and maintaining the existing roads. A copy of the Plan is available for review at the Winnemucca District Office.

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1500, for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the BLM HRFO prepared an EA of the proposed project. The preliminary EA evaluates, analyzes and discloses to the public the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts that would result from the implementation of this project and identifies resource protection measures that could be implemented to reduce the level of expected impacts. The EA can be reviewed online

at <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo.html> or viewed in hardcopy at the BLM WDO. Hardcopies are also available upon request.

The public is invited to submit comments on the preliminary EA for 30 days from the date of this letter. Please send written comments to Mr. Fred Holzel, project lead, at the HRFO address or e-mail NV_WFO_Webmail@blm.gov with "Fencemaker Antimony Mine Project (Holzel)" in the subject line. This letter is also available on our NEPA webpage at www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the WD office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Fred R. Holzel at (775) 623-1528 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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