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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Front Field Office has issued the Decision Record for the *United Comstock Merger Mill at American Flat Final Environmental Assessment* (DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2012-0040-EA). The Final EA analyzed the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the selected alternative, Alternative 2 Demolition, which would result in the removal of all structures at the American Flat Mill (AFM) site. The Decision explains the rationale for the selected alternative, including how the purpose and need would be met. The BLM has also signed a Finding of No Significant Impact, and an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for the project.

The draft environmental assessment (EA) had been made available for public review from December 5, 2012 until January 22, 2013. The BLM received 40 comment letters and emails. None of the comments received resulted in substantive revisions to the draft EA. A summary of the comments and responses to comments can be found in Appendix C of the Final EA.

The selected alternative would remove all structures, revegetate the site, and develop a variety of off-site interpretive materials and media. Mitigation was developed as a part of the Programmatic Agreement executed in March 2012 under the National Historic Preservation Act. Implementation of the selected alternative may take two years, depending on availability of funding and implementation of required mitigation.

Copies of the documents and supporting materials are available on-line at:
http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa/nepa_archives.html.
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Sincerely,

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