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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sierra Front Field Office has made the *United Comstock Merger Mill at American Flat Environmental Assessment* (DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2012-0040-EA) available for public review and comment. Hard copies are available at the Carson City District Office. The document and supporting maps may also be viewed on-line at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html.

In 2008, an audit by the Department of the Interior, Office of Inspector General found the American Flat Mill site to be a high liability public safety hazard. This EA analyzes the potential direct, indirect, short-term, long-term, and cumulative effects of the Proposed Action (Demolition) and of three Alternatives (Current Management, Institutional Controls, and Selected Building Retention). The purpose and need for action is to: promote public health and safety on BLM-managed lands; mitigate or abate the physical human safety hazards; and to address the historic resources of the site.

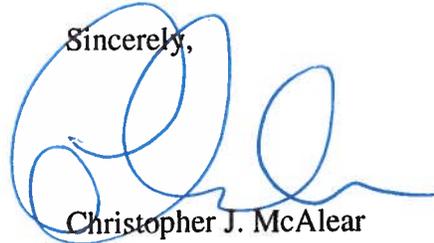
In March 2012, the BLM, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) executed a Programmatic Agreement (PA) to resolve the adverse effects to cultural and historic resources that would result from implementation of any of the considered alternatives. Corresponding mitigation measures are identified in this EA for each of the alternatives.

The Proposed Action would remove all structures at the American Flat Mill site, revegetate the site, and develop a variety of on-site and off-site interpretive materials of the cultural and historic resources. The BLM has preliminarily determined that the Proposed Action would not have significant effects on the human environment, and has prepared a draft Finding of No Significant Impact.

The *United Comstock Merger Mill at American Flat Environmental Assessment* and draft *Finding of No Significant Impact* are available for public review and comment until January 19, 2013. Only those comments received in a timely manner will be considered. Interested individuals can send written comments to the Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701 attn: Brian Buttazoni, Sierra Front Field Office, or email comments to: AmericanFlatEA@blm.gov. Comments can also be faxed to: (775) 885-6147 attn: Brian Buttazoni.

If you have questions on this matter, please contact Brian Buttazoni, Project Manager at: bbuttazoni@blm.gov or call him at: (775) 885-6000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several large, overlapping loops and a trailing flourish.

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