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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office (BRFO), has issued a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Hycroft Mine Facilities Expansion Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The DR selects the proposed action for implementation, including environmental protection measures and all recommended mitigation measures as presented in the EA. Any authorizations issued for this project will be subject to these measures.

Hycroft Resources Development Inc. (HRDI), operators of the Hycroft Mine, submitted a modification to their Plan of Operations (Plan) for the Hycroft Mine (BLM record N-064641). The Hycroft Mine is located approximately 55 miles west of Winnemucca, on the west flank of the Kamma Mountains in Humboldt and Pershing Counties. The EA analyzed the Plan modification, along with three connected right-of-way applications: a well field, a 120 kV powerline, and construction of a new substation. A new mill on private land, which is permitted by the State of Nevada and currently under construction, was also analyzed as a connected action in the EA.

The new mill requires modifications and upgrades to existing facilities for its operation. The proposed action analyzed these modifications which include: a Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) with associated ponds, a new well field to provide water to the mill and TSF, new and/or upgraded infrastructure for electric power, and a rail spur to receive commodities and export ore concentrate from the mill. These activities are expected to begin in 2015, with mining anticipated to continue until 2025. The acreage to be disturbed under this plan modification will be approximately 698 acres (515.5 acres on public land and 182.5 acres on private land).

The EA, DR, and FONSI are available on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) e-Planning webpage at <http://on.doi.gov/lnCgcAd>. A hardcopy of these documents are available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays, or will be provided upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Rehberg at (775) 623-1500 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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