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Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this letter because you have previously expressed interest in the following project or you have expressed interest in past Federal actions pertaining to public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District Office.

The BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office is soliciting written comments regarding an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an amended Plan of Operations (Plan) submitted by Marigold Mining Company (MMC) to modify existing and authorized operations.

The proposed project modification is located at the existing Marigold Mine in the northern Battle Mountain Range, in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately three miles south of Valmy in T.32N., R.43E., section 6; T.33N., R.42E., sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36; T.34N., R.42E., section 36; T.33N., R.43E., sections 4-10, 16-20, 30-32; and T.34N., R.43E., sections 19-20 and 28-33.

The Plan proposes to expand MMC's existing associated disturbance of 4,441.2 acres by an additional 388.6 acres to encompass a total of 4,829.8 acres. Approximately 345.1 acres would be located on private land controlled by MMC. The remaining 42.1 acres of this additional disturbance would be located on public land managed by the BLM Winnemucca District. MMC has amended the existing Plan to:

- Expand the Plan boundary to coincide with current MMC land holdings;
- Increase mined tonnage rate from 60 million tons to approximately 150 million tons per year, primarily by utilizing larger equipment and shorter haulage distances;
- Add the Target 3 Pit in the previously approved disturbance footprint of the Section 30 heap leach facility which was not constructed;
- Modify the Terry Zone, East Hill Pit, and Target 2 Pit boundaries with an overall change in disturbance acres for the East Hill Pit;
- Extend the North-West Expansion Waste Rock Storage Area;

- Adjust the location of a portion of the upper Trout Creek diversion channel around the North-West Expansion Waste Rock Storage Area;
- Extend the boundary fence around the North-West Expansion Waste Rock Storage Area; and
- Add a secondary utility corridor.

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1500, for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office, will be preparing an EA of the proposed project. The EA will disclose the environmental impacts expected to occur should the project be implemented. The BLM is seeking your input in identifying issues and concerns or applicable knowledge to assist us with the NEPA process.

The public is invited to submit comments on the proposal no later than 30 days after the date of this letter. Please send written comments to Ms. Jeanette L. Black, project lead, at the above address or e-mail jblack@blm.gov with "Marigold Mine Target 3 Project (Black)" in the subject line. This letter and maps are available through the links available on our NEPA webpage at <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo.html>.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenter's, will be available for public review and the Winnemucca District 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 Ms. Jeanette Black at (775) 623-1794 or at the address above.


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Enclosure