

American Flat/Lucerne Access Right-of-Way Project Environmental Assessment

Figure 3

Appropriate Level of NEPA Analysis: EIS or EA?

The proposed project crosses BLM land; therefore, a Federal action was triggered that started the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

The BLM conducted internal scoping for the project described in Comstock Mining Inc.'s Plan of Development/Right-of-Way application and did not identify any preliminary significant impacts.

In order to fully analyze the project's impacts on the environment, the BLM has determined that an Environmental Assessment should be prepared to determine the impacts from the Proposed Action. (An Environmental Impact Statement is required if a project would have significant impacts.)

If no significant impacts are identified during the preparation of the EA, then the BLM will issue a Decision/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project.

