

What is the Purpose of Scoping?

The question before the BLM and public is whether to amend an existing right-of-way to allow for exclusive use of an alternative haul road across public land segments.

Mining on Public Lands is Outside the Scope of this Project

- The right-of-way is not being processed under 3809 (the BLM mining regulations).
- There is no mining on public lands.
- Comstock Mining has not submitted a Plan of Operations for mining on public lands.

What About Mining on Private Lands?

- On-going mining in the Billy the Kid and Lucerne pit areas are under a Special Use Permit issued by Storey County.
- Comstock Mining in their proposal has included an alternative processing facility in Lyon County which would not require federal authorization.

Is an Environmental Impact Statement required?

- An environmental impact statement is required if a project would have significant effects.
- The BLM has determined that an environmental assessment is the appropriate level of compliance required for this right-of-way.

Environmental Assessment

Will be prepared to:

- To evaluate the effects of the proposal;
- Biological and cultural inventories will be performed;
- There will be a 30-day public review period and
- Two public meetings likely in summer 2013.

Other Concurrent Coordination

Including consultation to meet the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act:

- Native American Tribes;
- The State Historic Preservation Officer;
- Other agencies; and
- The Public.

Public Scoping Timeframe

A news release and letters to approximately 100 people and organizations were released on January 15, 2013.

The 30-day public scoping period ends on **February 16, 2013.**

Project Website

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html

<https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=35610&dctmId=0b0003e8804439d0>

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