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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office is seeking public input on an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Western Lithium Corporation's (WLC) proposed Kings Valley Clay Mine project, located at Thacker Pass, (adjacent to State Route 293), approximately 21 miles west-northwest of Orovada, Nevada.

WLC proposes to develop an open-pit clay mine at the Project site. Clay would be selectively mined from two open-pits and stockpiled on-site in a designated ore-grade stockpile area. Ore-grade clay would be loaded into highway-legal trucks and sold to an end-user or hauled to an off-site facility for further processing.

Specifically, WLC proposes to establish:

- A permit boundary;
- 2 open pits;
- 2 waste rock disposal areas;
- Ore-grade clay stockpile areas;
- 4 growth media stockpiles;
- An aggregate source (with associated aggregate stockpiles) and mobile aggregate screen;
- An exploration program utilizing drilling equipment, roads, and drill pads;
- Use of 2 on-site water wells as a non-potable source for dust suppression;
- Ancillary facilities including storm water controls, office/first-aid trailer, parking, ready line, and fencing;
- Access improvements to State Route (SR) 293.

The pits, waste rock disposal areas, roads, and ancillary facilities would result in approximately 109.9 acres of total disturbance. The operation would employ approximately 14 persons and have a total mine life of approximately 23 years (including reclamation). Upon completion of mining, the operation would be closed and reclaimed with most of the land being returned to the pre-mining uses.

The public is invited to submit comments on the environmental assessment within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please send written comments to Daniel Atkinson, project lead, at the above address, or e-mail wfoweb@blm.gov with "WLC Kings Valley Clay Mine (Atkinson)" in the subject line. This letter and a map are also available on the NEPA webpage at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. In addition, a copy of WLC's Plan of Operations is available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Public comments submitted for this EA, including the name and address of the commenter, will be available for public review during regular business hours (above). Before including your address, phone number, or e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be advised that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request that the BLM withhold personal identifying information from public review, BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. If you wish the BLM to withhold your personal information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. The BLM will make all submissions from organizations or businesses available for public disclosure in their entirety.

If you have any question, please contact Daniel Atkinson at (775) 623-1500 or at the above address.

Sincerely,



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