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Dear Reader,

The Bureau of Land Management, Tucson Field Office is pleased to announce the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public review and comment pertaining to the proposed Andrada Marble Quarry Mine Plan of Operation (MPO). The BLM proposes to sign the FONSI and issue a decision whether or not to authorize the Andrada Quarry MPO.

Andrada Holding, PLC, has filed an MPO with the BLM for the quarrying of high-purity calcium carbonate on federal mining claims held in T17S, R16E, Sec 21, NW of the NW, twenty five (25) miles southeast of Tucson in Pima County, Arizona. The mining claims are located on split-estate lands where the surface rights are owned by the Arizona State Trust and the mineral rights are owned by the United States.

The public comment period for the EA and FONSI will be 30 days, **beginning April 30 and ending May 30, 2013**. The EA and unsigned FONSI are available for public review at the BLM Tucson Field Office, 3201 E Universal Way, Tucson, AZ 85756 or on the web at <http://on.doi.gov/15MJgk4>. The Andrada Marble Quarry MPO is also available for public inspection at the Tucson Field Office.

**A public meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013, 6:30pm – 9:00pm in the Sycamore Elementary School Community Room, 16701 Houghton Road, Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641.**

The BLM will consider all substantive comments received during the public comment period. BLM's National Environmental Policy Act Handbook provides guidance on formulating substantive comments.

Substantive comments do one or more of the following:

- question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the EIS or EA.
- question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis.
- present new information relevant to the analysis.
- present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the EIS or EA.
- cause changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives.

Comments that are not considered substantive include the following:

- comments in favor of or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning that meet the criteria listed above (such as “we disagree with Alternative Two and believe the BLM should select Alternative Three”).
- comments that only agree or disagree with BLM policy or resource decisions without justification or supporting data that meet the criteria listed above (such as “more grazing should be permitted”).
- comments that don’t pertain to the project area or the project (such as “the government should eliminate all dams,” when the project is about a grazing permit).
- comments that take the form of vague, open-ended questions.

Comments and questions may be directed to: Mr. Brian Bellew, Tucson Field Manager, [bbellew@blm.gov](mailto:bbellew@blm.gov), or Mr. Daniel Moore, Geologist, [d3moore@blm.gov](mailto:d3moore@blm.gov); BLM Tucson Field Office, 3201 E Universal Way, Tucson, AZ 85756; phone (520) 258-7234; fax (520) 258-7238.

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