



# SEEKING YOUR INPUT

**SCOPING PERIOD September 6, 2013 – October 7, 2013**

## **Gold Rock Project Environmental Impact Statement**

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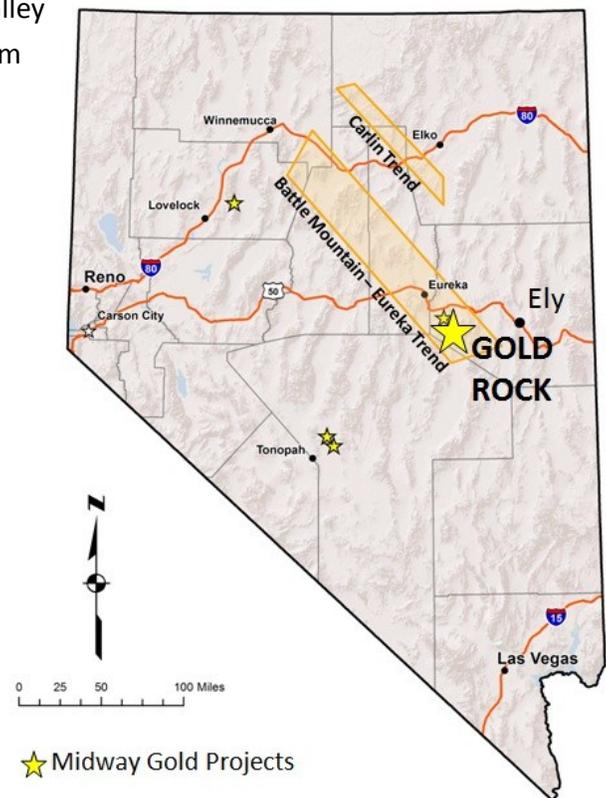
The BLM Ely District, Egan Field Office is soliciting written comments regarding a Midway Gold US Inc. proposal to construct and operate a gold mine. Known as the Gold Rock Project, the proposed mine would be located on mining claims administered by the BLM. The BLM is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate all feasible and reasonable alternatives, and potential impacts of the proposed project.

### **The Proposed Gold Rock Project would:**

- be located on mining claims on BLM-administered land
- be located in the southern Newark Valley and northern Railroad Valley, in White Pine County, Nevada, approximately 50 miles west of Ely and 30 miles southeast of Eureka
- occupy the same general geographic area as the reclaimed and closed Easy Junior Mine
- obtain electrical power from the Mt. Wheeler Power 69 kV transmission line that would supply the Pan Mine; this power line would be extended about 6 miles across the valley to tie into the west side of the Gold Rock Project electric system
- include concurrent land reclamation

### **Proposed Facilities at the Gold Rock Project:**

- open pit
- heap leach pad and associated ponds, process facility, and refinery
- mill
- carbon-in-leach (CIL) plant
- waste rock dumps
- tailings storage facility
- water supply wells
- haul roads
- ancillary facilities
- 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line



**The BLM has identified preliminary issues:**

- socioeconomics
- cultural resources
- sage-grouse habitat and mule deer winter range
- wild horse habitat
- viewshed areas
- air quality
- loss of access to hunting area



**Landscape In the Vicinity of the Proposed Gold Rock Project**

Your comments will help guide development of the EIS, including the identification of relevant issues and possible alternatives. Written comments should be addressed to:

BLM Ely District Office  
HC 33 Box 33500  
Ely, NV 89301  
Attn: Dan Netcher.

Comments should be postmarked or otherwise delivered to the Ely District Office by Monday, October 7, 2013, to ensure full consideration. Comments may also be faxed to Dan Netcher at (775) 289-1910 or submitted electronically to [Gold\\_Rock\\_EIS@blm.gov](mailto:Gold_Rock_EIS@blm.gov). Please make your comments as specific as possible.

The BLM has scheduled three public scoping meetings in Nevada, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dates and locations are:

- **Tuesday, September 24, 2013, Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 Sixth Street, Ely**
- **Wednesday, September 25, 2013, Eureka Opera House, 31 S. Main St., Eureka**
- **Thursday, September 26, 2013, Best Western Plus Reno Airport Plaza, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno**

Additional information is available online at <http://www.blm.gov/nv/>. Click on the Ely District map and then click on the Gold Rock Project under “In the Spotlight.” Project materials may also be viewed at the BLM Ely District Office, 702 N. Industrial Way, Ely, NV, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays.