



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Phoenix District
Hassayampa Field Office
21605 North 7th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85027
www.blm.gov/az/

In Reply Refer To:
3809 (AZP010)

DEC 21 2015

DOI-BLM-AZ-P010-2013-0052-EA

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Hassayampa Field Office has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts of the Zerad, Inc. Blue Owl Project (DOI-BLM-AZ-P010-2013-0052-EA) and is seeking your input regarding issues that have been analyzed in the EA.

The proponent, Zerad, Inc., owns one lode claim covering the project area (AMC368867), and proposes to mine specimen quality cerussite (chemical composition $PbCO_3$), also known as lead carbonate, from an outcrop with an exposed vein on top of a small hill on the claim. Zerad has been conducting exploration work under Notice AZA-033385 since 2006, and desires to commercially sell the mined specimens, necessitating approval of a Plan of Operations. The area was previously disturbed and unreclaimed by an unknown party.

The EA with project maps may be viewed or downloaded from the BLM Land Use Planning and NEPA Register Page under the following link:

https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do

Click on the "Text Search" tab above the map. To navigate to the project, scroll down and select "Arizona" from the "State(s)" list, which will populate the "Office(s)" list, then select "AZ - Hassayampa FO." Under "Document Type(s)," select "EA" and then click the "Search" button on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a list of projects; find and select this project (DOI-BLM-AZ-P010-2013-0052-EA) to display the project web site using the link on the left.

Please submit any comments you may have in writing by January 29, 2016 to the letterhead address above or by email to: Gloria Tibbetts at gtibbetts@blm.gov. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment — including your personal identifying information — may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have questions or wish to be removed from our mailing list for this project, please contact Gloria Tibbetts, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at (623) 580-5656 or gtibbetts@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Rem Hawes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D." and a long, sweeping underline.

Rem Hawes
Field Manager
Hassayampa Field Office