

**APPENDIX 7A
DEIS COMMENTS**

From: wwirthli@blm.gov on behalf of [ELDOLongCanyonMine, BLM_NV](#)
To: [Kristi Schaff](#)
Subject: Fwd: Fw: CPUBLIC OMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER -
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 7:03:33 AM

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From: Jean Public <jeanpublic1@yahoo.com>
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I AM TOTALLY AGAINST ANY BUILDING OF THIS GOLD MINE PROJECT IN NEVADA. THEY USE HARSHLY TOXIC SUBSTANCES TO GET GOLD OUT OF THE GROUND. IT IS DESTRUCTION FOR THE AREA SO THAT IT CANNOT BE LIVED IN FOR 100 YEARS FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. THIS DESRUCTION OF AMERICAN LAND NEEDS TO STOP. THIS IS NATIONAL LAND AND NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED FROM THIS DESTRUCTION. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE RECEIPT. JEANPUBLIC

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9014-1]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements
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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

EIS No. 20140073, Draft EIS, FHWA, FL, Gulf Coast Parkway, From US 98 to US 231 and US 98 (Tyndall Parkway), Comment Period Ends: 05/05/2014, Contact: Benito Cunill 850-553-2224.

EIS No. 20140074, Final EIS, USAF, 00, KC-46A Formal Training Unit (FTU) and First Main Operating Base (MOB 1) Beddown, Review Period Ends: 04/21/2014, Contact: Jean Reynolds 210-395-8541.

EIS No. 20140075, Final EIS, USFS, UT, Smiths Fork Vegetation Restoration Project, Review Period Ends: 04/21/2014, Contact: Pete Gomben 801-999-2182.

EIS No. 20140076, Final EIS, BLM, CO, Kremmling Proposed Resource Management Plan, Review Period Ends: 04/21/2014, Contact: Dennis Gale 970-724-3003.

EIS No. 20140077, Draft Supplement, USFS, NM, Carson and Santa Fe National Forests Invasive Plant Control Project, Comment Period Ends: 05/05/2014, Contact: Julie Bain 505-438-5443.

EIS No. 20140078, Draft EIS, BLM, ID, Proposed Modification to the Thomas Creek Mine Plan of Operations, Section 404 Clean Water Act Permit Application and Public Land Disposal, Resource Management Plan, Comment Period Ends: 07/18/2014, Contact: Ken Gardner 208-879-6210.

EIS No. 20140079, Draft EIS, NIH, MD, Proposed 2013 Master Plan National Institutes of Health Bethesda Campus, Comment Period Ends: 05/23/2014, Contact: Valerie Nottingham 301-496-7775.

EIS No. 20140080, Final EIS, USA, 00, Implementation of Energy, Water, and Solid Waste Sustainability Initiatives at Fort Bliss, Review Period Ends: 04/21/2014, Contact: John Kipp 915-568-5162.

EIS No. 20140081, Final EIS, USFS, MT, East Reservoir Project, Review Period Ends: 04/21/2014, Contact: Denise Beck 406-293-7773, ext. 7504.

EIS No. 20140082, Draft EIS, BLM, NV, Long Canyon Mine Project, Comment Period Ends: 05/05/2014, Contact: Whitney Wirthlin 775-861-6568.

EIS No. 20140083, Draft EIS, USACE, SC, Haile Gold Mine Project, Comment Period Ends: 05/09/2014, Contact: Richard Darden 843-329-8043.

EIS No. 20140084, Draft EIS, FERC, TX, Freeport LNG Liquefaction Project, Phase II Modification Project, Comment Period Ends: 05/05/2014, Contact: Eric Tomasi 202-502-8097.

EIS No. 20140085, Draft EIS, USFS, WY, Medicine Bow--Routt National

Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland Invasive Plant Management, Comment Period Ends: 05/07/2014, Contact: Melissa Martin 307-745-2371. EIS No. 20140086, Draft EIS, USFS, ID, Upper North Fork HFRA Ecosystem Restoration Project, Comment Period Ends: 05/05/2014, Contact: Maggie Seaberg 208-756-2711.

EIS No. 20140087, Final EIS, FHWA, TX, Trinity Parkway, From IH-35E/SH-183 to US-17/SH-310, Review Period Ends: 05/05/2014, Contact: Salvador Deocampo 512-536-5950.

EIS No. 20140088, Final EIS, DOE, CO, PROGRAMMATIC--Uranium Leasing Program, Review Period Ends: 04/21/2014, Contact: Ray Plieness 303-410-4806.

EIS No. 20140089, Draft Supplement, BOEM, 00, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2015-2017, Central Planning Area Lease Sales 235, 241, and 247, Comment Period Ends: 05/05/2014, Contact: Gary Goeke 504-736-3233.

EIS No. 20140090, Final Supplement, BOEM, 00, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 201-2016, Western Planning Area Lease Sales 238, 246, and 248, Review Period Ends: 04/21/2014, Contact: Gary Goeke 504-736-3233.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20140033, Second Draft Supplement, USACE, WA, Grays Harbor Navigation Improvement Project, Comment Period Ends: 04/08/2014, Contact: Josh Jackson 206-764-6583.

Revision to the FR Notice Published 01/31/2014; Extending Comment Period from 03/24/2014 to 04/08/2014.

EIS No. 20140050, Draft EIS, NRC, OH, GENERIC--License Renewal of Nuclear Plants Regarding Davis-Besse Nuclear Station, Comment Period Ends: 04/21/2014, Contact: Elaine Keegan 301-415-8517.

Revision to the FR Notice Published 02/21/2014; Extending Comment Period from 04/14/2014 to 04/21/2014.

Dated: March 18, 2014.

Dawn Roberts,
Management Analyst, Office of Federal Activities.
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From: wwirthli@blm.gov on behalf of [ELDOLongCanyonMine, BLM NV](#)
To: [Kristi Schaff](mailto:Kristi.Schaff)
Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER
Date: Monday, March 31, 2014 12:29:02 PM

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From: **Jean Public** <jeanpublic1@yahoo.com>
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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER
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Cc: "INFO@EARTHJUSTICE.ORG" <INFO@earthjustice.org>, "FOE@FOE.ORG"
<FOE@foe.org>

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THIS IS A GOLD MINE FROM NEWMONT WHICH HAS BEEN IN TROUBLE IN OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD FOR POLLUTION. I DONT THINK THIS PROFITEER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MINE IN AMERICA AT ANY SITE AT ANY TIME. I THINK A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE MADE OF THE WORK THIS CORPORATION HAS BEEN DOINGIN ALL SITES AND IF THERE ARE POLLUTION COMPLAINTS, THAT CORPORATION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK IN THE USA ANYPLACE AT ALL. AMERICA HAS BEEN TOO EASY ON POLLUTERS. GOLD MINING IS HORRIBLY POISONOUS. IT POISONS THE WATER SO THAT NOTHING IS EVER USABLE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS. THIS IS NOT A GODO USE OF NATIONAL LAND. THIS SHOUDL NOT BE PERMITTED. BLM, AS USUAL, IS NOT OPERATING IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THIS COUNTRY IN DEALING WITH THIS POLLUTER. I AM DEFINITELY AGAINST THIS COMPANY OPERATING IN THIS SITE. I THINK THE COMPANY ITSELF SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE RECEIPT
.JEAN PUBLIC

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLNVE03000 L5110000.GN0000LVEMF1201550 241A; NVN-091032; 14-08807; MO 4500058790] Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Long Canyon Mine Project, Elko County, NV AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior. ACTION: Notice of availability. -----

----- SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Long Canyon Mine Project and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period. DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Long Canyon Mine Project Draft EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. The BLM will announce future public meetings or other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance [[Page 15774]] through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings. ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Long Canyon Mine Project by any of the following methods: Email: BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov. Fax: [775-861-6601](tel:775-861-6601) Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Long Canyon Mine Project, Attention: Whitney Wirthlin, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502 Copies of the Long Canyon Mine Project Draft EIS are available in the Elko District Office at the above address and on online at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_information/nepa/long_canyon_eis_7.html FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Whitney Wirthlin, Project Manager; telephone: [775-861-6400](tel:775-861-6400); address: 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502; email: BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at [1-800-877-8339](tel:1-800-877-8339) to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Newmont Mining Corporation (Newmont) proposes to construct and operate an open-pit gold mining operation, which would include one open pit, a heap leach pad, one waste rock dump, a tailings storage facility, a natural gas pipeline from the existing Ruby Pipeline, an onsite power generation plant, and other ancillary facilities. The mine would be located on the eastern side of the Pequop Mountain Range, about 30 miles east of Wells, Nevada, and 32 miles west of West Wendover, Nevada, and 5 miles south of Interstate 80. Currently, Fronteer Development (USA) Inc. (Fronteer), a subsidiary of Newmont, is authorized to disturb up to 115 acres for exploration purposes. The associated disturbance for the proposed operations would increase to 1,631 acres of public land, including 480 acres of split estate lands of Federal surface and private subsurface. The projected life of the mine is 8 to 14 years, including construction, operations, closure, and post-closure monitoring. An estimated annual workforce for operations would be approximately 300 to 500 people during the life of the mine. Fronteer is currently conducting exploration activities in this area which were analyzed in two environmental assessments (EA), the NewWest Gold USA Inc. Long Canyon Exploration Project (July 2008, EA No. BLM/EK/PL-2008/011) and Fronteer Development (USA) Inc. Expanded Long Canyon Exploration Project (June 2011, DOI-BLM-NV-N030-2011-00001-EA). The proposed Long Canyon Mine is in conformance with the Wells Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the proposal is in conformance with the approved decisions of the RMP. The Draft EIS describes and analyzes the proposed project site- specific impacts (including cumulative) on all affected resources. Two alternatives are analyzed: The North Facilities Alternative and the No Action Alternative. The North Facilities Alternative was designed in response to several environmental issues raised by scoping comments. Under the North Facilities Alternative, most of the mine facilities would be moved to the northern portion

of the project area. This alternative addresses impacts to several wildlife species, cultural resources, and responds to requests from the cities of West Wendover, Nevada, and Wendover, Utah, related to potential impacts to their water supply. Six other alternatives were considered but eliminated from further analysis. Mitigation measures are considered to minimize environmental impacts and to assure the proposed action does not result in unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands. The BLM received a total of 31 written comment submissions containing 80 items during the public scoping period. The comments the BLM received were submitted by Federal and State agencies as well as members of the general public. Concerns raised during scoping include: Potential impacts to cultural resources, including impacts to the Hastings Cutoff of the California National Historic Trail; impacts to the habitat of Greater Sage-Grouse; impacts to mule deer winter range and migration patterns; impacts to air quality through point (equipment) and non-point (waste rock disposal areas) pollution sources; changes to the quantity and quality of surface water and groundwater, especially the Big Spring and Johnson Spring complex which is the water resource for West Wendover and Wendover; potential noise impacts to wildlife in the area; impacts to general health of the rangeland resources; potential release of pollutants and hazardous materials to the environment during operations and following closure; increase in light pollution in the area and direct visual impacts from mine facilities; positive and negative socioeconomic impacts to the communities of Wells, Wendover, West Wendover, the Wells Colony and Elko County; and cumulative impacts to wildlife, cultural, air, water, lands and realty, socioeconomics, and vegetation resources. The BLM has prepared the Draft EIS in conjunction with its eight Cooperating Agencies: Nevada Department of Wildlife; Elko County; City of Elko; City of West Wendover; City of Wendover, Utah; the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Indian Reservation; the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; and the Environmental Protection Agency. Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email 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. Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6; 40 CFR 1506.10. Bryan K. Fuell, Field Manager, Wells Field Office. [FR Doc. 2014-06112 Filed 3-20-14; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-HC-P

From: [Wirthlin, Whitney](#)
To: [Kristi Schaff](#)
Subject: Fwd: comments on Long Canyon
Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 8:27:29 AM

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From: **ashley collins** <horsecrazy2win@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2014 at 8:11 AM
Subject: comments on Long Canyon
To: "wwirthli@blm.gov" <wwirthli@blm.gov>

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I know there are many views on Mining. I for one remember when Elko county and the surrounding county's were ranching as the main source of income. Times change, although mining and ranching go hand in hand these days, with Newmont also owning ranches ! I believe it shows that Newmont also cares about the land and what the ranching means to Northeastern Nevada. I have seen the good that Newmont does for our communities, what they do to restore the land after the mining process. The fact that they provide jobs for many people. Also most people do not realize that Long Canyon will be in Elko county, compared to being in Eureka and Lander county. Long Canyon will continue to provide income for Elko county.

If I have sent this to the wrong email could you please forward it as the address that was listed in the most current issue of the Elko Daily Free Press informed me it was invaild.

Thank you for your time.

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Whitney Wirthlin
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Nevada State Office
1340 Financial Blvd
Reno, NV 89502
Office 775.861.6568

From: [Wirthlin, Whitney](#)
To: [Kristi Schaff](#)
Subject: Fwd: Long Canyon DEIS
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 9:30:33 AM

Bryan has been getting emails, so I told him to pass them on to me and I will forward them on to you.

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From: **Bryan Fuell** <bfuell@blm.gov>
Date: Tue, Apr 15, 2014 at 5:40 PM
Subject: Fwd: Long Canyon DEIS
To: Whitney Wirthlin <wwirthli@blm.gov>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "ELDOWebmail, BLM_NV" <blm_nv_eldowebmail@blm.gov>
Date: April 15, 2014 at 18:09:51 MDT
To: Bryan Fuell <bfuell@blm.gov>
Subject: **Fwd: Long Canyon DEIS**

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From: **Ron R. Richardson** <Ronald.Richardson@newmont.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 15, 2014 at 9:50 AM
Subject: RE: Long Canyon DEIS
To: "elfoweb@blm.gov" <elfoweb@blm.gov>
Cc: "Ron R. Richardson" <Ronald.Richardson@newmont.com>

To Whom It May Concern,

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I am currently employed with Newmont Mining Corporation as a Senior Chemist. I have worked for Newmont for the past 8 years. During my time with Newmont, I have been impressed with the Environmental Stewardship of the company.

Newmont has a very well qualified group of individuals that work in our Environmental department and I have all the confidence in the world in them. I feel that the Long Canyon project should be approved to operate

between Wells and Wendover Nevada. Why you ask, Newmont has a proven track record of outstanding exploration, operation, and closures in the state of Nevada winning numerous awards over the years because of their commitment to its people and the environment.

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Several other reasons to approve this DEIS would be the 400-500 added jobs this will create to this already weak economy with a mine life right now of 10+ years. This new proposed mine site will be a clean site as there will not be any mercury emissions on site because all of the carbon processing will be done at the Carlin Nevada Gold Quarry Mine where they have a state of the art mercury emission system in place. The mine will not affect the deer migration as they will work with NDOW to make sure the migration corridor is in-tact. As for the sage grouse concerns, they will be at least 4 miles away from the proposed pit.

As mentioned above, I would like to see Newmont continue to make a positive difference in this state by providing jobs and mining the way they have in the past. This is currently being done by maintaining a high level of social and environmental standards.

Sincerely,

Ron Richardson

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From: wwirthli@blm.gov on behalf of [ELDOLongCanyonMine, BLM NV](#)
To: [Kristi Schaff](#)
Subject: Fwd: 14 foot buffer
Date: Monday, April 21, 2014 8:48:50 AM

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From: **Glen Wadsworth** <gwadsworth@wendoverut.us>
Date: Wed, Apr 16, 2014 at 10:11 AM
Subject: 14 foot buffer
To: BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov

- 5.1 [Howdy Whitney, hope you have recovered from the meeting last night. Good to see you. Just a note as a follow up about the discussion we had on the fourteen (14') feet buffer zone between the water table and the pit bottom.
- Who will be assigned to monitor the maintaining of the fourteen feet horizon/elevation?
 - 5.2 [- How often are the elevations going to be taken to maintain the designated fourteen feet horizon/elevation?
 - 5.3 [- Is there going to be a continuous stratigraphy (hard copy) profile that will show the fourteen feet horizon/elevation as ore is removed from the pit?
 - 5.4 [- What will be the deviation of the bottom profile after blasting, plus or minus yard/feet/inches?
 - 5.5 [- What will be the remediation/consequence, if any, if the buffer zone shrinks to less than the fourteen feet?
 - 5.6 [- What will have to take place, when and if, they discover higher grade ore below the fourteen feet buffer?
 - 5.7 [- What is to prevent back fill using overburden to maintain the fourteen feet buffer thickness?
 - 5.8 [- Will an independent party have the right to inspect the integrity of the buffer zone?
 - 5.9 [- Will the Cities have access to printed data with respect to the buffer zone and elevations?
 - 5.10 [- What method(s) are the elevations going to be determined and what will be the accepted percent error?

Whiney, these are my concerns about protecting the water table.

Thanks for listening to me, have a nice day. If you have any questions, let me know.

glenn



Elko County Board of Commissioners

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NEVADA STATE OFFICE
RENO, NEVADA

April 7, 2014

BLM Nevada State Office
Attn: Ms. Whitney Wirthlin
1640 Financial Blvd.
Reno, NV 89502

Re: Newmont Long Canyon Mine DEIS

Ms. Wirthlin:

6.1 Elko County is in receipt of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Newmont Long Canyon Mine Project. Elko County is in full support of the Newmont proposed action as outlined in North Facilities Alternative as outlined in Section 2.3 and development of the proposed Power Supply Pipeline and route. Elko County encourages the BLM to support and implement the North Facilities action to the fullest extent possible to ensure that the Newmont Long Canyon Mine is authorized and is developed to its potential as outlined. Elko County is opposed to the Proposed Action as outlined in Section 2.2 and the No Action Alternative.

6.2 Elko County has developed an agreement with Newmont U.S.A. to maintain public access to adjacent public and private lands in perpetuity. Newmont U.S.A. has granted fee title easement along the existing Big Springs Ranch Road / Goshute Valley Road / Elko County Road 790 in exchange for temporary road closure through the proposed Long Canyon project. This partnership and Newmont USA's commitment to maintain and ensure multiple uses on federally managed public lands will assist Elko County with the acquisition of a formal easement crossing public lands assuring un-fragmented access to the California Trail and Hastings Cutoff.

6.3 Elko County believes that Newmont has exceeded the requirements of NEPA and all other Federal, State and Local statutes and requirements with the development of the DEIS and should proceed as written to the Final Environmental Impact Statement and ultimately the Record of Decision granting the development of and production of the long Canyon Mine and facility.

Respectfully,

Charlie Myers, Chair
Elko County Board of Commissioners

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APR 14 2014

NEVADA STATE OFFICE
RENO, NEVADA

Apr 5, 2014

Dear Whitney Wirthlin,

I am writing in response to your letter 8809 (NUEO300) regarding the Long Canyon mine. I have long advocated protecting the beautiful six mile canyon and its watershed and as such I am opposed to the development of the Long Canyon mine without a commitment to protect Six mile canyon. Now obviously by now you are thinking this DEIS is about Long Canyon and not Six Mile but I believe the two are linked. Agrico Eagle is doing exploratory drilling in the very area I am talking about and the word is that they are finding pockets of ore but nothing worth establishing a separate mine. Here's my biggest fear Whitney, by failing to protect six mile canyon now the logical progression would be for Newmont to acquire Agrico's claims and because the mill is in place destroy a beautiful canyon for a few pockets of gold. I know that if there were a lot of gold in Six Mile there's no way we could protect it, but what if the proximity of Newmont's leach pads make what would otherwise be a marginal investment (mining six mile canyon) a viable option. Again you are probably thinking then this DEIS is about Long Canyon, but I can't help but think about the story about the camel

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who got his nose in the tent and how useless it would be to oppose that action later. I have inside information that Newmont would like to turn the Peguops into a mining district like Carlin and I am opposed to that.

7.1 BLM's charter is to manage public lands and protect them. To me this is an opportunity to do both. We can oversee the development of the Long Canyon mine in an environmentally responsible way and protect adjacent lands for generations to come. The Newmont managers I have met seem to be responsible and sensitive to the community and the environment, however they also have a responsibility to their shareholders. Unless the BLM steps in to protect the surrounding land I would expect them to mine the pockets of ore in six mile canyon even if the economic feasibility of the mine is dependant on the main trend in Long Canyon. Don Andersen, John Powell and Jeff White at Newmont know my feelings on this subject and I guess by now you do as well. Thank you

Sincerely
Ken Krough
Peguop Ranch

From: wwirthli@blm.gov on behalf of [ELDOLongCanyonMine, BLM_NV](#)
To: [Kristi Schaff](#)
Subject: Fwd: Comments
Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 9:36:03 AM

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From: **Paul Bottari** <paul@bottarirealty.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2014 at 11:14 AM
Subject: Comments
To: BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov

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I am a local businessman in Wells , Nevada and I feel this project will be a very positive venture for our area. It will certainly provide jobs and help create a bit of growth in our town which has been needed for a long time. Please register these comments in support for the project. Sincerely, Paul Bottari

From: wwirthli@blm.gov on behalf of [ELDOLongCanyonMine, BLM_NV](#)
To: [Kristi Schaff](#)
Subject: Fwd: public comment
Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 9:48:16 AM

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From: **Doug McLennan** <themclennans@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 21, 2014 at 8:13 PM
Subject: public comment
To: "BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov"
<BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov>

9.1 My name is Doug McLennan and I live on the south side of Murdock mountain which is north of the mine. My concerns about the mine are about the impacts on the air quality both with particulates and the night sky or light pollution. Both of these concerns impact what are some of the most important qualities that the upper great basin has to offer which is clean air and one of the best night skies left in the United States. From our place we cannot directly see where the pit is going to be because of a ridge but can see where the tailing piles and other parts of the project that are on the valley floor.

I know there are minimum standards for air pollution but I would hope you would aim higher than that and put in your plan statements about conservation, fuel consumption and just having diesels idling all day.

As you have probably already found out the roads in this part of the country turn into a very fine dust that is very light and will just blow away if it is not watered down or sealed. It also gets into machinery and air cleaners and causes maintenance problems.

9.2 Probably my biggest concerns are with light pollution. Nothing that I saw in your meeting addressed night sky lighting and I don't think Nevada requires it. As I drive across the state there are very few dark areas anymore and the mines that are all across the state look like they are small cities in the distance. I think that many have used night sky lighting but not down lighting so you can see their lights from miles away. Please make all lighting full cutout for night sky and down lighting so that it is less intrusive on your neighbors. There is supporting research that shows that wildlife need the darkness, that the dark sky seems to help cut the daytime pollution and if done correctly can save in operating cost. This type of lighting can be done at about the same cost if planned during the construction and still provide a safe working environment. Throw in the extra bonus of a higher quality of life when you can actually see the stars and it would seem that it would be worth it to all parties. I would hope that you spend some time on how you handle the lighting of this project and protect one of last places that has a night sky that we can brag about.

Thank you, Doug McLennan

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Hello-

10.1 [I am a part owner of 40 acres 8-10 miles due northeast of the proposed mine. I do not appose the new operation in principle but I request safe guards against dust and light pollution be required. The operator's property rights end where mine begin, so to speak, and I do appreciate my starry nights on Murdock Mountain.

Thank you,

Owen Wright
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