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Dear Interested Party:

The Wells Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has completed its analysis of Newmont Mining Corporation, Inc.'s proposal for the Long Canyon Mine Project's Plan of Operations. The Project will be located in the Pequop Mountains and Goshute Valley, in Elko County, Nevada, approximately 75 miles east of Elko, Nevada. The Project will be an open-pit gold mine.

The Record of Decision (ROD) for the Long Canyon Mine Environmental Impact Statement was signed on April 7, 2014, and allows operations to begin at the Long Canyon site. The BLM decision was to select the North Facilities Alternative with the applicant-committed environmental protection measures and the mitigation measures outlined in the Long Canyon Mine Mitigation Plan, Appendix 2C to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The North Facilities Alternative was designed in response to environmental issues raised during internal and external scoping for the project. This alternative addresses impacts to several wildlife species, including sage grouse, cultural resources, and responds to requests from the cities of West Wendover, NV and Wendover, UT related to potential impacts to their water supply, Big Springs and the ground water aquifer. The enclosed ROD outlines the stipulations and conditions for the operations.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (Board), U. S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of Hearing and Appeals in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. The appeal period for the decision is 30 days from the issuance of the ROD.

Questions concerning the ROD may be mailed to: BLM, Long Canyon Mine Project at the above address or emailed to BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Whitney Wirthlin at the above address, faxed to (775) 753-0255, by phone at (775) 753-0277, or email BLM_NV_ELDOLongCanyonMine@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/Jill C. Silvey

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Enclosure