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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), which analyzes the impacts of a proposed project near Battle Mountain, Nevada. The EA identifies, describes and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate the possible impacts from the proposal.

M-I LLC has submitted a Plan of Development (POD) to construct for a temporary (10 years) 100 foot wide, 2,748 feet long access road within an existing roadbed. The roadway will be covered with road material (chert) from the mine. Under this Plan, M-I LLC proposes to widen the current road and to re-route the crossing of the Mill Creek Road, for a total of 4.7 acres of new surface disturbance. At the end of the ten-year period, the road would be reclaimed back to the current route and dimensions. The road will be used year-round.

The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., June 18, 2014. The EA can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register Page, which can be accessed through the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html

Under Links of Interest, click on the link that reads "National NEPA Register Page." To navigate to the project, scroll down and select "Nevada" from the "State(s)" list, which will populate the "Office(s)" list, then select "NV-Mount Lewis FO." Under "Fiscal Year(s) select "2014" and then click the "Search" button on the right side of the screen. This will take you to a list of projects; find and select this project (DOI-BLM-NV-B010-2013-0073-EA) to display the project webpage using the link on the left.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, 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 any questions or to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Jon Kramer, Project Lead and Realty Specialist at the above address or at (775) 635-4053.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJ Cook', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Christopher J. Cook
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