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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public comment on a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Twin Creek Vista VIII Pit Expansion Project. The PEA evaluates Newmont Mining Corporation's (NMC) proposed modification to the Twin Creeks Mine (BLM record N-064094) Plan of Operations (Plan). The modified Plan proposes expanding operations at the existing Twin Creeks Mine. The Twin Creeks Mine is approximately 35 miles northeast of Winnemucca in Humboldt County, Nevada.

The proposed expansion would include approximately 161 acres of public and private land within the existing plan boundary. It would expand and deepen the existing Vista pit towards the east over an existing haul road, heap leach pad, and surfaces already approved for disturbance. The heap leach pad has already been moved, and the haul road and any structures would be moved prior to pit expansion. In addition to the expanded pit, the proposed project also includes continued dewatering of the Vista Pit, placement of waste rock on existing waste rock facilities and other areas approved for placement, using existing ore processing and refining facilities, and realignment and construction of ancillary infrastructure including haul roads, access roads and dewatering wells.

The public is invited to submit comments on the PEA within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please send written comments to Ms. Kathleen Rehberg, project lead, at the above address, or e-mail wfoweb@blm.gov with Twin Creeks Vista VIII (Rehberg) in the subject line. The PEA, this letter and a map are available on the Winnemucca BLM's e-Planning webpage at

<http://1.usa.gov/1KIRJdU>. In addition, a copy of Twin Creeks' modified Plan of Operations is available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters will be available for public review during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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 personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Rehberg at (775) 623-1500 or at the above address.

Sincerely,



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