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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 the proposed Toiyabe Exploration Project, Lander County, Nevada. The EA identifies, describes and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate the possible impacts from the proposal.

Golden Oasis Exploration (GOE) proposes to expand existing Notice-level (NVN-087765) exploration activities within the 802-acre Project Area. GOE proposes to conduct exploration-related activities that would create approximately 95.1 acres of new surface disturbance for a total Project-related disturbance of approximately 100 acres to facilitate the development of a multi-phase exploration project. The current disturbance of 4.9 acres will be expanded by an additional 5.2 acres for a total of 10.1 acres in the first phase. This additional disturbance proposed under this environmental analysis is primarily attributable to: exploration drilling; construction of roads, drill pads and sumps; trenching and bulk sampling; potential installation of ground water monitoring and production wells, and a meteorological station; geophysical surveys; reclamation; and utilization and maintenance, as necessary, of existing roads used to access the exploration sites. 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., April 17, 2015. The EA can be viewed on the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:

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

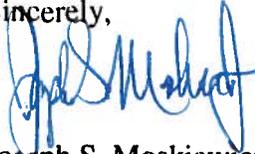
Under Links of Interest, click on the link that reads "National NEPA Register Page." To navigate to the project select "Text Search." Then scroll down and select "Nevada" from the "State(s)" list, which will populate the "Office(s)" list, then select "NV-Mount Lewis FO." Under "Fiscal Year(s) select "2015" 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-NV-B010-2015-0029-EA) to display the project webpage using the link on the left. Comments may also be submitted using the ePlanning comments submission or emailed to:

blm_nv_bmdo_toiyabe_exploration_project_ea@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 any questions or wish to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Shiva Achet, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the above address or at (775) 635-4054.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph S. Moskiewicz, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Joseph S. Moskiewicz, Jr.
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