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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office, is seeking public input as it initiates an environmental analysis process for the Washoe County Road Departments Mineral Materials Community Pit Designations project. Mineral materials are common varieties of sand, gravel, decomposed granite, stone, clay and other similar materials. Locations are depicted in the enclosed table and a general vicinity map of the project areas.

The proposed action is to evaluate the renewal and creation of 8 mineral material sites, located on BLM managed land all within Washoe County, Nevada. Specifically it is proposed to renew 8 Free Use Permits (FUPs) as requested by Washoe County Road Department (WCRD) and designate these 8 sites as community pits. The FUPs are not proposed to be expanded beyond the 294.5 acres that were previously approved. One of the sites, Hot Plant, includes a conjoined 2 acre area of private land, owned by Washoe County, but both portions have been used by the Washoe County Road Department (WCRD) as a single site over its history and will be considered in this action congruently. The 8 sites currently have 47.5 acres of existing disturbance, but sites are limited to a total of 292.5 acres of potential disturbance over a 10 year time span.

Each community pit would remain designated in perpetuity until the useful material is exhausted. Upon that point in time, the gravel pits would be reclaimed and closed as specified in stipulations that would be developed. Refer to the "Table of Existing and Proposed WCRD Free Use Permits and Community Pits" (Table) and on the map that shows the locations of all the mineral material sites being evaluated in this analysis, both of which are enclosed with this letter.

The public is invited to submit comments relative to the development of the EA within 30 days of the date of this letter, including comments related to historic preservation issues as prescribed in Title 54 United States Code (U.S.C.) 300301, et. seq., commonly known as the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (NHPA), and Title 54 U.S.C. 306108, commonly known as Section 106 of the NHPA. Please send written comments to Mr. Thomas Kilbey,

project lead, at the above address or by e-mail to [NV\\_WFO\\_Webmail@blm.gov](mailto:NV_WFO_Webmail@blm.gov) with “Washoe County Community Pits Project (Kilbey)” in the subject line. This letter and map are also available on our NEPA webpage at the following site: <http://1.usa.gov/1NPbYHx>

Public comments submitted for this NOI, 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 personally identifiable information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request that the BLM withhold personally identifiable information from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. If you wish us to withhold your personal information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses available for public disclosure in their entirety.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Kilbey by telephone at (775) 623-1582 or by mail or in person at the above address.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Hall

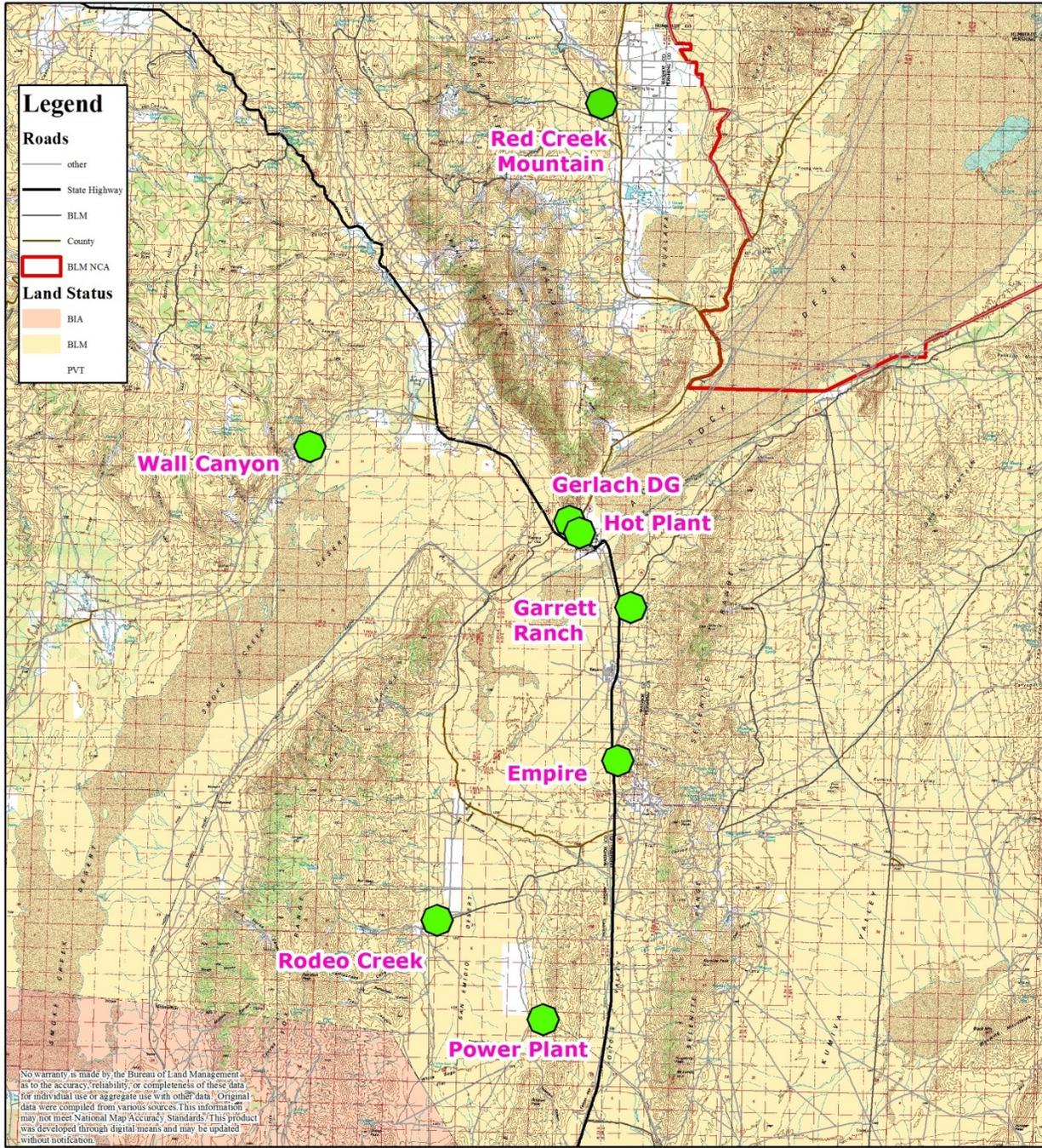
/S/ Mark E. Hall  
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Attachment A: Mineral Material Pits included Washoe Community Pit 2015 EA.

<b>Expired Serial Number</b>	<b>Pit Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Permitted Site Acres</b>	<b>Currently Disturbed Acres</b>
NVN-048972	Empire	T31N, R23E, Sec. 35	15	4.6
NVN-048984	Gerlach DG	T32N, R23E, Sec. 09	10	9.3
NVN-062252	Garrett Ranch Road	T32N, R23E, Sec. 36	40	2.0
NVN-062253	Hot Plant	T32N, R23E, Sec. 16	17.5	6.4
	Hot Plant Private	T32N, R23E, Sec. 09	2	1.6
NVN-062256	Power Plant	T29N, R23E, Sec. 22	5	2.3
NVN-062258	Red Mountain Creek	T35N, R23E, Sec. 15	160	12.8
NVN-062259	Rodeo Creek	T30N, R22E, Sec. 36	5	4.0
NVN-062262	Wall Canyon	T33N, R21E, Sec. 26	40	4.5

# 2015 Washoe Co. Comm. Pits





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Gerlach, NV  
USGS 100k 2 Degree Sheet  
T.31 N., R.24 E., sec. 32



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