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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tonopah Field Office has issued a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment (EA, DOI-BLM-NV-B020-2015-0060-EA) of the Golden Arrow Exploration Project (Project), to be located approximately 60 miles southeast of the town of Tonopah in Nye County, Nevada. The decision of the Tonopah Field Manager, Battle Mountain District is to select the Proposed Action, including all applicant-committed environmental protection measures and required design features specified in Section 2.1 of the EA, as the BLM's Preferred Alternative.

Intor Resources Corporation (IRC) submitted a Plan of Operations (BLM case file N-93516) to conduct mineral exploration activities, and a Plan of Development (N-04261) to widen two access roads. IRC had been conducting exploration activities in the Project Area resulting in about nine acres of surface disturbance, under three Notices of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI) which have since expired. The Project would create approximately 91 acres of new surface disturbance in addition to existing Notice-level disturbance, for total Project-related disturbance of approximately 100 acres. Exploration activities would be conducted in phases, with approximately 25.6 acres of surface disturbance occurring under Phase I. Widening the two roads (approximately 4.2 miles) from eight to 14 feet would be part of Phase I activities. Other Project activities would include reverse circulation and/or core drilling; constructing drill sites with corresponding sumps; a laydown area; geologic and geophysical mapping; overland travel; constructing trenches for collecting bulk samples and ground condition testing; potential installation and operation of ground water monitoring wells and production well test sites; geotechnical test pits, trenches, and corings; potential installation and operation of a meteorological station; and reclamation of Project-related surface disturbance.

The EA was made available for a 30-day public comment period ending on March 21, 2016. Notifications of the EA's availability were sent to persons and agencies on the Project mailing list, and the EA was posted on the BLM National NEPA Register and the Battle Mountain District website. The BLM issued a press release the same day with a link to the EA and instructions on how to comment. The BLM also consulted with the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, the Yomba Shoshone Tribe, and the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe. The BLM received six comment letters, including one from the public and five from state agencies. The BLM evaluated substantive comments during the decision making process, and made minor corrections and clarifications to the EA as a result of this review. The BLM determined that the comments did not identify or present any significant new information or changed circumstances that would warrant additional NEPA analysis. Appendix A of the EA provides the comments received and responses to these comments.

The EA, DR, and FONSI are available online through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Register at <http://1.usa.gov/23ZvuY0> and hard copies of these documents are available for review at the Tonopah Field Office, 1553 South Main Street, Tonopah, NV during regular business hours, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday except federal holidays.

If you have any questions regarding the Project or would like to request a CD or hard copy of the documents, please contact Will Coyle, Assistant Field Manager Non-Renewable at (775) 482-7803.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy J. Coward', written in a cursive style.

Timothy J. Coward
Field Manager