

**THOMPSON CREEK MINE EXPANSION EIS  
WAYS YOU CAN HELP**

Thompson Creek Mining Company (TCMC) has submitted an application for a Modified Mining Plan of Operations which will allow expansion of the mining operation and the use of property owned and administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. Prior to deciding whether to approve the modified plan of operations, the BLM (for itself and the Forest Service) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The BLM is conducting two public scoping meetings to obtain the public's input on the mining operations and issues that should be included in the EIS. These meetings will be held in:

- Boise on Monday, August 23, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Avenue; and
- Challis on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Challis Middle School, 700 Main Street.

Comments may be submitted at the meetings or you may submit comments regarding the proposed actions and planning criteria by any of the following methods by September 1, 2010:

- *E-mail:* [tcm\\_eis@jbr.com](mailto:tcm_eis@jbr.com);
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If you fill out a comment form or send a letter, fax, or e-mail, here are some points you may wish to make:

- The Thompson Creek Mine is important to you, your business or family and the local economy.
- The environmental effects of the modified plan of operations, which will be studied in the EIS, include direct and indirect social and economic effects of the proposed action. Maintaining the mining operation through 2025 would have very positive social and economic effects in Central Idaho.
- The EIS should address only the environmental impacts of the modified plan of operations as submitted by TCMC. The TC Mine has operated since 1983 and the modified plan requires use of only a small amount (about 15%) of additional federal land in comparison to the federal land already used as part of the mining operation. Thus, only limited environmental impacts should result from the modified plan of operations and be analyzed in the EIS.
- You understand that a "No Action" alternative (closing the mine after Phase 7) must be included in the EIS; however, a No Action alternative would have extremely negative impacts on the region and would have no environmental benefits.
- Thompson Creek's excellent record of environmental compliance during the 25+ years the mine has been in operation should be taken into account as well.
- The BLM should complete the EIS process as quickly as reasonably possible to avoid any interruption in mining operations at TCMC.
- You appreciate the opportunity to submit your comments.