

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of amendments to approved Tribal-State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendments to St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact, which were executed on June 18, 1998.

**DATES:** This action is effective August 21, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-030-1220-00]

**Nevada: Closure of Certain Public Land in the Winnemucca District for the Management of Lands Located Around the Burning Man Event**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Amend temporary closure and restriction of public lands in Washoe and Pershing Counties.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Certain lands in the Winnemucca District, Pershing and Washoe Counties, Nevada would be temporarily closed or restricted to camping, vehicle use and firearms use from 6 p.m. August 30 to 6 a.m. September 8, 1998. This closure is being made in the interest of public safety at the location of an event known as the Burning Man Festival. This event is expected to attract at least 12,000 visitors this year.

The following areas in and around the Burning Man event site are closed to discharge and display of firearms:

T. 33 N., R. 23 E., Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 35;

Sec. 36.

T. 32 N., R. 23 E., Sec. 1; Sec. 2; Sec. 11; Sec. 12.

T. 33 N., R. 24 E., Sec. 19; Sec. 30; Sec. 31.

The following public lands are temporarily closed to landing, taking off, and taxiing aircraft except for authorized and emergency aircraft:

T. 32 N., R. 23 E., Sec. 1; Sec. 2; Sec. 11; Sec. 12.

T. 33 N., R. 23 E., Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 35; Sec. 36.

T. 33 N., R. 24 E., Sec. 1; Sec. 2; Sec. 3; Sec. 4; Sec. 8; Sec. 9; Sec. 10; Sec. 11; Sec. 12; Sec. 14; Sec. 15; Sec. 16; Sec. 17; Sec. 18; Sec. 19; Sec. 20; Sec. 21; Sec. 29; Sec. 30; Sec. 31.

T. 33½ N., R. 24 E., Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 27; Sec. 28; Sec. 33; Sec. 34; Sec. 35; Sec. 36.

T. 33 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 3; Sec. 4.

T. 34 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 27; Sec. 28; Sec. 33; Sec. 34; Sec. 35; Sec. 36.

The lands involved are located in the Mount Diablo Meridian and located north of Gerlach, Nevada. A map showing the temporary closure area is available from the following BLM office: Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, (702) 623-1500. Any person who fails to comply with this closure notice issued under 43 CFR Part 8364 may be subject to the penalties provided for in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Sincerely yours,

**Colin P. Christensen,**

*Acting Field Office Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-020-1990-10]

**Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a mining Plan of Operations (POO) amendment for the Rayrock Mines, Inc., Marigold Mining Company's (MMC) expansion project located on public and private lands in Humboldt County, Nevada, and; notice of scoping period and public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy

Act of 1969 and, title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 3809, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be directing the preparation of an EIS for the proposed expansion of a mine in Humboldt County, Nevada. The EIS will be prepared by contract and funded by Rayrock Mines, Inc. Public meetings will be held to identify issues to be addressed in the EIS, and to encourage public participation in the review process. Representatives of the BLM and MMC will be summarizing the POO and accepting comments from the audience. The BLM invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis.

**DATES:** Two scoping meetings will be held. The first is on Tuesday, October 5, 1998 at the Battle Mountain Field Office of the BLM, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada. The second will be Wednesday, October 6, 1998, at the Winnemucca Field Office of the BLM, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada. Both meetings are scheduled to run from 7-9 p.m.

Written comments on the POO and scope of the EIS will be accepted until the close of business, October 23, 1998. The Draft EIS is expected to be completed by August 16, 1999, when the document will be made available for public review and comment.

**ADDRESSES:** Scoping comments may be sent to: District Manager, Winnemucca Field Office BLM, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445, Attn: Gerald Moritz, Marigold Mine EIS Project Coordinator.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerald Moritz, Winnemucca Field Office BLM, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca NV 89445, phone (702) 623-1500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This EIS will address the issues of geology, soils, water resources, vegetation, wildlife, grazing management, air quality, aesthetic resources, cultural resources, ethnographic concerns, paleontologic resources, land use, access, recreation, social and economic values related to project development. In addition, the EIS will address cumulative impacts for the above listed resources.

MMC has been operating the Marigold Mine, an open-pit gold mine at the site, since 1998. The Marigold Mine is located on public and private lands approximately five miles south of the Valmy Exit on Interstate Highway 80, in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately 43 miles east of Winnemucca and approximately 12 miles west of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The Marigold Mine uses conventional open pit mining methods including drilling, blasting, loading, and hauling