

The objective of this final plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of these six aquatic snails so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. As reclassification and recovery criteria are met, the status of these species will be reviewed and they will be considered for reclassification or removal from the *Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants* (50 CFR part 17).

**Authority:** The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533 (f).

Dated: September 8, 2005.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Call for Nominations for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Call for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management is requesting public nominations to fill an unexpired term on the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board. The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board provides advice regarding management, use, and further development of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. The Bureau of Land Management will consider public nominations until January 17, 2006.

**DATES:** Send all nominations to the address listed below no later than January 17, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the location to send nominations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 808-6306, e-mail: [pam\\_robbins@blm.gov](mailto:pam_robbins@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1730) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board is a

citizen-based advisory council that is consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Members serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for government employees. As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, board membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of public lands. The unexpired term to be filled is a representative of trail advocacy groups. The term expiration is December 29, 2006. Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board. Nominees must be residents of Oregon. The Bureau of Land Management will evaluate nominees in coordination with the Governor of the State of Oregon, based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. The Bureau of Land Management will forward recommended nominations to the Secretary of the Interior, who has responsibility for making the appointments. The following must accompany all nominations:

- Letters of reference from trail advocacy group(s),
- A completed background information nomination form,
- Any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Nomination forms are available from Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, 333 SW., First Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, (503) 808-6306, email: [pam\\_robbins@blm.gov](mailto:pam_robbins@blm.gov). Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-1990]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement To Analyze the Proposed Amendment to the Pipeline/South Pipeline Plan of Operations (NVN-067575) for the Cortez Hills Expansion Project

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

**COOPERATING AGENCY** Nevada Department of Wildlife. Consultation is ongoing with the Environmental Protection Agency on Cooperating Agency status.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the Proposed Amendment to the Pipeline/South Pipeline Plan of Operations (NVN-067575) for the Cortez Hills Expansion Project, Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada, and notice of scoping period.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508 Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, and 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3809, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Battle Mountain Field Office will be directing the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze proposed pit and process facility expansions and development of a new open-pit gold mine and associated facilities, in Lander and Eureka counties, Nevada. The EIS will be prepared by a third-party contractor directed by the BLM and funded by the proponent, Cortez Gold Mines. The project will involve public and private lands in Lander and Eureka counties, Nevada. The BLM invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on the scope of the EIS can be submitted in writing to the address below and must be post-marked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. on January 3, 2006. Scoping meetings will be held in Crescent Valley and in Battle Mountain, Nevada. All scoping meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters or flyers, at least 15 days prior to each event. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participants who wish to clarify the views they expressed.

The purpose of the public scoping meetings is to identify issues to be addressed in the EIS, and to identify potentially viable alternatives that address these issues. BLM personnel will be present to explain the NEPA process, mining regulations, and other requirements for processing the proposed Plan of Operations Amendment and the associated EIS. Representatives of Cortez Gold Mines will also be available to describe their proposal.

**ADDRESSES:** Written scoping comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land