

dams at the Giroux Wash Tailings Storage Facility (TSF), KGHM Robinson estimates that active operations at the Robinson Mine would cease in 2024.

The Reduced King Waste Rock Dump (WRD) and North Tripp WRD (Alternative C) would keep all project elements described in the 2019 Plan Amendment, including both the North Tripp and King WRDs; however, the allowable footprint of the King WRD would be reduced from the 260 acres under the BLM Preferred Alternative to 234 acres under this alternative. Specifically, Alternative C would eliminate all proposed King WRD development east of County Road 44A. The North Tripp WRD would be expanded onto approximately 102 acres of BLM-managed public lands and 67 private acres. As with the BLM Preferred Alternative, this alternative would include dewatering and renewed mining in the eastern portions of the Liberty Pit and development of approximately 545 acres of BLM-managed public land and 94 private acres adjacent to the Giroux Wash TSF. This alternative would result in approximately 869 acres of new disturbance on BLM-managed public lands and 237 acres of KGHM-owned private lands, for a total of approximately 1,106 acres of new surface disturbance. As with the BLM Preferred Alternative, mine life would be extended to 2028.

The Ruth East Backfill and Reduced King WRD Alternative (Alternative D) is similar to Alternative B, the BLM Preferred Alternative. Alternative D would include renewed dewatering and expanded mining operations in the eastern portions of the Liberty Pit as well as approval for KGHM Robinson to develop a total of approximately 639 acres of mixed public and private land adjacent to the Giroux Wash TSF. Alternative D, like Alternative C, would include the reduced 234-acre King WRD. Alternative D would not, however, include development of the North Tripp WRD. Rather, additional waste rock generated during continued mining would be disposed within approximately 160 acres of KGHM-owned lands within the Ruth East Pit. Approval of Alternative D would therefore result in approximately 767 acres of new surface disturbance on BLM-managed lands and 330 acres of KGHM-owned private lands, for a total of approximately 1,097 acres. As with the BLM Preferred Alternative and Alternative C, mine life would be extended to 2028.

The Notice of Intent for this project also included the BLM's proposal to amend the Ely District Resource

Management Plan for Visual Resource Management classes. During scoping, however, the BLM determined that a Resource Management Plan amendment is not required, and therefore it is no longer being analyzed as part of this Final EIS. On September 14, 2020, the Council on Environmental Quality's revision to the NEPA Regulations went into effect. The final rule does not apply to the NEPA analysis for the Robinson Mine Plan of Operations Amendment, as it began prior to September 14, 2020.

A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS for the proposed project was published in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2020 (85 FR 78351). A virtual public meeting was held during the comment period. The BLM received 18 public comment documents during the 45-day comment period. The documents contained 56 unique and substantive comments which included concerns on mine closure and reclamation planning, greater sage grouse protection, general wildlife issues, mitigation measures, and geochemistry issues primarily related to pit lakes and assumed contaminant seepage. Comments on the Draft EIS received from the public and internal BLM review were considered and incorporated, as appropriate, into the Final EIS. Public comments resulted in corrections or the addition of clarifying text but did not change the proposed action.

The BLM has consulted with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on the Project in accordance with the 2014 State Protocol Agreement between the BLM and Nevada SHPO for Implementing the National Historic Preservation Act. The BLM has determined that the Project would cause adverse effects to eight historic properties and five unevaluated archaeological resources. The BLM and Nevada SHPO executed a Programmatic Agreement in 2016 to resolve adverse effects to cultural resources in the Robinson Nevada Mining Company Area of Potential Effect. The 2016 programmatic agreement outlines the process by which these resources will be evaluated and mitigated. BLM has consulted with SHPO on the mitigation measures for these sites and concurred upon the treatment. The specific actions necessary to resolve adverse effects to historic properties will be carried out prior to Project implementation.

The BLM has initiated ongoing consultation with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural

resources, will be given due consideration and have been analyzed in the Final EIS.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1502)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Cedar Fields Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Monument Resource Management Plan, Idaho

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared the Draft Monument Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Cedar Fields Project Area and by this notice is announcing the opening of the public comment period.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/36660/510>.
- *Email:* [blm\\_id\\_monumentcassiarmpamend@blm.gov](mailto:blm_id_monumentcassiarmpamend@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 208-677-6699.
- *Mail:* BLM Burley Field Office, 15 East 200 South, Burley, ID 83318.

Copies of the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS are available in the Burley Field Office at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Cresswell, Assistant Field Manager, Shoshone Field Office, telephone 208-732-7270; address BLM Burley Field

Office, 15 East 200 South, Burley, ID 83318; email [blm\\_id\\_monumentcassiarmpamend@blm.gov](mailto:blm_id_monumentcassiarmpamend@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Ms. Cresswell. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for Ms. Cresswell. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS for the Cedar Fields is now available. The BLM prepared this document in consultation with cooperating agencies and in accordance with NEPA, FLPMA, implementing regulations, the BLM's Land Use Planning Handbook (H-1601-1) and National Environmental Policy Handbook (H-1790-1), and other applicable law and policy.

The Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS analyzes management options for the BLM-managed portions of Cedar Fields that were not evaluated in the EIS for the 1985 Monument Resource Management Plan. Its purpose is to consider a range of reasonable alternatives for managing recreation use while providing cultural resource protection on BLM-managed lands and adjacent U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)-managed lands in Cedar Fields. This will be done in a manner that maintains the values identified in the 1985 Monument RMP and the 1999 American Falls Archaeological District (Archaeological District) listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The five alternatives range from reducing the area available for rock climbing and off-highway vehicle use, to limiting the type of rock climbing allowed in the Archaeological District to traditional climbing only.

The BLM initiated the land use planning process on August 23, 2011, through a Notice of Intent published in the **Federal Register**, notifying the public of a formal scoping period and soliciting public participation in the planning process. The BLM held three scoping meetings in September and October 2011 in Pocatello, Burley, and American Falls, Idaho. Based on public input gathered during initial scoping, and from stakeholders throughout the process, the BLM formulated the five alternatives considered and analyzed in the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS. Because nominations for the designation of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern were previously analyzed for the RMP, the BLM did not solicit new nominations during scoping for the amendment.

Following the close of the public review and comment period, the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS will be revised in preparation for its release as the Proposed RMP Amendment and Final EIS. The BLM will respond to substantive comments by making appropriate revisions to the document or explain why a comment did not warrant a change.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Authority:* 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Recreation Use Data Reports

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) are proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 5, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Ronnie Baca, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007; or by email to [rbaca@usbr.gov](mailto:rbaca@usbr.gov). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1006-0002 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Ronnie Baca by email at [rbaca@usbr.gov](mailto:rbaca@usbr.gov), or by telephone at (303) 445-3257. You may also view the

ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* Reclamation collects agency-wide recreation and concession information to fulfill congressional