

purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* July 25, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Anna P. Guido at [Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov](mailto:Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov) or telephone 202-402-5533. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in section A. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on March 29, 2016 at 81 FR 17489.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* ConnectHome Use and Barriers Focus Groups.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528-New.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Form Number:* Focus groups.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* President Barack Obama and HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced ConnectHome on July 15, 2015, as the next step in the Obama Administration's efforts to increase access to high-speed Internet access for all Americans. Through public-private partnerships, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and Internet service providers (ISPs), ConnectHome will offer high-speed Internet service, devices, technical training, and digital literacy programs to residents of HUD-assisted housing in 28 pilot communities, including the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. As communities begin to implement ConnectHome in 2016 and connect residents to Internet access within their homes, these focus groups will illuminate how families are taking advantage of ConnectHome as well as

barriers they may encounter. The focus groups will explore ConnectHome subscribers' previous broadband access, current and planned patterns of use, and current and anticipated benefits of their at-home high-speed Internet access.

Questions will emphasize educational Internet use such as completing homework, connecting parents with educators, and applying to college. In addition, the focus groups will explore barriers to signing up for ConnectHome, securing devices, and using the Internet.

*Respondents (i.e. affected public):* ConnectHome-eligible residents in 5 of the 28 pilot communities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 55  
Total 11 Respondents each at 5.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 1.5.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 82.5.

*Respondents' Obligation:* Voluntary.

#### B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

Dated: June 21, 2016.

**Anna P. Guido,**

*Department Paperwork Reduction Act Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council meeting will be held on July 14, 2016, in Billings, Montana. When determined, the meeting location and times will be announced in a news release.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301; (406) 233-2831; [mjacobse@blm.gov](mailto:mjacobse@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-677-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in eastern Montana. At this meeting, topics will include: An Eastern Montana/Dakotas District report, Billing Field Office and Miles City Field Office manager reports, a travel management, recreation planning, individual RAC member reports and other issues the council may raise. All meetings are open to the public and the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal RAC meeting will have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations

should contact the BLM as provided above.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 1784.4–2.

**Diane M. Friez,**

*Eastern Montana/Dakotas District Manager.*

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#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Bald Mountain Mine North and South Operations Area Projects, White Pine County, Nevada

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Egan Field Office, Ely, Nevada has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Bald Mountain Mine North and South Operations Area Projects (Project) and by this notice is announcing its availability.

**DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision for a minimum of 30 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final EIS for the Bald Mountain Mine North and South Operations Area Projects are available for public inspection at the BLM Ely District Office and at <http://on.doi.gov/14R9rZ8>. Additional information is available at <http://on.doi.gov/14vXckC>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Stephanie Trujillo, BLM Ely District Project Manager, telephone: (775) 289–1831; address: 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, NV 89301; email: [strujill@blm.gov](mailto:strujill@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above

individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Barrick Gold U.S. Inc. (Barrick) proposes to expand, construct, and operate an open-pit gold mining operation located in the Bald Mountain Mining District in White Pine County, Nevada, approximately 65 miles northwest of the Town of Ely. The proposed development and expansion would result in the disturbance of approximately 7,097 acres, which would be located primarily on public land managed by the BLM. The life of the mine would extend for 80 years including construction, operation, reclamation, closure, reclamation monitoring, and post-closure monitoring. Barrick completed the sale of the Bald Mountain Mine (BMM) to Kinross Gold Corporation (Kinross) on January 11, 2016 prior to final completion of the EIS process. Kinross has assumed ownership of the Bald Mountain Mine and the proposed expansion of the North and South Operations Area Projects (Project). The Final EIS has retained the name of Barrick in the document, but Kinross is the new operator of the BMM and proponent of the proposed expansion.

The Final EIS describes and analyzes the proposed project site-specific impacts (including cumulative) on all affected resources. The Final EIS describes four alternatives: the Proposed Action, the North and South Operations Area Facilities Reconfiguration Alternative, the North and South Operations Area Western Redbird Modification Alternative, and the No Action Alternative.

The North and South Operations Area Facilities Reconfiguration Alternative was developed to avoid or minimize potential impacts to mule deer migration; Greater Sage-Grouse leks, associated Priority Habitat Management Areas (PHMAs), and General Habitat Management Areas (GHMAs); visual impacts affecting the cultural setting of the Pony Express National Historic Trail, Ruby Valley Pony Express Station, and Fort Ruby National Historic Landmark; and visual impacts affecting visitor aesthetics at the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The North and South Operations Area Facilities Reconfiguration Alternative would eliminate 1,429 acres of disturbance from the Proposed Action and an additional 1,934 acres of previously authorized disturbance would not be constructed, representing a 3,352-acre (47 percent) reduction in comparison to the Proposed Action.

The North and South Operations Area Western Redbird Modification (WRM)

Alternative was developed to further reduce potential impacts to mule deer migration. The WRM Alternative further reduces impacts to groundwater and key cultural and visual resource settings, and reduces potential impacts to Greater Sage-Grouse. The WRM Alternative would eliminate 1,831 acres of disturbance from the Proposed Action and an additional 2,169 acres of previously authorized disturbance would not be constructed, representing a 3,989-acre (56 percent) reduction in comparison to the Proposed Action. Five other alternatives were considered but eliminated from further analysis. Mitigation measures are considered to minimize environmental impacts and to ensure the Project does not result in unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands.

On April 16, 2012, a Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** inviting scoping comments on the Proposed Action. A legal notice for scoping was prepared by the BLM and published in the Elko Daily Free Press, Ely Times, Eureka Sentinel, and Reno Gazette-Journal informing the public of the BLM's intention to prepare the Bald Mountain Mine North and South Operations Area Projects EIS. Public scoping meetings were held May 7–10, 2012, in Ely, Eureka, Elko, and Reno, Nevada. A total of 180 individual comments were received. The comments were incorporated in a Scoping Report and were considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS.

Concerns raised during scoping included: potential degradation of surface water or groundwater quality and potential depletion to groundwater from pit lakes and/or water withdrawals for mine operations; potential impacts to mule deer habitat and migration corridors; potential impacts to Greater Sage-Grouse habitat and strutting grounds; potential impacts to Wild Horse Herd Management Areas (HMAs), including herd access to surface water sources; potential air quality impacts from fugitive dust containing mercury, arsenic, or other contaminants; and potential impacts to visual resources including the visual setting of the Pony Express Trail and the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The North and South Operations Area Facilities Reconfiguration Alternative and Western Redbird Alternative were developed to help reduce impacts to mule deer, Greater Sage-Grouse, and visual resources. Mitigation measures have also been included to show how impacts on resources could be minimized.

The BLM prepared the Draft EIS in conjunction with its five Cooperating