

(EPA), and the internal BLM review. The BLM considered all comments and incorporated them, as appropriate, into the FEIS. Those who submitted comments on the Draft EIS expressed concerns about the handling of leach solution and potentially acid-generating waste rock, and potential impacts to groundwater quality; loss of mule deer crucial winter range; potential impacts to Greater sage-grouse and their habitat; potential indirect impacts to the Railroad Valley springfish; loss of access to livestock grazing lands, including herding routes; long-term impacts to forage resource health in areas impacted by the proposed project; increased public accessibility to the area and impacts on private property; potential impacts on wild horses; potential impacts on Traditional Cultural Properties; socioeconomic impacts to the communities of Ely and Eureka, and to White Pine and Eureka counties; and particulate matter emissions and impacts to air quality. There were also comments received in general support for the mine. These public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change the analysis. The proponent submitted a plan of operations for the Project in March 2013, and the BLM and EPA published notices of the availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register** in February 2015. There have been several delays to completion of this Final EIS since 2013 due to sale of the mine, issuance of the Nevada and Northeast California Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment (2015), and requests by the proponent to further address air quality concerns in 2016. The BLM has maintained on-going coordination and consultation with the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe. Both the BLM and GRP have committed to ongoing coordination through the life of the mine and have a Programmatic Agreement in place with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office to address issues that arise.

Following a 30-day Final EIS availability and review period, the BLM will issue a Record of Decision (ROD). The decision reached in the ROD will be subject to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals. The 30-day appeal period will begin with the issuance of the ROD.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6 and 40 CFR 1506.10.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Filing of Plats of Survey: Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice of official filing.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey of lands described in this notice are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and BLM, are necessary for the management of these lands.

**DATES:** Protests must be received by the BLM by August 27, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Alaska Public Information Center at the BLM Alaska State Office, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, upon required payment. The plats may be viewed at this location at no cost. Please use this address when filing written protests.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands surveyed are:

U.S. Survey No. 4901, accepted May 14, 2018.

#### Copper River Meridian, Alaska

T. 58 S., R. 78 E., accepted March 5, 2018  
T. 58 S., R. 79 E., accepted March 5, 2018  
T. 59 S., R. 78 E., accepted March 5, 2018  
T. 59 S., R. 79 E., accepted March 5, 2018  
T. 13 S., R. 7 W., accepted March 5, 2018

#### Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska

T. 6 S., R. 15 W., accepted March 27, 2018

#### Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 18 N., R. 5 E., accepted January 5, 2018  
T. 19 N., R. 5 E., accepted January 5, 2018  
T. 20 N., R. 4 E., accepted January 5, 2018  
T. 20 N., R. 7 E., accepted January 5, 2018  
T. 21 N., R. 5 E., accepted January 5, 2018  
T. 21 N., R. 6 E., accepted January 5, 2018

T. 22 N., R. 5 E., accepted January 5, 2018

T. 22 N., R. 6 E., accepted January 5, 2018

#### Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 2 S., R. 40 W., accepted July 10, 2018

T. 3 S., R. 40 W., accepted July 10, 2018

#### Umiat Meridian, Alaska

T. 10 N., R. 2 E., accepted July 9, 2018

T. 10 N., R. 4 E., accepted July 9, 2018

T. 10 N., R. 5 E., accepted July 9, 2018

T. 11 N., R. 2 E., accepted July 9, 2018

T. 11 N., R. 3 E., accepted July 9, 2018

T. 11 N., R. 4 E., accepted July 9, 2018

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the State Director for Alaska, BLM. The notice of protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest. The notice of protest must be filed before the scheduled date of official filing for the plat(s) of survey being protested. Any notice of protest filed after the scheduled date of official filing will not be considered. A notice of protest is considered filed on the date it is received by the State Director for Alaska during regular business hours; if received after regular business hours, a notice of protest will be considered filed the next business day. A written statement of reasons in support of a protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the State Director for Alaska within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is filed. If a notice of protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the notice of protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 43 U.S.C. Chap. 3.

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