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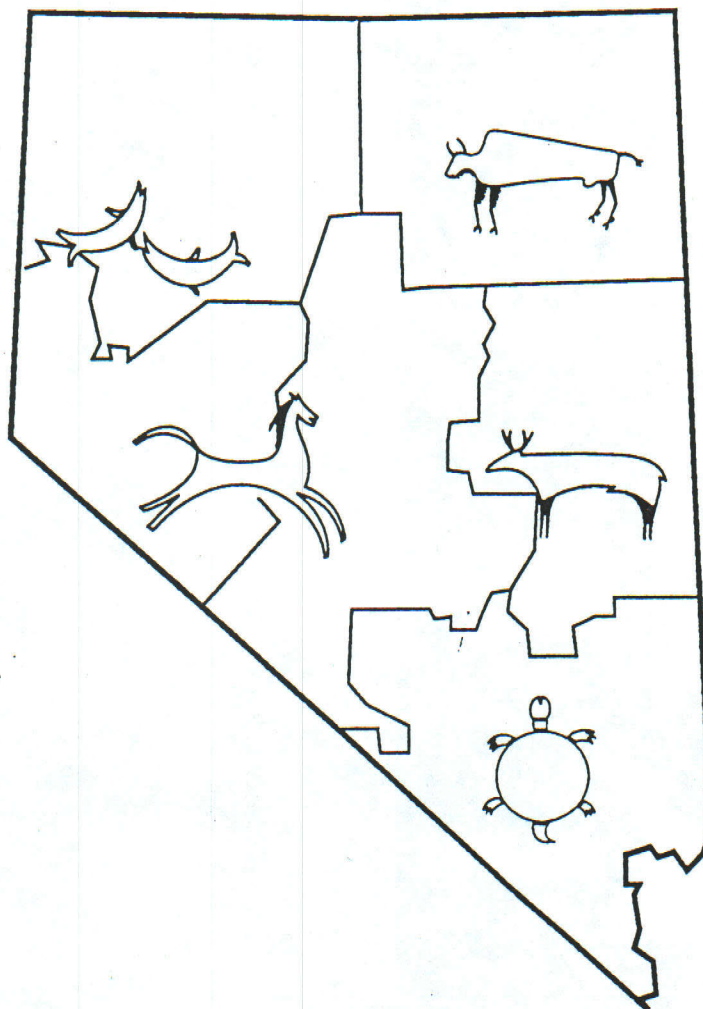
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## SUMMARY

# NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

## LAND USE PLANNING



## **NV - 060 Battle Mountain District**

### **SUMMARY**

Resource Management Plans in Progress: **One**  
Resource Management Plan Amendments Completed: **One**  
Environmental Impact Statements in Progress: **Four**  
Environmental Impact Statements Completed: **Two**

#### **Resource Management Plan**

Tonopah Resource Management Plan

#### **Plan Amendment**

Lahontan/Walker/Shoshone-Eureka Resource Management Plans Central  
Nevada Communication Sites Plan Amendment

#### **Environmental Impact Statement**

Homestake Ruby Hill Project  
Battle Mountain Gold Phoenix Project  
Cortez Pipeline Gold Deposit  
Santa Fe Pacific Mule Canyon Mine  
Cortez South Pipeline Project  
Trenton Canyon Project

#### **Major Federal Action**

Mine Plan of Operation  
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**Battle Mountain District**

Document Name: **Santa Fe Pacific Mule Canyon Mine**

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**Lead Agency:** Bureau of Land Management

**Project Coordinator:** Christopher J. Stubbs, Battle Mountain District 702-635-4000

**NEPA Contractor:** Terramatrix.

**Project Description:** Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation has begun to develop a new open-pit mine in the North Shoshone Range, involving 2,878 acres of public and private land.

**Major Issues:** Native American concerns; sulfide ore handling; transportation of ore.

**Interested Publics:** Lander County, Western Shoshone, residents along ore haulage routes.

**Federal Register Citations:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS: Vol. 60, No. 89, May 9, 1995. Notice of Availability of Draft EIS: Vol. 61, No. 87, May 3, 1996, page 19955. Notice of Availability of Final EIS: Vol. 61, No. 189, Sept. 27, 1996, page 50821.

**Schedule:** The Record of Decision and Plan of Operations Approval for this project was signed and distributed to the public on October 28, 1996. Two appeals were filed with Interior Board of Land Appeals by the Northern Nevada Building Trades Council and by a local resident.