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DEPI. OF AUMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

The Humboldt National Forest, Mountain City Ranger District is inviting public comments on the construction of a single lane road to access the Riddle Mine located on Porter Peak. The project is proposed by Louis and Vern Koncher and consists of 1.31 miles of new road construction. Approximately 5.43 miles of existing road will be utilized to reach the Mine site. Approximately .94 miles of road, which served as access since 1981, will receive reclamation. The following is the legal description of the proposed project area:

The Existing and Proposed Access Road for the Riddle Mine is located in: T44N, R52E, Sections 25, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35.

Based on our experience with similar projects, our initial concerns for this proposal include:

The effects on water quality, quantity and riparian areas. 1.

Impacts on wildlife species and fisheries including, but not limited to the Lahontan cutthroat trout and mule deer.

Impacts to wildlife habitat. 3.

Impacts on threatened, endangered and sensitive plant species including, but not limited to Lewis' buckwheat, meadow pussytoes, and Grimes' vetchling.

Productive land use of reclaimed lands. 5.

Promptness of reclamation. 6.

Impacts to other National Forest System land users including, but not 7. limited to livestock permittees and recreationists.

Your written comments, concerns and suggestions on this proposed access road project should be received by the Mountain City Ranger District, P.O. Box 276, Mountain City, Nevada, 89831 by July 29, 1994. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Skibinski or Dean Morgan at (702) 763-6691.

Sincerely,

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