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United States Forest  
Department of Service  
Agriculture

Toiyabe National Forest  
Bridgeport Ranger District

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Bridgeport, Ca. 93517  
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Reply to: 2810/1950

Date: May 8, 1996

Dear Interested Public:

The Aurora Partnership has submitted a new mining Plan of Operations for an expansion of their existing Humbolt open pit mine on private land, and construction of a new milling facility and tailings pond on National Forest lands. The proposed project is located approximately 1-2 miles east of Aurora, Nevada, in T5N, R28E, sections 9, 10, 16, and 17. The Aurora Partnership began mining on federal lands when a Plan of Operation and Environmental Assessment were approved by the Bureau of Land Management in 1987. The Aurora area was transferred to Forest Service administration in 1989. The Aurora Partnership now proposes to reprocess all of the ore from the existing heap leach pads in a new milling facility, and construct a new road and pipeline from the milling facility to a new 60 acre tailings pond on previously undisturbed National Forest lands. The new milling facility will be on already disturbed National Forest lands.

The Bridgeport Ranger District is interested in any comments, issues, concerns or questions you may have regarding this proposal. Please address any comments to Cliff Shaw at the Bridgeport Ranger District, P.O. Box 595, Bridgeport, CA 93517 by June 15, 1996.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Lucich  
DISTRICT RANGER



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Scale 1" = 1 Mile

1 2 3 4 5 Miles

