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Date: November 21, 1996

Reply to: 2810/1950

Nevada State Clearinghouse Dept. of Administration Capitol Complex Carson City, NV 89710 Att- John Walker



Dear Mr. Walker:

In March, 1996, I requested your comments regarding a proposal by Nevada Goldfields Inc. to expand their Juniata Open Pit Mine located approximately one mile east of Aurora, Nevada, in T.5 N., R.28 E., sections 17 and 20 MDM. This proposal was an extension of a previous pit expansion project approved by the Forest Service during October, 1992.

Since my original scoping letter, Nevada Goldfields has amended their proposal to include additional details regarding their new waste rock dump and expanded tailings pond. The proposal involves 24 acres of disturbance on private lands and 79 acres of disturbance on National Forest System lands.

The Bridgeport Ranger District is currently conducting an environmental analysis of this proposal (please see attached map). If you have any issues, concerns or questions regarding this proposal, please contact Cliff Shaw at the Bridgeport Ranger District, P.O. Box 595, Bridgeport, CA 93517. I would appreciate receiving any comments you might have by December 31, 1996.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Lucich DISTRICT RANGER

Enclosures



