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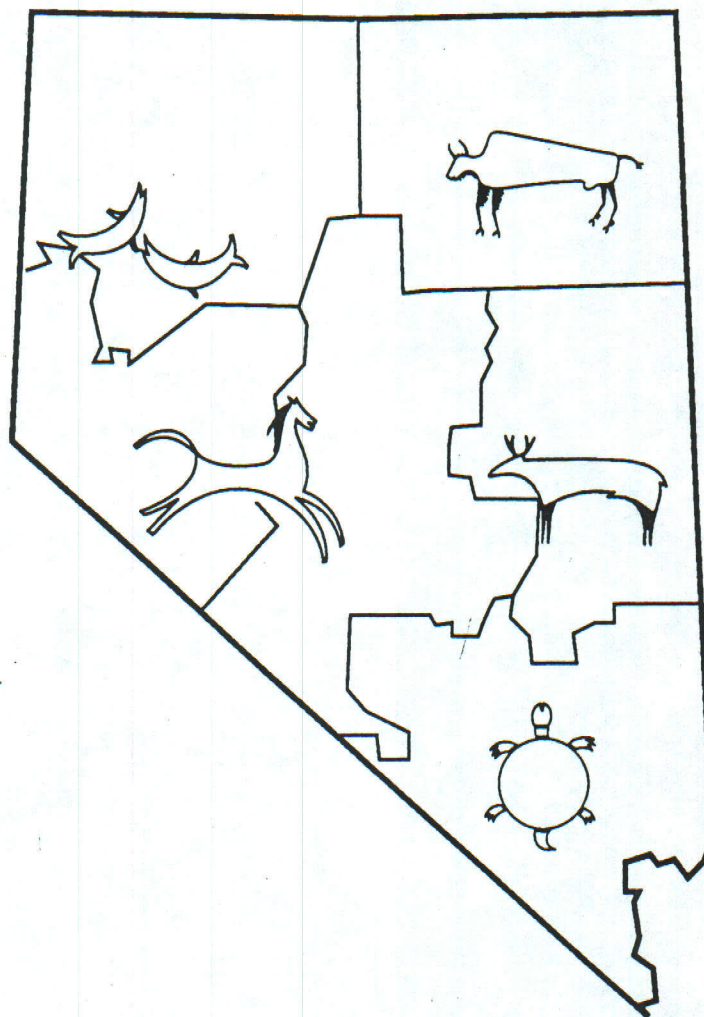
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SUMMARY

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

LAND USE PLANNING



NV - 040 Ely District

SUMMARY

Resource Management Plans in Progress: **None**

Management Framework Plan Amendments in Progress: **Two**

Environmental Impact Statements Completed: **One**

Plan Amendments in Progress

Schell Management Framework Plan Holt Land Exchange

Caliente Management Framework Plan Implementation of the Desert Tortoise
Recovery Plan

Environmental Impact Statement

Placer U.S. Bald Mountain Expansion

Major Federal Action

Mine Plan of Operation

Document Name: **Placer U.S. Bald Mountain Mine Expansion**

Document Type: EA: _____ EIS: X Supplement: _____

Draft: X Final: X ROD: X

Lead Agency: Bureau of Land Management

Project Coordinator: Dan Netcher, Project Manager 702-289-1872

NEPA Contractor: ENSR, Fort Collins, Colorado

Project Description: Placer U.S. proposes to expand mining developments in the Bald Mountain area to include seven additional open pits, three new waste rock dumps, expand one existing open pit and dump and additional heap leach and tailings facilities. Total surface disturbance is 1,450 acres of public lands. Since no water will accumulate in the pits, there is no pit dewatering proposed.

Major Issues: Cumulative impacts, water quality and quantity, hazardous materials and environmental justice issues.

Interested Publics: Duckwater Shoshone, Sierra Club, local residents.

Federal Register Citations: Notice of Intent, Vol. 59, No. 90, page 24466, May 11, 1994. EPA's Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS published in the Federal Register on April 28, 1995. EPA's Notice of Availability of the Final EIS published in the Federal Register on September 29, 1995.

Schedule: The Record of Decision was signed by the State Director on November 3, 1995. The Appeal Period ended on December 3, 1995. Plan approval was signed by the Ely District Manager on November 14, 1995. One appeal received to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). Appellant is the Legal and Safety Employer Research (LASER). Appeal dismissed September 26, 1996 by IBLA for lack of standing. cf. IBLA 96-97 136 IBLA 271.