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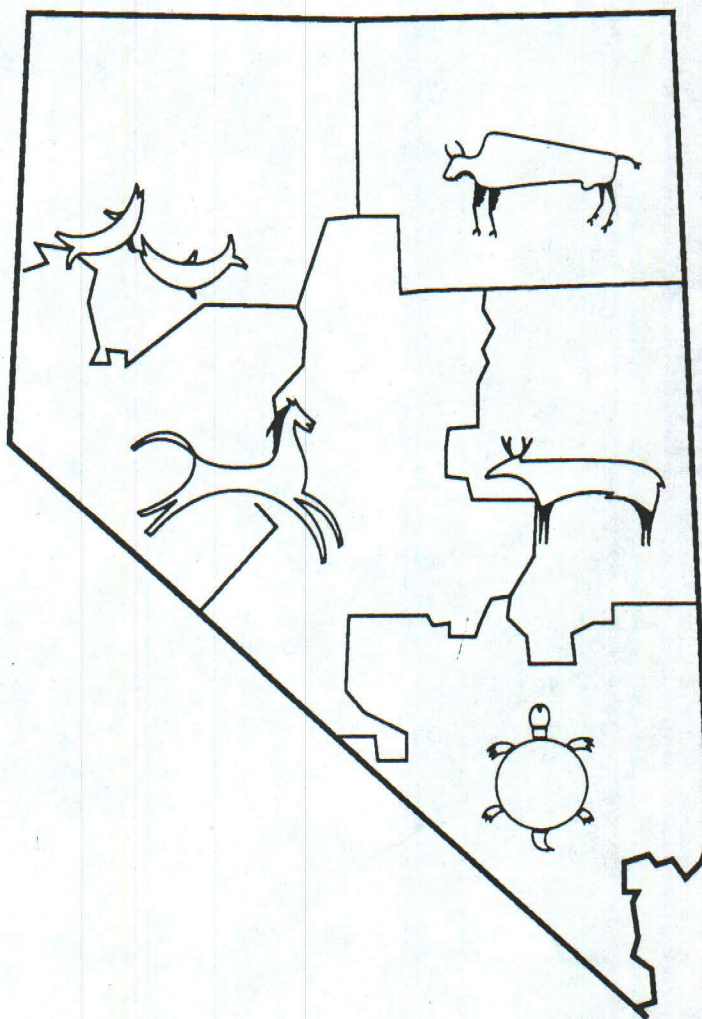
ITEM 56

December 1996

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: **Cortez Pipeline Gold Deposit**

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

Draft: X Final: X ROD: X

Lead Agency: Bureau of Land Management

Project Coordinator: Dave Davis, Battle Mountain District 702-635-4000

NEPA Contractor: Woodward-Clyde Consultants.

Project Description: Cortez Mining Company has begun to develop an open pit mine in Crescent Valley. The mine will disturb approximately 1,880 acres of Public Land.

Major Issues: Native American sovereignty issues; large-scale dewatering; cumulative impacts to Humboldt River Basin; pit water quality; ecological risk.

Interested Publics: There are 500+ names on the interested party list. Interested parties include the Dann family and Maynard Alves of Crescent Valley, and the Sierra Club.

Federal Register Citations: Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS, Volume 57, No. 228, November 25, 1992; Notice of Availability of Draft EIS, Volume 59, No. 172, September 7, 1994. EPA Notice of Filing of Final EIS, Volume 61, No. 23, February 2, 1996, page 3933.

Schedule: A Record of Decision and Plan of Operations Approval for this project was signed on March 4, 1996 and is available to the public. The project is currently under appeal by the Great Basin Mine Watch. The IBLA ruled against a requested stay of the action (ref: IBLA-96-307).

Battle Mountain District

Document Name: **South Pipeline Project**

Document Type: EA: _____ EIS: X

Supplement: _____

Draft: X Final: _____ ROD: _____

Lead Agency: Bureau of Land Management

Project Coordinator: Dave Davis, (702) 635-4000

NEPA Contractor: Selection pending.

Project Description: Cortez Gold Mines proposes a southeasterly expansion of their Pipeline Gold Mine. Approximately 3,000 acres of BLM lands are proposed for disturbance, including a new open pit, expansion of the Pipeline waste dump, and a new heap leach facility. The Pipeline mill and heap leach/tailings facility will also be used.

Major Issues: Continued dewatering in Crescent Valley, Native American Religious Concerns, cumulative impacts from mining.

Interested Publics: Army Corps of Engineers, Nevada Division of Wildlife, Lander County, Western Shoshone Defense Project, Great Basin Mine Watch

Federal Register Citations: Notice of Intent: Vol. 61, No. 229, page 60115, Nov. 26, 1996.

Schedule: Scoping meetings scheduled for December 10 and 11, 1996.