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TITLE If not obvious	Western Brergy Development Corporation - Kings River Granium Exploration Project
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## Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District Office, Humboldt River Field Office (WDO/HRFO) is seeking public input as it initiates an environmental analysis process for Western Energy Development Corporation's Kings River Valley Uranium Exploration Project plan of operations to expand their existing notice-level activities in the Kings River Valley, on the western slope of the Montana Mountains in Humboldt County, Nevada. The project would be located in Township 45 North, Range 34 East, Sections 4, 9 and 16; and Township 46 North, Range 34 East, Sections 22, 27, 28, 33 and 34, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian as shown on the following enclosed maps.

- Map of General Vicinity for Proposed Project
- Site Specific Map of Proposed Project Area

Western Energy Development Corporation's existing operations consist of two separate notices, each less than five acres in size, all on public land. The exploration activities would be expanded in accordance with the newly proposed plan of operations. A maximum of 250 acres out of approximately 1,382 acres of public land outlined by the plan is proposed for surface disturbance as a phased plan of operations. Surface disturbance would consist of cross country and constructed drill roads, drill pads and associated cuttings sumps. The proposed Phase I surface disturbance (including existing notice level disturbances) would consist of up to 210 new drill sites accessed by approximately 44,925 linear feet of new roads on 58.01 acres on public land. Subsequent surface disturbance in future phases would be dependent upon the results of exploration in Phase I. The project is planned to run for approximately 5 years. Reclamation would include recontouring the surface disturbances and revegetation.

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1500, for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the BLM WDO/HRFO, will be preparing an environmental analysis of the proposed project. This analysis will disclose the environmental impacts expected to occur should the project be implemented. The BLM is seeking your input in identifying issues and concerns regarding this proposal.

The public is invited to submit comments on the proposal through March 31, 2009. Please send written comments to Ms. Jeanette Black, project lead, at the above address or e-mail

NV\_WFO\_Webmail@blm.gov with "Kings River Uranium Project (Black)" in the subject line. This letter and maps are also available on our NEPA webpage at www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm\_information/nepa0.html. In addition, a copy of their plan of operations is available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours for 30 days from the date of this letter.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the WDO during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Black at (775) 623-1794 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)



