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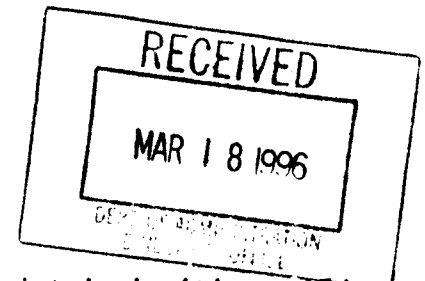
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Nevada State Clearinghouse
Department of Administration
Planning Division
Blasdel Building, Room 204
Carson City, NV 89710



Dear Sir/Madam:

The Humboldt National Forest, Mountain City Ranger District is inviting public comment on a proposed mineral exploration project in the Bull Run Mountains of Elko County. The project is located near the Riddle mine on Porter Peak. The forest service is currently conducting an environmental analysis for the project. The following is the legal location and descriptions of the proposed project.

Riddle Mine Project Supplement #1 to POO# 91643-94. Legal description - Portions of Sections 28 and 33, T.44N, R.52E, Mount Diablo Meridian. The following has been proposed: 1) construction of 0.95 miles of road; 2) 0.76 miles of overland travel; 3) four dozer trenches (Maximum size 120' X 120' X 120'); 4) refurbish the Riddle Mine portals; 5) install air pipes to the mine; and 6) clean the spring located on Calaveras flat.

Based on our experience with previous projects, our initial concerns for this proposed project include:

1. The effects on riparian areas and water quality and quantity.
2. Impacts on wildlife species and habitat.
3. Impacts on threatened, endangered and sensitive plant species.
4. Productive use of reclaimed land.
5. Impacts to other National Forest System land users including, but not limited to livestock permittees and recreationists.
6. Impacts to cultural resources.

Your written comments should be received by the Mountain City District Office by April 15, 1996. Please send your comments to the Mountain City District Office, Attn: Katrina Leavitt, P.O. Box 276, Mountain City, NV 89831. If you have any questions, please contact Katrina at (702) 763-6691.

Sincerely,

Katrina Leavitt

for

SCOTT W. BELL
District Ranger



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