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Planning Division
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Carson City, NV 89710

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Dear Sir/Ma'am:

The Humboldt National Forest, Mountain City Ranger District is inviting public comments on an exploration project proposed by Independence Mining Company Inc. (IMCI). IMCI proposes to drill 994 reverse circulation and/or core holes and to construct approximately 22.35 miles of temporary exploration roads. The following is the legal description of the proposed project:

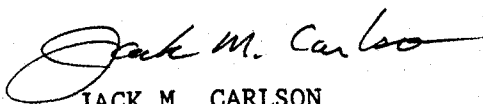
Saval/Steer Canyon Plan of Operations (POO) #112268-90, Supplement #9 located in T40N, R53E, Sections 10, 11, 14 and 15.

Based on our experience with past exploration projects, our initial concerns for this proposal include:

1. The effects on water quality, quantity and riparian areas.
2. Impacts on wildlife species and fisheries including, but not limited to the Lahontan cutthroat trout, Northern Goshawk, and mule deer.
3. Impacts to wildlife habitat.
4. Impacts on plant species including, but not limited to Lewis' buckwheat, meadow pussytoes, and Grimes' vetchling.
5. Impacts to the vegetative resource.
6. Disturbed areas should be reclaimed to control damage to the environment and surface resources while providing for productive land use.
7. Impacts to heritage resources.
8. Impacts to scenic and aesthetic values.
9. Impacts to other National Forest System land users including, but not limited to livestock permittees and recreationists.

Your written comments, concerns and suggestions on the proposed exploration project should be received by the Mountain City Ranger District, P.O. Box 276, Mountain City, NV, 89831 by May 1, 1994. If you have any questions, please contact Marty Dumpis at (702)763-6691.

Sincerely,



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District Ranger



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