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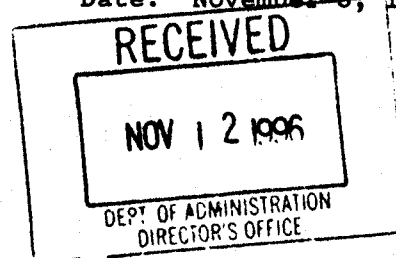
Humboldt National Forest  
Toiyabe National Forest  
Northeast Nevada Ecosystem  
P.O. Box 276  
Mountain City, NV 89831

ITEM 140

Reply To: 1950

Date: November 8, 1996

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 mineral exploration project proposed by Uranerz U.S.A., Inc. This proposal is a continuation of exploration activities in the area. The project is located 17 miles northeast of Tuscarora, Nevada; in the Schoonover, Coffin, Chicken, and Mill Creek drainages. The following is the legal location and description of the proposed project.

Plan of operation #726276-96. Legal description - Sections 16, 19, 20, 21, 28, 30, & 33, T.42N., R.53E., Mount Diablo Meridian. Uranerz has proposed the construction of just under one mile of temporary exploration road and the drilling of 11 holes. The total disturbance will be approximately 3 acres located on National Forest system lands.

Based on our experience with previous projects of this nature, 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, concerns and suggestions should be sent to the Mountain City District Office, Attn: Peter N. Gabby, P.O. Box 276, Mountain City, NV 89831 by December 9, 1996. If requested, a copy of all comments provided in response to this proposal will be made available to the public. This will include names, addresses and any other personal information provided with the comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter at (702) 763-6691.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott W. Bell".

for SCOTT W. BELL  
District Ranger