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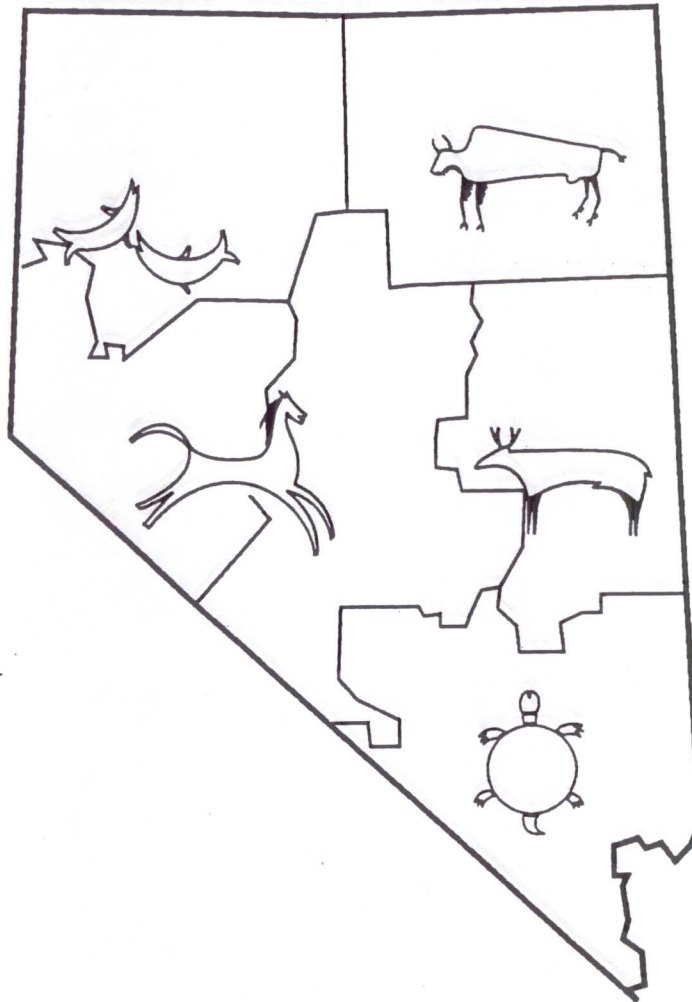
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SUMMARY

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

LAND USE PLANNING



NV - 010 Elko District

SUMMARY

Resource Management Plans in Progress: **None**
Resource Management Plan Amendments in Progress: **One**
Environmental Impact Statements in Progress: **One**
Environmental Impact Statements Completed: **One**

Plan Amendments Completed:
None

Plan Amendments in Progress
Elko Resource Management Plan Fluid Minerals Amendment

Environmental Impact Statement
Newmont Gold Bootstrap Project
Barrick Goldstrike Betze Project

Major Federal Action
Mine Plan of Operation
Mine Plan of Operation

Elko District

Document Name: **Barrick Goldstrike Betze Project**

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

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Lead Agency: Bureau of Land Management

Project Coordinator: Nick Rieger; Elko Resource Area 702-753-0200

NEPA Contractor: ENSR, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Project Description: The Bureau of Land Management is preparing a Supplement to the original Betze Environmental Impact Statement, completed in June, 1991. The purpose of the Supplemental EIS is to update the portion of the EIS that addressed Barrick Goldstrike Mining Inc.'s groundwater pumping and water management operations. The Supplemental EIS will describe the new information available since the Betze EIS was prepared and re-assess the environmental impacts of Barrick's pumping and water management operations and describe any changes identified in the previously projected environmental impacts as a result of the new information. The Supplemental EIS will also assess the cumulative impact of pumping groundwater to lower elevations, for a longer duration, that would be associated with mining other nearby deposits.

Major Issues: The Supplemental EIS will focus attention on five issues of special concern: 1) surface and groundwater resources, including, potential effects from Barrick's operations to the Humboldt River; 2) livestock operations; 3) threatened and endangered species; 4) wetland and riparian vegetation; and 5) wildlife and fisheries resources.

Interested Publics: Persons affected by Barrick's dewatering operations include the livestock operators whose surface water resources within their allotments could potentially be affected and by downstream water users along the Humboldt River. Other concerns are expressed by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Water Resources, Division of Wildlife, and Eureka County Commissioners.

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Schedule: Draft Supplemental EIS - May 30, 1997
Final Supplemental EIS - September 19, 1997