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Planning Division
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Dear Sirs:

The Humboldt National Forest, Mountain City Ranger District is inviting public comments on one exploration project proposed by AUR Resources (USA), Inc. The following is the location and description of the proposed project:

Plan of Operations (POO) #685281-94 AUR Resource's Mountain City Project
The proposed project would be located between Rio Tinto Mine and Chicken Creek on National Forest System land administered by the Mountain City Ranger District. The legal location is T45N, R53E, Sections 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, and 23 Mount Diablo Meridian. The proposal is for the construction of 0.125 miles of road, 5 drill pads (each approximately 40ft x 40ft), 5 sumps (each 8 feet wide x 10 feet long x 4-6 feet deep), 11 trenches (each approximately 2 feet wide x 200 feet long x 4-8 feet deep), and the drilling of 5 reverse circulation drill holes.

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

- Impacts to the vegetation resource.
- Impacts to wildlife habitat.
- The effects on water quality and riparian areas.
- Impacts to scenic values.
- Impacts on wildlife species and fisheries including mule deer and Northern goshawk.
- The disturbed site should be reclaimed to control on and off site damage to the environment and surface resources and provide for a productive land use.
- Impacts to other National Forest System land users including but not limited to livestock permittees and recreationists.
- Impacts to cultural resources.



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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, Nevada 89831 by June 27, 1994 to be most effective. A non-response by this date will be interpreted as having no objections to the AUR Resource's proposed exploration. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Katrina Leavitt at (702) 763-6691.

Sincerely,

Dean C. Meyer
JACK M. CARLSON
For District Ranger

- see also GSA Memoir 131 (1974), pages 417-19.
- U.S.G.S. Open-file Map (1968) Preliminary geologic map of the Southwestern part of the Mountain City Quadrangle, Elko Co., Nevada, by R.R. Coats (mylar in Map Tube 65)