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TITLE If not obvious	New West Gold USA, Inc. Ziggurat Exploration Project
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QUAD_NAME	Tc + Spring 7 1/2'
P_M_C_NAME (mine, claim & company names)	New West Gold USA, Inc; Ziggurat Exploration Project
COMMODITY If not obvious	
NOTES	Scoping document; location map; project proposal NOTE: DO NOT SCAN - PDF is on N drive in BATODO directory Tp. 2R + SS = 3

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Tonopah Ranger District
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Tonopah, NV 89049-3940

File Code: 2810

Date: December 12, 2008

Dear Interested Party:

The Tonopah Ranger District has received a Plan of Operations from New West Gold USA, Inc. to conduct exploratory drilling in the Toquima Range on National Forest System lands in Section 31 of T13N, R45E, and in Sections 35 and 36 of T13N, R44-1/2E, Nye County, Nevada. The proposed Plan of Operations (POO #04-08-005) is the "New West Ziggurat Exploration Project".

Proposed Action: New west Gold proposes drilling 11 drill holes from ten drill pads in the Ziggurat project area. Access to the project area will be by the Big Smoky Valley highway (State. Rt. 376) north of Carvers and then eastward into the project area via Forest Service System roads 397 and 398. Existing roads will be used to access the drill sites as much as possible, along with the construction of approximately 1,608-ft. of new roads. Some drill sites and road construction would occur in areas identified as inventoried roadless area. Drilling will be conducted using either a reverse circulation drill rig, or core drill rig, along with a water and pipe truck, a booster truck, and 4-whl drive pickup trucks for drilling personnel. New roads will be constructed with a D9L cat or equivalent. Total surface disturbance including drill pads, sumps, and new road construction will be approximately 1.5 acres. Reclamation work would consist of plugging all holes to State of Nevada standards and completing seasonal maintenance/reclamation of other newly disturbed areas as necessary. Final reclamation would consist of filling-in and recontouring all drill pads, mud pits, and new roads to as an original slope as possible, then raking and seeding with an approved native weed-free seed mixture.

Preliminary Issues and Concerns: No issues or concerns have been identified upon initial review of the project. An archaeological survey and a survey for any Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive plant and animal species (Biological Assessment and Evaluation) will be required.

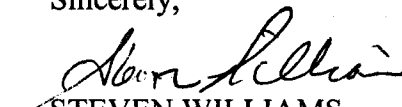
Preliminary Alternatives: No alternatives to the proposed action, other than the No Action alternative, have been identified at this time.

The area of the proposed project has been classified with a Recreation Opportunity Spectrum of Semi Primitive Motorized and a Visual Quality Objective of Partial Retention. The project area is within the Northumberland inventoried roadless area.

A general location map is included for your information. Site-specific maps may be considered confidential, as outlined in 36 CFR 228.6. Comments submitted, as well as the names and addresses of those who comment, are considered part of the public record and will be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Your comments are welcome and encouraged. Please be sure to comment by **January 19, 2009**. Direct comments to: **District Ranger, Tonopah Ranger District, P.O. Box 3940, Tonopah, NV 89049**. You may contact Jim Rigby at the Tonopah Ranger District at 775-482-7887 for any additional information.

Sincerely,


STEVEN WILLIAMS
District Ranger



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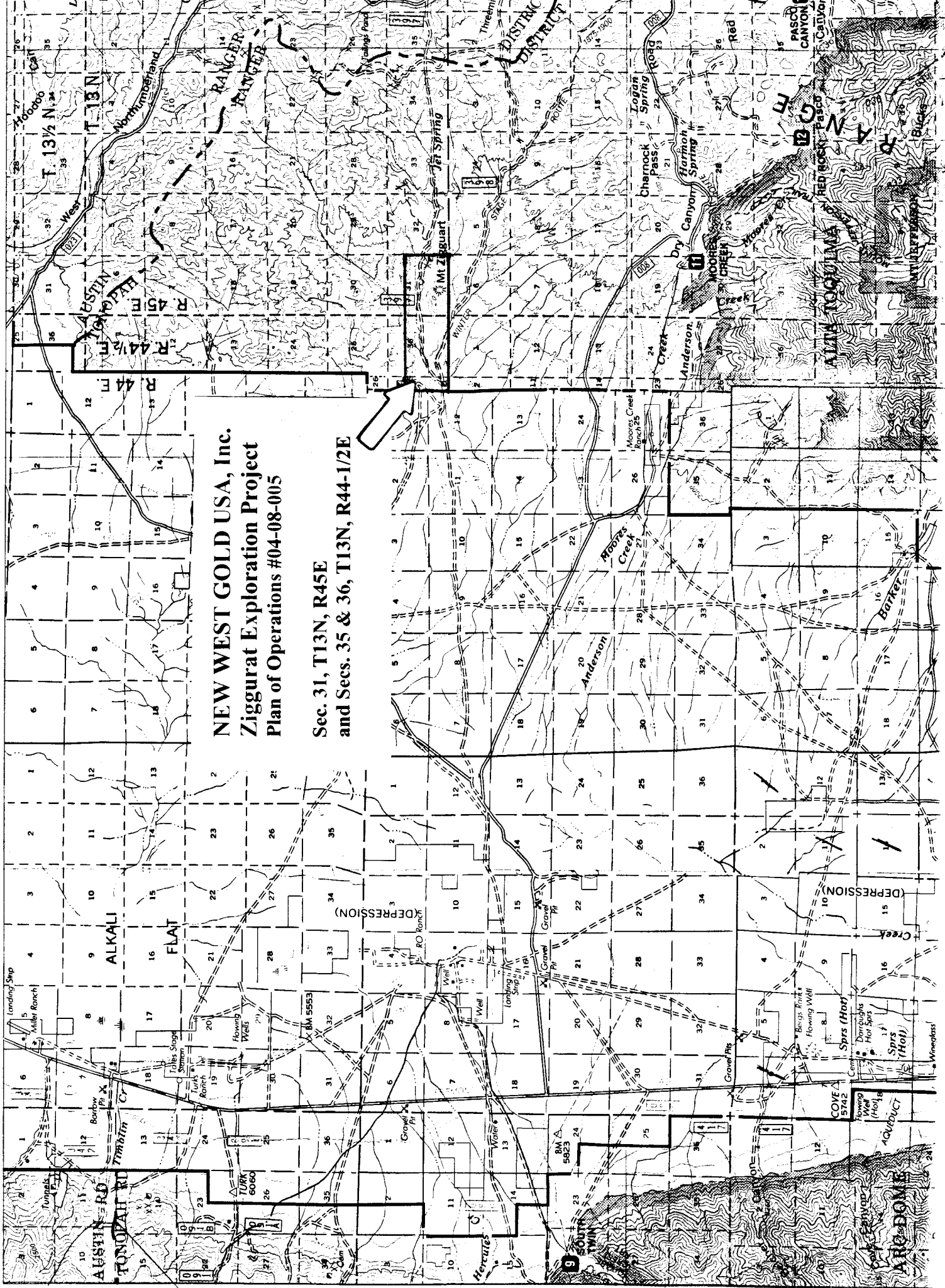
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