

## Request for Comments/ Notice of Proposed Action

### Cathedral Well Mineral Exploration Project

USDA Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest  
Ely Ranger District  
September 29, 2009

#### Why we are proposing this project

Bronco Creek Exploration Inc. (Bronco Creek) has locatable mining claims in the Cathedral Canyon and Green Springs Mine area and would like to exercise their right to explore for precious metals on their claims.

#### What Bronco Creek Exploration Inc. proposes

Bronco Creek proposes to drill 14 sites using existing roads, overland travel (2,652 ft) and constructed roads (1,600 ft). The duration of the project is less than one year and with a total disturbance of 3.4 acres. Some of the drill sites are located in an Inventoried Roadless Area.

#### Project Location

The Cathedral Well Mineral Exploration Project is located northeast of Green Springs on the west side of the White Pine Range. The Project Area is approximately 50 miles west of Ely, Nevada and 50 miles east of Eureka, Nevada.; T15N, R57E, Sections 23, 24, 26, and 27.

#### We have identified preliminary issues:

- Will the investigations and drilling impact biological and cultural resources?

#### How we will figure out what to do

We will use this issue and those we receive from you to reduce impacts to the environment and to analyze the effects of implementing the project.

#### How you can help us decide what to do

We ask that you think about this proposal and let us know what you think. This thirty-day comment period provides those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to making the decision.

#### The decision to be made

We will decide to permit the project as proposed, permit it with modifications, or deny it. We plan to cite a categorical exclusion to make this decision. This means that the decision will not be preceded with an Environmental Assessment.

#### We want to hear from you ...

If you would like more information, contact:  
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**Comment Form**

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We have provided this form for your convenience.

*For your information: names and individuals commenting on Forest Service proposals may be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Here are my concerns, issues, and/or ideas about the Cathedral Well Mineral Exploration Project**

**Please check all that apply...**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have information about the area that may be helpful in the decision.**

**Feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Please send me the final decision document.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have no further interest in this proposal and do not want to receive further mailings.**