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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
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Dear Interested Party:

The Mountain City Ranger District invites your comments and concerns regarding a small mineral exploration project on National Forest System lands in Elko County. The exploration project is known as Robison Mines Exploration, the project is located about fifteen (15) miles east - northeast of Wildhorse Reservoir, near Charleston, Elko County, Nevada. It is within the 76 Creek drainage and the legal description is T.44N., R.57E., Sections 13 and 24, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDB&M). A general location map is included for your information.

The proposed project is for the drilling of a maximum of three drill holes from one drill site. Access to the site is mainly by an existing road, however approximately 500 feet of temporary road would need to be constructed in order to cross 76 Creek and connect with the existing road. Drilling is proposed to take place in the summer/fall of 2010.

The Forest Service will conduct an environmental analysis on this project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). As part of this analysis, we invite you to comment on the project at this time.

Based on our experience with exploration, initial concerns for this proposed project include:

- The effects on riparian areas, water quality, and water quantity.
- Impacts on wildlife species and wildlife habitat.
- Impacts on threatened, endangered, and sensitive plant species.
- Impacts to other National Forest System land users including, but not limited to livestock permittees and recreationists.
- Impacts to heritage resources.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Regulations (36 CFR part 800) concerning protection and preservation of historic properties give the public, local governments, and other entities the opportunity to participate in the review and evaluation of effects to cultural sites.

Your written comments and concerns should be sent to Doug Clarke, Project Coordinator, at the above address or emailed to:

comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-mtncity@fs.fed.us

Please include the subject heading of "Robison Mines Scoping."



Comments may also be faxed to the following number: 775-778-6167. All comments provided in response to this letter become part of the project record and will be made available to the public if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. This includes names, addresses and any other information provided with the comments.

In order to be most helpful, the Forest Service requests your comments on this project by February 15, 2010. We also ask that you inform us of whether or not you wish to remain on the mailing list for this project. If we do not hear from you regarding your interest, we may remove you from the project mailing list.

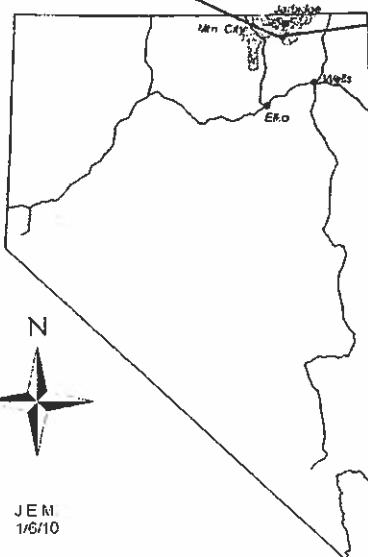
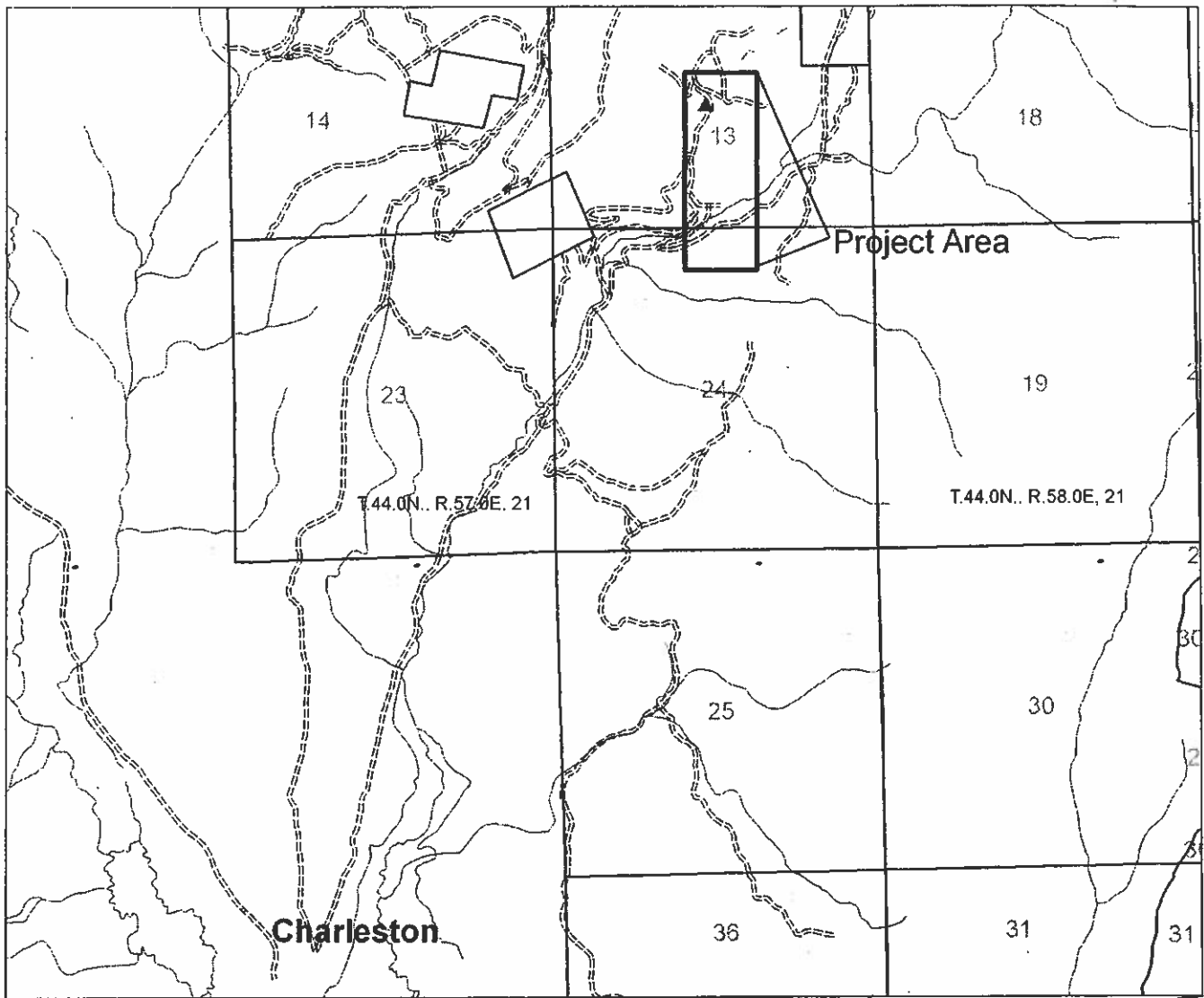
For more information on this project, please contact Doug Clarke, Project coordinator, at (775) 778-6127. Thank you for your interest in the management of your national forests

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas A. Montoya', written in a cursive style.

THOMAS A. MONTOYA
District Ranger

Enclosure



Robison Mines - Exploration Operation
 Mountain City Ranger District
 Humboldt - Toiyabe National Forest

Location Map

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