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Dear Interested Party:

Barrick Gold U.S. Inc., Bald Mountain Mine (BMM) is proposing to expand their existing gold mining operations as well as to modify previously authorized facilities. The project area is located 36 miles NE of Eureka at Big Bald Mountain. The BLM has previously authorized BMM to disturb 8,262.0 acres within the North Operations Area Plan boundary and 11.1 acres within the Little Bald Mountain Plan boundary. The increase in disturbance would include pits, rock disposal areas, heap leaching, roads, growth media stockpiles, and interpit areas. This proposed amendment will increase ground disturbance from 8,273.1 to 8,899.2 acres in White Pine County, Nevada (see attached map).

Legal Location:
T. 24 N., R. 56 E. Section 13, 14, 22, 23, 24
T. 24 N., R. 57 E. Section 7-36
T. 24 N., R. 58 E. Section 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32
T. 23 N., R. 58 E. Section 5, 6, 7

Following this public scoping period, the BLM will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze potential effects from this ground disturbing activity. Public comments are always greatly appreciated and are an important step in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Comments on this proposed action and requests for additional information should be sent to the Egan Field Office, attn: Miles Kreidler at the above address, by FAX at (775) 289-1910, or by e-mail at Miles_Kreidler@blm.gov.

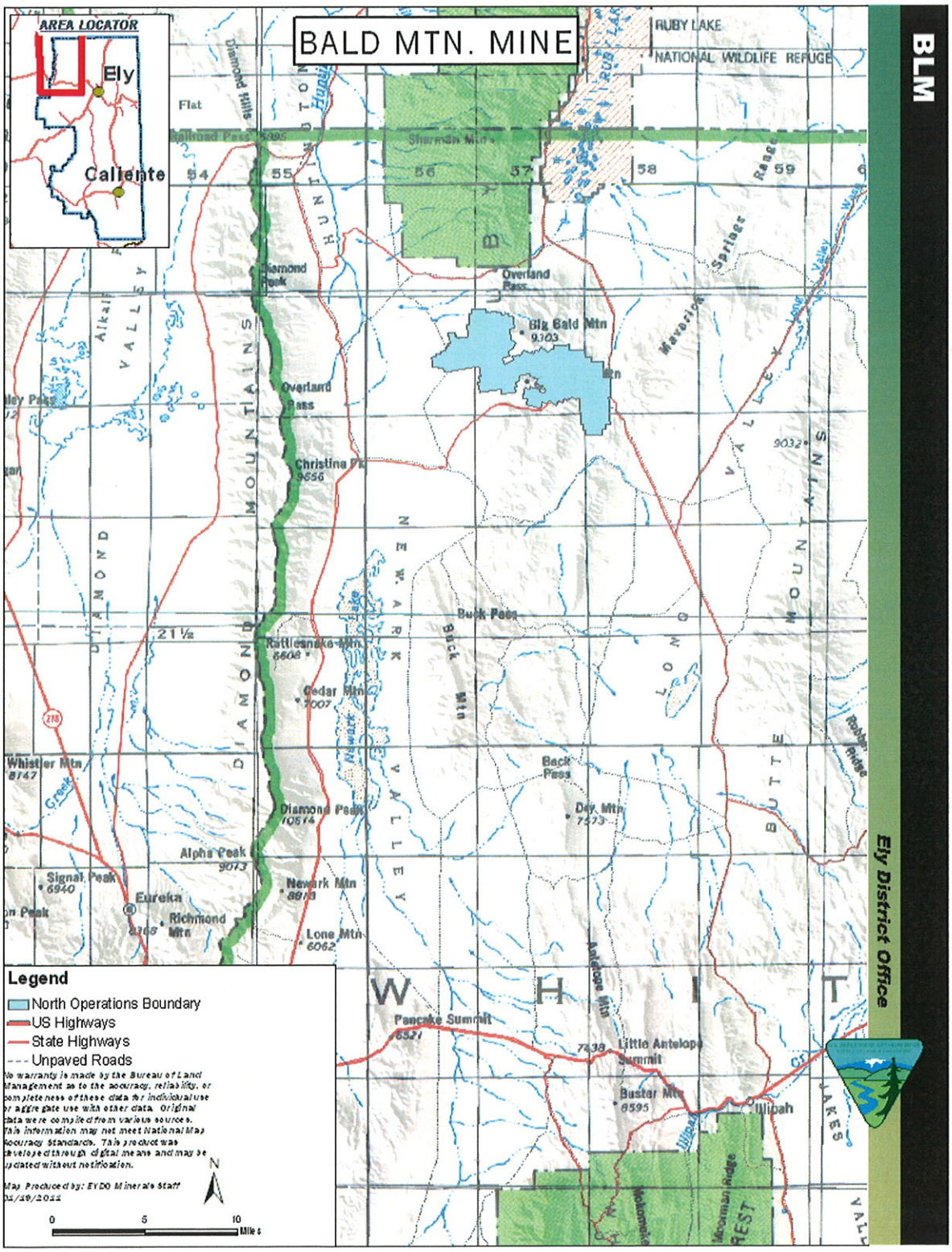
Also please note, before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment –including your personal identifying information –may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Please submit any comments by February 18, 2011. Thank you for your interest in Public Lands.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Medlyn
Field Manager
Egan Field Office

Attachment: map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Signal Peak
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Lone Mtn
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Back Pass
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Pancake Summit
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Little Antelope Summit
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Buster Mtn
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NEWARK VALLEY
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LONG VALLEY
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