

## Request for Comments/ Notice of Proposed Action

### Griffon Definition Mineral Exploration Project

USDA Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest  
Ely Ranger District  
November 9, 2012

#### Why we are proposing this project

Pilot Gold (USA) Inc. (Pilot Gold) has mining claims in the Griffon Mine area and would like to exercise their right to explore for precious metals on their claims.

#### Previous Mining in the Griffon Mine Area

The Griffon Definition Mineral Exploration Project (Project) Area contains disturbance from exploration and mining activities that began in the mid 1980s. The most significant development in the area occurred in the late 1990s when the Griffon Mine started operations and only operated for a couple of years before the owner filed bankruptcy. The Forest Service reclaimed the heap leach pad, mill site, waste rock dumps and roads associated with the mine site.

#### What Pilot Gold proposes

Pilot Gold proposes to drill 40 reverse circulation exploration holes from 31 constructed drill sites, using existing roads, overland travel (3,800 ft), and constructed roads (5,278 ft). The duration of the project is less than one year and with a total disturbance of 4.2 acres.

#### Project Location

The Project is located northwest of Ellison Creek in the White Pine Range. The Project Area is approximately 35 miles southwest of

Ely, Nevada, sections 13, and 24 of T14N, R58E.

#### We have identified preliminary issues:

- Will the road construction, drill pad construction 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 (ends December 9th) 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 or permit it with modifications. 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 ...

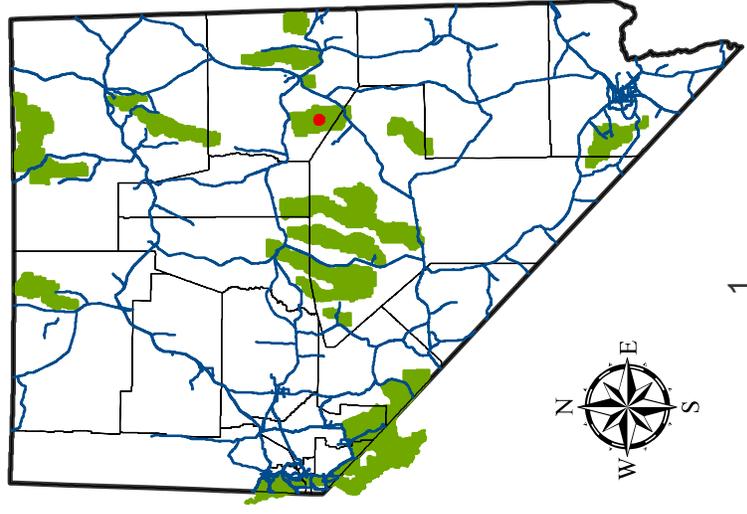
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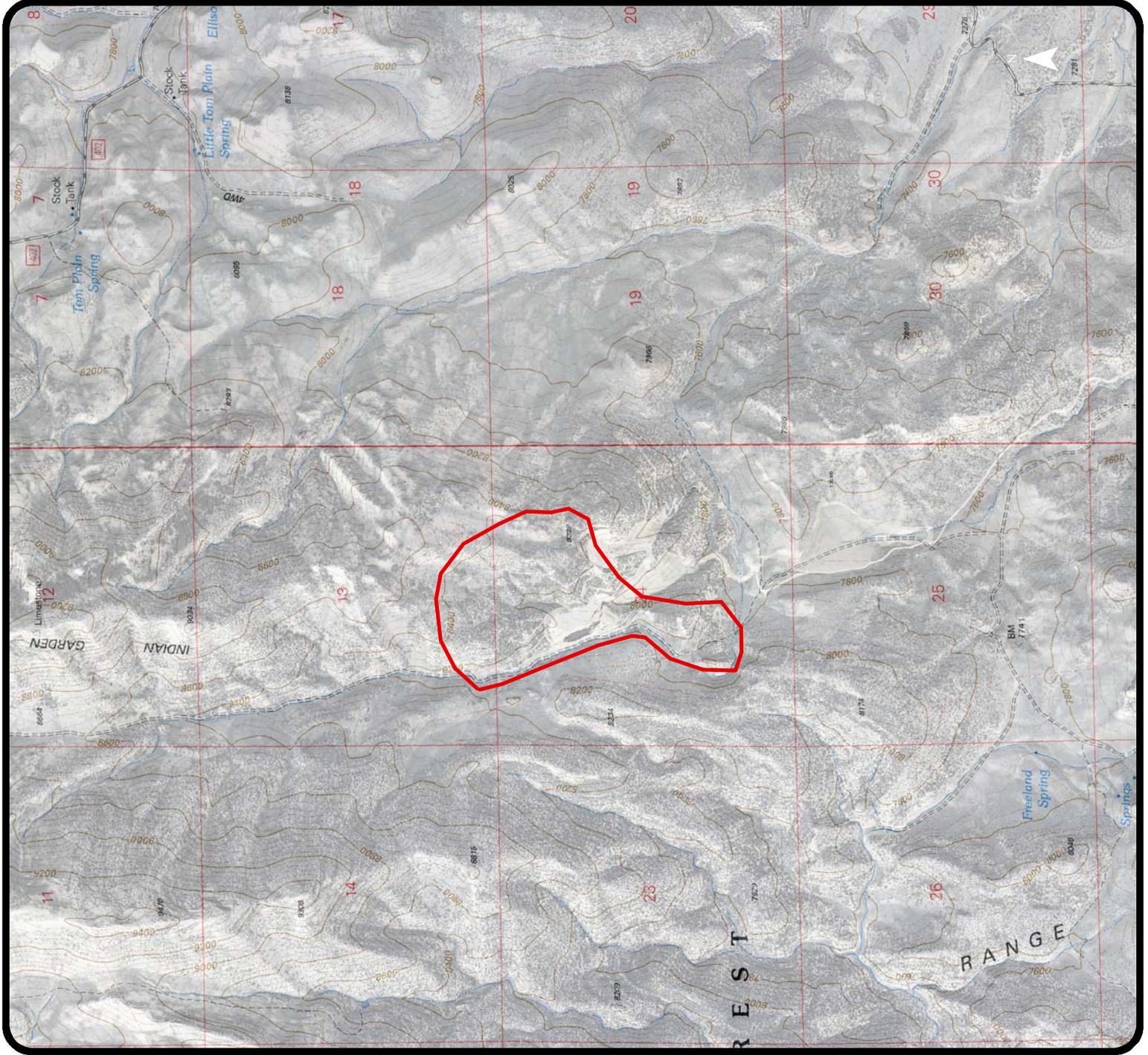
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sections 13, & 24, T14N, R58E  
White Pine County



**Legend**

— Project Location



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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 Griffon Definition 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.**