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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of the proposed Fire Creek Mine Project located in Lander County, Nevada. The EA identifies, describes and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate the potential impacts from the proposal.

Klondex Gold & Silver Mining Company (Klondex) is proposing to transition the existing authorized exploration project to a mining project. The project is currently authorized for 150 acres of surface disturbance within an area that measures approximately 1,988 acres on both private land and public land administered by the BLM. The proposed activities would create approximately 184 additional acres of new surface disturbance and increase the project area by approximately 1,467 acres. This would result in a plan of operations area of approximately 3,455 acres with a total surface disturbance of approximately 335 acres. No ore processing facilities are proposed in the project area and the ore would be transported for off-site processing. The primary proposed surface disturbance would be related to the construction of a new waste rock storage facility that includes stormwater diversion channels and water management ponds, constructing two additional underground portals, installing additional ventilation raises and service holes to support underground mining operations, building additional facility access and haul roads, and conducting additional surface exploration activities within the existing and expanded project area.

The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., January 19, 2016. The EA can be viewed on the BLM Battle Mountain District website at: <http://1.usa.gov/1YqZPcx>

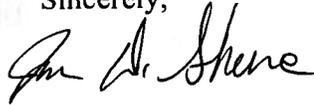
Under Links of Interest, click on the link that reads "National NEPA Register Page." To navigate to the project select "Text Search." Then scroll down and select "Nevada" from the "State(s)" list, which will populate the "Office(s)" list, then select "NV-Mount Lewis FO." Under "Fiscal Year(s)" select "2015" and then click the "Search" button on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a list of projects; find and select this project (DOI-BLM-NV-BO10-2015-0062-EA) to display the project webpage using the link on the left.

Comments may also be submitted using the ePlanning comments submission or emailed to: blm_nv_bmdo_mlfo_fire-creek_ea@blm.gov Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions or wish to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Christine Gabriel, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the above address or at 775-635-4164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon D. Sherve". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jon" being particularly prominent.

Jon D. Sherve
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