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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office (WD/HRFO) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Marigold Mining Company's Mackay Optimization Plan, a modification to an existing Plan of Operations at the Marigold Mine in Humboldt County, Nevada.

The FEIS documents the anticipated impacts associated with the proposed modification to the existing Marigold Mine, which is located in the northern portion of the Battle Mountain Range, in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately 35 miles southeast of Winnemucca, Humboldt County, Nevada; and 13 miles northwest of Battle Mountain, Lander County, Nevada.

This FEIS contains, in its entirety, the analysis originally presented in the Draft EIS (issued May 20, 2019). Also included in the FEIS are responses to comments received during the public comment period on the Draft EIS. The document also incorporates recommended mitigation to minimize impacts to resources.

A Notice of Availability of the FEIS was published in the *Federal Register* on September 13, 2019. This FEIS is not a decision document. The publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register for this FEIS initiates a 30-day review period. Following the conclusion of that period, a Record of Decision (ROD) will be prepared and signed to disclose the BLM's final decision and any project Conditions of Approval. Availability of the ROD will be announced through local media and posted with the FEIS on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) ePlanning website at <https://go.usa.gov/xmwds>.

A copy of the FEIS is available on this website. In addition, a hardcopy of the FEIS will be provided upon request, or is available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours (7:30 am to 4:30 pm) throughout the 30-day waiting period.

We appreciate your interest in this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jeanette Black at (775) 623-1500, via email at [jblack@blm.gov](mailto:jblack@blm.gov), or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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