Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16–105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: March 9, 1999.

Richard Kopanda, 
Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge, Kenmare, ND

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published the Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan. This Plan describes how the FWS intends to manage the Lostwood NWR for the next 10–15 years.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Plan may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lostwood NWR, 8315 Highway 8, Kenmare, ND 58746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Taylor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFC, Denver, CO 80225, 303/236–8145, extension 661; fax 303/236–4792.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Lostwood NWR is located in northwest North Dakota. Implementation of the Plan will focus on adaptive resources management of upland and mixed-grass prairie and increased opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. The Plan calls for management of upland habitats in accordance with the 1994 Environmental Assessment entitled “Management of Upland Habitats on Lostwood NWR.” Upland habitat monitoring and evaluation will be emphasized as the Plan is implemented. Opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation will be provided.

Dated: March 10, 1999.

Wilbur N. Ladd, Jr.,
Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management


Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement To Consider the Battle Mountain Gold Company Phoenix Project Plan of Operations for Mining in Lander County, Nevada, and Notice of Scoping Period and Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: On February 9, 1995, pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended, and to 43 CFR Part 3809, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Battle Mountain Field Office published a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) with respect to Battle Mountain Gold Company’s (BMG’s) proposed Phoenix Project Plan of Operations. At that time, the Plan of Operations proposed developing a new mill facility and expanding the existing heap leaching facilities, tailings impoundment, and ancillary facilities. Since the Notice of Intent was published, BMG has conducted additional development and exploration operations at the project property. Based on the information gained from these activities, BMG has revised the Plan of Operations for the Phoenix Project. The BLM is publishing this supplemental Notice of Intent to advise the public of the revised Plan of Operations and to seek any additional comments or concerns to be addressed in preparing the EIS.

This notice re-initiates public scoping for the Phoenix Project EIS. An open house format scoping meeting will be held on March 24, 1999, at the BLM, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. During this meeting, representatives of the BLM and BMG will summarize the Plan of Operations. Federal, state, and local agencies and other organizations or individuals who may be interested in or affected by the BLM’s decision on this Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the scoping process by attending the public meeting and to provide comments on issues to be analyzed in the EIS.

Comments on issues to be addressed in the EIS may be submitted at the scoping meeting or may be submitted in writing to the BLM until April 15, 1999. A draft EIS is expected to be completed by Fall 1999, at which time the document will be made available for public review and comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lynn Ricci, Phoenix Project EIS Project Manager (775) 635–4163, BLM, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1994, BMG submitted a Plan of Operations to develop the Phoenix Project at the southern end of the Battle Mountain Range in Lander County, Nevada, approximately 15 miles southwest of Battle Mountain, Nevada. Virtually all of the existing and proposed facilities are located in the Buffalo Valley water basin. Mining has been conducted in this area since the mid-1800s; bulk-scale surface mining operations at the site date from the early 1960s. BMG has been conducting mining operations at the site since the mid-1980s. The Phoenix Project, as proposed in 1994, involved continuing and expanding BMG’s development of the property. The project included open-pit mining of gold and silver-bearing ore, construction of a new mill to recover the