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Dated: June 28, 1996.

Caroline Anderson,  
*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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### Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On May 15, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 95, Page 24506, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography for a permit (PRT-814695) for the import of tissue samples from one walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) and one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) in support of research on environmental contamination.

Notice is hereby given that on June 20, 1996, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

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### Geological Survey

#### Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Review of Vegetation Classification and Information Standards

**ACTION:** Notice; Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FGDC is sponsoring a public review of the draft "FGDC Vegetation Classification and Information Standards" to be considered for adoption as an FGDC standard. If adopted, the standard must be followed by all Federal agencies for

data collected directly or indirectly (through grants, partnerships, or contracts).

In its assigned leadership role for developing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), the FGDC recognizes that the standards must also meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views. The FGDC invites the community to review, test, and evaluate the proposed classification system and information standards. Comments are encouraged about the content, completeness, and usability of the proposed standard. The FGDC anticipates that the proposed vegetation classification and information standard, after updating or revision, will be adopted as a Federal Geographic Data Committee standard. The standard may be forwarded to other standards organizations for adoption if interest warrants such action.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 1, 1996.

**CONTACT AND ADDRESSES:** Requests for written copies of the classification system and information standards being proposed as a standard should be sent to Vegetation Standards Review, FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox), U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192; telephone 703-648-5514; facsimile 703-648-5755; or Internet "gdc@usgs.gov". The proposed standard is available for viewing through Internet on the Vegetation Subcommittee Home Page; the URL is: <http://www.nbs.gov/~mikez/fgdc-sub.htm>. The standard may also be downloaded from the FGDC Home Page at the following URL: [www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov) (select Public Documents) or directly from the FGDC anonymous ftp site by using the address: [www.fgdc.gov/pub/standards/veg](http://www.fgdc.gov/pub/standards/veg).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The overall objective of the Vegetation Classification and Information Standards is to support the production of uniform statistics on vegetation resources at the national level. It is important that, as agencies map or inventory Earth cover that is vegetated, they collect enough data to accurately and precisely translate it for national reporting, aggregation, and comparisons. This will eventually support the detailed, quantitative, geo-referenced basis for vegetation cover modeling, mapping and analysis at the field level. This document proposes a vegetation classification system and set of information standards to be used by

Federal agencies and others in their activities for inventory, mapping, and reporting on the vegetation resources of the United States. It includes a description of the proposed Vegetation Classification and Information Standards, general policy regarding Federal agencies' use, suggested applications, the principles (basic ideas, requirements) that guided the development of this system, and a list of definitions used in the system and its development. This document does not detail the floristically defined units of the classification standard, the field methods, or the data management and analysis standards that will be required to develop and maintain this Vegetation Classification and Information Standard. This information will be presented in subsequent documents by the Subcommittee. Vegetation Cover is defined as vegetation that covers or is visible at or above the land or water surface. Vegetation data are the attributes of the vegetation that are used to classify and characterize the vegetation type and to map a vegetation stand. These data come from the interpretation; of remotely sensed imagery, field work, and other thematic data sources.

Input sought on the draft standards includes how well it meets user needs. Specific issues on which response is requested include: the threshold for separating vegetated from non-vegetated areas; the threshold for defining dominance; the criteria for separating tree from shrub; and the need for parallelism between tree-dominated cover classes and other life form cover classes. For examples, tree-dominated land is divided into open and closed canopy. Are similar divisions needed within the shrub and herbaceous life forms? Shrub classes are divided based upon shrub height; are height classes needed for other life forms?

Reviewer comments should be sent to the FGDC Secretariat at the above address. Please send comments in both hardcopy and softcopy, preferably on a 3.5-inch diskette.

Dated: June 25, 1996.

Richard E. Witmer,  
*Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.*  
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**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-020-1900-01]

**Twin Creeks Mine Draft Environmental Impact Statement****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Winnemucca District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, by third party contractor, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation's Twin Creeks Mine Consolidation and Expansion Project. This document is available for public review for a 45 day period.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement must be postmarked by September 3, 1996.

A public meeting to receive oral and written comments has been scheduled for the date and place listed below. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., August 15, 1996, at the Winnemucca District Office, Winnemucca, Nevada.

A copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District Office, ATTN: Gerald Moritz, Project Manager, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for inspection at the following additional locations: Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, 850 Harvard Way, Reno, Nevada; Humboldt County Library, Winnemucca, Nevada; Lander County Library, Battle Mountain, Nevada; and the University of Nevada Library in Reno, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerald Moritz, Project Manager at the above Winnemucca District address or telephone (702) 623-1500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the potential environmental impacts that could result from the consolidation and expansion of the current gold mining operation at the Twin Creeks Mine. Alternatives analyzed include the Proposed Action, No Action, the Partial Vista Pit Backfill Alternative, the Selective Handling of Overburden and Interburden Storage Area Alternatives. The project involves the consolidation of the Rabbit Creek and Chimney Creek Mines, expansion of the South Pit, overburden and

interburden storage area, ore processing facilities, expanded dewatering system and water disposal facilities, and diversion of Rabbit Creek and tributaries.

Dated June 21, 1996.  
Ron Wenker,  
*District Manager.*  
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**[CA-930-06-2700 WARD]****Extension of Scoping Period for Ward Valley Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) Until July 15, 1996**

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in California announces an extension of the scoping period for the Ward Valley SEIS until July 15, 1996. Three public scoping workshops were held in Sacramento, San Bernardino and Needles, California. This extension is to allow the public more time to provide written comments on the scope of the SEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard F. Johnson or John S. Miles at (916) 979-2800.

Philip L. Damon,  
*Acting Area manager.*  
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**[WO-300-1310-00]****Green River Basin Advisory Committee, Colorado and Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of the Green River Basin Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the dates, time, and schedule and initial agenda for a meeting of the Green River Basin Advisory Committee (GRBAC).

**DATES:** July 17, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and July 18, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Jeffrey Center, 3rd and Spruce Streets, Rawlins, WY 82301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terri Trevino, GRBAC Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, telephone (307) 775-6020.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The topics for the meeting will include:

- (1) Road standards, alternative funding, and the NEPA process.
- (2) Public comment.

This meeting is open to the public. Persons interested in making oral

comments or submitting written statements for the GRBAC's consideration should notify the GRBAC Coordinator at the above address by July 10. The GRBAC will hear oral comments from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on July 17. The GRBAC may establish a time limit for oral statements.

Date Signed: June 28, 1996.  
Mat Millenbach,  
*Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management.*  
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**[OR-030-06-1220-00: GP6-0196]****Notice of Meetings of Southeastern Oregon Resource Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that a meeting of the Southeastern Oregon Resource Advisory Council will be held August 5, 1996 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and August 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Jordan Valley Lions Club Room, 902 Bassett Street, Jordan Valley, Oregon.

At an appropriate time, the Council will recess for approximately one hour for lunch and one and one-half hours for dinner. Public comments will be received from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., August 6, 1996. Topics to be discussed during the meeting are administrative activities of the Council, the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan, and the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

Notice is given that a meeting of the Southeastern Oregon Resource Advisory Council will be held September 19, 1996 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and September 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Harney County Museum Club Room, 18 West "D" Street, Burns, Oregon.

At an appropriate time, the Council will recess for approximately one and one-half hours for dinner. Public comments will be received from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., September 19, 1996. Topics to be discussed during the meeting are administrative activities of the Council, the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan, and the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Plan.

**DATES:** The Southeastern Oregon Resource Advisory Council meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue to 9:00 p.m., August 5 and, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on August 6, 1996.