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## **NEW PUBLIC SAND AND GRAVEL PIT OPENED NEAR MIDAS**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Elko Field Office has announced the opening of a new community pit for sand and gravel near the town of Midas, Nevada. The community pit, which was opened in January 2003, is now available for public and commercial use.

BLM plans to use about 5,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel from the pit for construction of its new Midas Fire Station, but ample materials will remain to meet public and commercial needs for many years. The site had previously been used as a sand and gravel source but due to the potential for interference with Newmont's mining claims at the site the BLM obtained permission from Newmont Mining before reopening the site for public use.

Sand and gravel at the Midas Community Pit will be sold for \$.55 per cubic yard, including a \$.05 per cubic yard reclamation fee. The site is approximately 3 miles southeast of Midas near the county road between Midas and Tuscarora. Information about or permits to use the Midas Community Pit or any of the Elko Field Office's other community pits can be obtained in person or by mail from the BLM office at 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko Nevada 89801, ATTN: Kirk Laird. You may also call 775-753-0272.

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