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BETZE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT APPROVED

The Record of Decision approving Barrick's Betze Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) has been signed. The Supplemental EIS analyzed Barrick's expanded dewatering on the Carlin Trend.

The Betze Supplemental EIS looked at the effects of Barrick's ongoing water management operations based on information collected since the original Betze Project EIS completed in 1991.

The Supplemental EIS included a comprehensive mitigation plan committed to by Barrick to eliminate or reduce both the predicted/potential direct environmental impacts from Barrick's dewatering operations and the predicted/potential cumulative impacts from all ongoing dewatering operations on the Carlin Trend.

BLM and Barrick, with suggestions from interested parties, proposed additional mitigation measures to address the impacts of dewatering in the Carlin Trend area. Those mitigation measures were in addition to measures contained in the 1991 Betze Project EIS.

For more information about the project contact Kirk Laird, Project Coordinator, at the BLM Elko Field Office or call (775) 753-0272.

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