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CORTEZ GOLD MINES PROPOSES EXPLORATION PROJECT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Elko Field Office has received a proposal from Cortez Gold Mines to begin gold exploration activities in West Pine Valley at the south end of the Cortez Range about 30 miles south of Beowawe, Nevada. Public comment on the proposed project is requested.

Approximately 150 acres of surface disturbance would occur scattered across a 32,200-acre claim block.

The proposed exploration activities would consist of construction of access roads, access to drill sites via two-track trails and overland routes, construction of drill pads and sumps, and drilling exploration evaluation holes. Disturbance would only occur only on land necessary for exploration activities (i.e., exploration roads, drill pads, and sumps).

It is important that those interested in the proposed West Pine Valley Exploration Project participate in the comment process. To be the most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible.

Written comments should be sent to: Cortez West Pine Valley Project Coordinator, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801, by the close of business on June 30, 2003. Comments will be used to guide the preparation of the environmental analysis, which will analyze the proposed action for the potential impacts and address issues and concerns.

For questions, more information, or to be included on the project mailing list, please contact Tom Schmidt by phone - (775) 753-0343, by email – Tom_Schmidt@nv.blm.gov, or by mail - 3900 Idaho St., Elko, NV, 89801.