

June 2, 2017

KIRKLAND DRAFT MRPO EA MEETING NOTES

Date of Meeting: June 1, 2017
Time of Meeting: 1:00-2:10 pm
BLM Reference No.: AZA-37212

Participants:

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1. MRPO Status

The Draft MRPO has been revised by Kirkland Mining Company (KMC) and WestLand. WestLand will submit the following by end of day, June 2: Full pdf of revised Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations (MRPO), pdf of MRPO with tracked changes, KMC responses to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) comments in the form of the comment matrix, and a transmittal letter with additional KMC responses to BLM comments that were provided in the BLM Completeness Review Letter.

BLM requested clarification to "Study Area" or "Project Area" in the Biological Evaluation (BE). The BE uses both terms but does not define them in terms of acres or depiction in a figure. It's unclear if these terms were used interchangeably. BLM requires a revised BE to provide clarification on these terms. KMC will contact EPG and request a revised BE with consistent terms by July 7, so it can be available to the public during the scoping period.

2. Communication Plan

A project email account will be set up for the project. Public communications and formal communications between BLM, WestLand, and KMC will be directed to this email account.

WestLand submitted the revised Communication Plan on May 30, 2017. Section 3.3 of this Communication Plan will be revised when the project email account is set up to identify that account.

3. Defining the Project Analysis Area

The Project Analysis Area is the 160-acre Capital Association Placer Mining Claim on BLM lands, KMC privately owned lands (3 parcels of land identified in the MRPO), and the approximately 100-foot long access road easement traversing privately owned land owned by others. WestLand will provide a figure depicting this Project Analysis Area.

KMC's potential plans for the secondary processing facility and expansion onto other privately owned parcels adjacent to the proposed mining operation are speculative at this time and are not considered reasonably foreseeable. Should those potential plans become reasonably foreseeable during this scoping process, there are

other opportunities for providing adjustments to the proposed action description and allowing for public input on those plans. The public will be provided opportunity for comment during the upcoming scoping process, anticipated to begin on June 26, 2017, and then again with the public review of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

If significant changes are made to the project design, or additional features outside the Project Analysis Area are determined to be reasonably foreseeable after public review of the Draft EA, the BLM may determine that it would be necessary to recirculate a revised Draft EA for public input.

4. Project Website

The project website has been activated. The web link is <http://bit.ly/2rRYTH>. The scoping notification letter will provide this link for access to information, such as the Draft MRPO and BE, that will be posted to the site for public information. Open house materials such as posters, comment forms etc. will also be added to the project website as they become available for release.

5. Status of reservation of facility for open house

The Skull Valley Community Center is available on July 11, 2017. WestLand will call to verify the maximum occupancy and availability of needs (audio/visual, projection screen, portable chairs) for the public open house.

Westland will provide a laptop, a projector, exhibits with tripods, sign-in sheets, comment forms, handouts, and other materials for the public open house. WestLand will have staff available for greeting and orientation.

Exhibits may include the Conceptual Mine Plan and a Flow Chart Depicting the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Processes.

6. Mailing List

WestLand is developing a mailing list from the Yavapai County Assessor's webpage based on a 2-mile buffer around the proposed action. Other opportunities for reaching out to residents of Kirkland, Skull Valley, and Hillside are being explored with the local postmaster.

The scoping period is planned for June 26 – July 25. Letters would need to be sent by June 23.

The scoping notification letter will be revised by WestLand and KMC to address some minor project description changes reflected in the revised Draft MRPO and sent back to BLM by June 1, 2017.

ACTION ITEMS:

- KMC and WestLand will submit the Draft MRPO and respond to BLM Comments by June 2.
 - WestLand will provide a figure depicting this Project Analysis Area by early next week.
 - BLM, KMC, and WestLand will have a conference call on June 22, 2017 to follow up on Scoping action items.
 - WestLand will provide the mailing list for a 2-mile wide buffer and also feedback on what the more extensive (400+) mailing list would look like and the logistics to make that happen. This would be provided by the middle of next week.
 - WestLand will contact the Skull Valley Community Center for verify availability of needs for the public open house.
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