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BLM to begin final comment period and hold public meeting for proposed “Kirkland Mine”

PHOENIX – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Hassayampa Field Office invites the public’s comments on an updated Draft Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed high-quality pozzolan mine on approximately 88 acres of public lands in Skull Valley, Ariz.

The 60-day comment period is from July 7, 2018 through September 4, 2018.

The BLM will hold a public meeting on July 11, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kirkland Community Center located at 14200 W. Kirkland-Hillside Rd., in Kirkland. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting will begin with a presentation. The topics that will be covered include the role of the BLM in managing public lands for multiple uses, National Environmental Policy Act compliance, wildlife resources, archaeological resources, the mine permitting process, and the transportation network associated with the proposed mine. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity for public comment. The meeting will conclude in an open-house format during which BLM specialists and Kirkland Mining Company representatives will be available to answer questions.

A court reporter and comment station will be available for onsite comment submissions. Additionally, stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments for the record through the BLM ePlanning project website. Written comments may be mailed to Geologist Shelby Cave at the BLM Hassayampa Field Office, 21605 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85027, faxed to (623) 580-5580, or emailed to KIRKMPO@blm.gov.

This open house is intended to assist the public in reviewing more detailed information available on the BLM ePlanning project website and providing substantive comments. Maps, comments forms, baseline studies, the draft environmental assessment and other materials will be available online at <http://go.usa.gov//xnJFX> beginning on July 7.

If you have questions, please contact Shelby Cave at (623) 580-5500 or KIRKMPO@blm.gov.

Before including any personal identifying information in any comments, be aware that this information may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question with the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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