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Open Pit Mining Threatens North Pequop Mountains

Newmont Mining Corp. is proposing a large open pit gold mine, called the Long Canyon Project, on the east side of the North Pequops Range .

The North Pequops Range just east of Wells Nevada is a classic Basin and Range lanscape of the Great Basin. There has been mining exploration activities in the area; however, it is largely unimpacted by mining. Much of the region is considered by the federal governmant as having "Wilderness Characteristics." Pictured here is six-mile canyon in the North Pequops, which is just outside the proposed mine project boundary.

The Bureau of Land Management is currently accepting scoping comments on the proposed Long Canyon open-pit gold mine to be located approximately 30 miles east of Wells, in Elko County, Nevada on both private and public lands.

Public comment period ends September 4th, 2012

However, comments a week or two after this deadline will most likely still be considered.

Action you can take:

Send comments to the BLM. Our concerns are:

- **Habitat of mule deer in the area – The mine Project proposed to include in their plan for a 500 foot migration corridor between the open pit and a waste rock dump, with the associated noise and dust of the mine activities.**
- **The mine project will be drawing 1,400 to 2,500 gallons per minute of groundwater near the Big springs and Johnson Springs System a natural resource and water supply to nearby cities.**

- **Existing Cultural Resources – The project is within archaeological sites that are prehistoric dating back at least 6,000 years ago.**
- **Wilderness Potential in the area could seriously impaired to a point where the North Pequops will loose the "wilderness characteristics" that the BLM has designated.**

For more details on this project please visit Great Basin Resource Watch website:
<http://www.gbrw.org/take-action/160-save-the-pequop-mountains.html>

[Download sample letter to BLM here](#)

Mail Written Comments to: *(also welcome to post here.....sdc)*

Attn: WHITNEY WIRTHLIN, BLM Elko District Office, Wells Field Office
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For more information contact:

[BLM webpage on Long Canyon Project](#), [Whitney Wirthlin Wells Field Office Geologist](#)

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Keeping Oral History Alive in a Digital World

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Watch now: [Doug Boyd's "Thinking Big" video](#)

How does a field that once considered cassette tapes and transcripts "high tech" transition into the 21st century? The collection and preservation of oral history is changing, and it is the goal of a team from Michigan State University (MSU) to define how oral history can not only survive in today's digital, networked, and multimedia-rich world, but thrive.

The idea for the "Oral History in the Digital Age" project was born out of MATRIX, a humanities computing center at MSU devoted to the application of new technologies for teaching, research, and outreach. The concept was a natural outgrowth of the center's activities, which include maintaining online resources and creating forums for knowledge exchange. According to MATRIX Director Dean Rehberger, "We've had a longstanding interest in oral history and the spoken word."

Indeed, MATRIX houses major digital library repositories, such as the African Online Digital Library; Detroit Public Television's American Black Journal video archives; Historical Voices, a searchable online database of spoken word collections spanning the 20th century; and The Quilt Index. MATRIX is home to everything from a major Studs Terkel collection to a collection of oral narratives in African languages that are disappearing.

MATRIX faculty member and research professor Steve Cohen came up with the idea for the project, which was to marshal resources and combine expertise to advance seven core issues for oral history in the digital age: intellectual property, transcriptions, digital video, technology, scholarship, preservation, and access/interfaces. When identifying these core issues, "We realized we had to think along the whole chain, from collecting to curating to disseminating," says Rehberger. "We had to include legal and copyright issues."

A veritable dream team of top experts in fields such as information studies, audio preservation, law, history, and communicative sciences was amassed to oversee collaborative working groups in each of the seven areas. Dr. Doug Boyd, Director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky, handled the day-to-day management of the project.

One of the five stated goals of the effort was to develop standards for video-based oral histories. "We had a good grasp on what to do with audio – those standards were set," says Rehberger. "The video standards, however, are really up in the air. We wanted to address this problem from the technical side, and develop the best practices for video."

In the past, continues Rehberger, "The transcript was always king. You did a transcription and then threw away the original video. Digital recording has changed that. Now, video recording has become easier."

While the transition into a digital world has brought new affordability, flexibility, and accessibility to the field, it has also brought fresh challenges. Questions arise about the use of digital video, the need for unified standards of practice, and intellectual property rights. Technical challenges also remain. "How can we get the people who make video histories follow certain standards so that their work can be better used by archives, museums, and other end users?" says Rehberger, articulating a question that drove the project. "Can we make the product better on the front end so it's more useful on the back end?"

The "Oral History in the Digital Age" website (<http://ohda.matrix.msu.edu>) is part of the answer. This centerpiece of the project is home to more than 70 "micro-essays" by experts in the field that cover topics ranging from selecting video equipment and achieving good audio recording levels to intellectual property issues and oral history podcasts. Rehberger's goal with the micro-essays is to create a repository of information that constantly grows and changes. "The technology just keeps moving on us, so we're encouraging our contributors to edit their essays as needed," he says. "This is a resource that Doug and I are committed to keeping updated. This is not by any means the final product."

A highlight of the website is the "Thinking Big" video series, which features videos of leading voices in digital oral history and digital media. Automatic Speech Recognition, field recording in the digital age, and oral history and emerging technologies are just some of the timely topics discussed.

"We shifted some of our funding to do the videos," explains Rehberger. "It wasn't part of the original grant, but we got permission from IMLS to do it."

The site also features case studies on collecting, curating and disseminating, an interactive "Ask Doug" feature (starring Doug Boyd) that helps visitors find the right equipment for a project, a helpful glossary, and numerous other resources that address nearly every aspect of preserving oral history in the digital age. Website content intentionally covers not just oral history but oral narrative, because "a folklorist and an oral historian think about the whole process in different ways," explains Rehberger.

As for developing a set of best practices for oral histories in video form, that goal is still evolving. "It would have been nice to have come out and said, 'here's the final answer,'" says Rehberger. "But life is more complex than that."

Beyond the website, there will be a special issue of *The Oral History Review*, the official publication of the Oral History Association. A social media blitz and promotion on H-Net – the international scholarly networking community hosted by MATRIX – will happen during the website's official launch and again in September, when university communities start to hum again.

"We're also thinking about doing an e-book for people who want to teach about oral history in the digital age as part of a curriculum," says Rehberger.

The response to the project has been overwhelmingly positive. "For the Heritage Preservation Association we did a webinar reprise of our WebWise presentation, 'Digital Voices: Preserving Oral History Collections,'" says Rehberger. "A turnout of 40 is great for these webinars, and 60 is a lot. We had 130 people sign on! So far, the feedback's been really positive."

Rehberger applauds the "great people" from the project's partners, whose contributions were invaluable. In addition to MATRIX, partners include the Michigan State University Museum, the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, the American Folklore Society, and the Oral History Association.

"The IMLS support has been fantastic," adds Rehberger. "The nice thing about IMLS is they don't just say, 'here's the money, go do your thing.' They support you along the way."

For Rehberger, however, the best part of the project is working with oral historians and folklorists. "They are the nicest people you'll ever meet," he says.

Keeping watch over America's historical documents

By The Partnership for Public Service, Published: August 19

Thousands of historical documents have disappeared over the years from the National Archives — the patent for the Wright Brothers' airplane, target maps of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Civil War telegrams written by Abraham Lincoln, a copy of FDR's "Day of Infamy" speech and NASA photographs from space.

Leading the team of investigators seeking to recover America's stolen historical treasures is Kelly Maltagliati, a special agent with the Office of Inspector General at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

Maltagliati was instrumental in establishing NARA's investigatory Archival Recovery Team eight years ago, and every year since has made a huge impact by locating countless missing historical records and helping secure criminal convictions against transgressors. In addition, she has enhanced security measures at the National Archives, its presidential libraries and regional centers nationwide.

"Kelly has been the champion of the program," said Ross Weiland, a former deputy inspector general who worked with Maltagliati. "She recognized the need. Her investigative style is just to outwork, outlast and out-hustle everyone else, and that is what she has done with this program."

As head of the recovery program, Maltagliati has set up sting operations, engaged in old-fashioned police work, monitored web sites and online auctions like eBay, visited memorabilia and Civil War shows, used social media to reach the public, established a hotline and built a network of "sentinels" throughout the nation to be on the look-out for stolen documents.

There have been a number of notable successes.

Earlier this year, a well-known presidential memorabilia collector pleaded guilty to stealing thousands of original documents from major archival repositories, including the National Archives and the Franklin Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park, N.Y. The theft included seven copies of President Roosevelt's speeches that contained edits, handwritten additions and his signature. Maltagliati and her team worked with the FBI, helped prepare the search warrants, and identified and recovered the material stolen from the presidential library.

In another case, a contact alerted Maltagliati regarding the sale of numerous historical recordings on eBay, a tip that led to the arrest and 2011 guilty plea by a former longtime National Archives employee who admitted stealing a thousand audio recordings ranging from radio episodes of *Dragnet* and *Gunsmoke* to a 1937 radio interview with Babe Ruth. Maltagliati's office also recently recovered important Watergate documents, including sealed grand jury testimony that had been inadvertently donated by former special prosecutor Leon Jaworski to a university library.

David Ferriero, the archivist of the United States, said Maltagliati brings "passion to her work" and helps "ensure that the documents we are responsible for are around forever."

"It's not just about protecting pieces of paper, it's about protecting our history," Ferriero said.

Debra Wall, the deputy archivist, said Maltagliati understands the importance of the documents, has developed great respect from the staff of the National Archives, and has taken a proactive approach by making contacts outside the institution among researchers, collectors and dealers who work with historical documents every day.

"She is getting the American people their history back. These are priceless, one-of-a-kind documents," said Wall. "We really believe the archives are essential to a democracy, and we take our mission seriously. Kelly has taken it a step further by going out and finding these missing documents."



When she first arrived on the scene, Maltagliati said, officials at the National Archives “didn’t want to talk about stolen material because they were embarrassed.” In addition, those who collect and sell historical documents and other materials were not always helpful. She said her office has helped change the culture at the Archives, while establishing relationships with many of those who trade in historical materials and now realize that collaboration can help them avoid trouble.

Maltagliati said she wants to be a “good public steward,” and finds it “fulfilling” to recover stolen documents and ensure continued public access to these records.

“I can remember the first time I held a pardon in my hand signed by Abraham Lincoln. I was in the treasure vault, and I just felt chills,” she said.

This article was jointly prepared by the Partnership for Public Service, a group seeking to enhance the performance of the federal government, and washingtonpost.com. Go to <http://washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/fedpageplayers/> to read about other federal workers who are making a difference.

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Language is the amber in which a thousand precious and subtle thoughts have been safely embedded and preserved. -Richard C. Trench, poet (1807-1886)

The Shoshonean Reunion/Gathering XIV will be held in Fort Hall, Idaho, hosted by the Shoshone Bannock Tribe. The gathering will be on August 6, 7, 8, 2013. For more information, visit the Shoshonean Reunion website (ShoshoneanReunion.com).

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Public Event · By [The Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno](#)
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We are far more concerned about the desecration of the flag than we are about the desecration of our land. -Wendell Berry, farmer and author (b. 1934)

Coming Soon, Google Street View of a Canadian Village You'll Never Drive To
[By IAN AUSTEN](#) NYT August 22, 2012

OTTAWA — There are no cars in [Cambridge Bay, Nunavut](#). Aside from a few trucks, snowmobiles are the preferred form of transportation for much of the year in the hamlet high in the Canadian [Arctic](#).

And given that only 1,477 people live in Cambridge Bay, and that the population lives on about a quarter of a square mile, probably no part of it is unknown to its residents.

All that would suggest that Google Street View has limited value there. But a pitch to [Google](#) from an Inuit man brought a tricycle fitted with Google's camera system to the streets of Cambridge Bay on Monday as part of what the company expects to become a long-term project in Canada's Far North.

The Inuit man, Chris Kalluk, said he approached Google with the idea of bringing Street View to the Arctic last year as a way to educate the rest of the world about the region. "People that have never been in the north, past trees, in communities you can only get to by airplanes; they just don't know," Mr. Kalluk said by telephone from Cambridge Bay, where he has lived most of his life. "They wonder if we live in igloos and travel by dog team. I spoke with an elder the other day who said that the land belongs to all the people, so everyone should be able to see it."

Fishing and hunting trips, often covering long distances, remain an important part of life for the Inuit in Cambridge Bay, or Ikaluktutiak as its known in the native Inuinnaqtun language. But because magnetic compasses do not work in the far north, paper maps were rarely used for navigation in the past.

“People got around by recognition,” said Mr. Kalluk, 28, who is a geographical information systems coordinator for [Nunavut Tunngavik](#), an organization that manages land claim settlements between the Inuit and the federal government and runs wildlife management programs.

The arrival of GPS, which is unaffected by the magnetic pole, has now made maps, digital and otherwise, a fixture in the lives of hunters and fishermen.

Nevertheless, Mr. Kalluk said that while he was dealing with Google, he had to educate the other residents of Cambridge Bay about Street View. While the Internet came to the community several years ago, it is a relatively low-bandwidth satellite connection. Mr. Kalluk said that if just one person watched an online video, the rest of the community was temporarily shut out of the Web. As a result, he said, most residents stay away from image-laden online applications like Street View.

Mr. Kalluk proposed the northern excursion to Karin Tuxen-Bettman, a geostrategist with the Google Earth Outreach, a branch of the company that develops projects with nonprofit groups. Last August, Ms. Tuxen-Bettman led a group that created Street View images of some of the [Amazon rain forest in Brazil](#). “It was very exciting,” Ms. Tuxen-Bettman said of the meeting with Mr. Kalluk. “What place is as different and the opposite extreme to the Amazon as the Arctic?”

Currently the most northern place available on Street View is [Deadhorse Airport](#) near Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. While it sits about one degree of latitude farther north than Cambridge Bay, it is far less isolated and is connected by a road to the south.

Because Cambridge Bay can be reached only by air or, for a few weeks in the summer, by barge, using one of Google’s camera cars to photograph the community was quickly ruled out.

“A car seemed like overkill,” Ms. Tuxen-Bettman said.

Ms. Tuxen-Bettman said that it would take several months for Google to process the final street view images, a step that involves, among other things, blurring out faces. The trip to Cambridge Bay will create a higher amount of blurring than normal. The trike has generally been followed by a small army of children on their own bicycles while making its rounds.

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Kurt Parks, Coordinator, Service-Learning Arizona

[Family Tree of Languages Has Roots in Anatolia, Biologists Say](#)

By NICHOLAS WADE

Evolutionary biologists say the first speakers of what would become the Indo-European languages were probably farmers in what is now Turkey - a conclusion that differs by hundreds of miles and thousands of years from a longstanding linguistic theory.

[Graphic: Tracing the Origins of Indo-European Languages](#)

The city of Las Vegas' annual Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program (YNAPP) application process has begun. YNAPP offers grants for up to \$1,000 for youth to create and implement neighborhood-based service learning projects of their own design. Applicants are encouraged to register and attend one of two workshops scheduled in September to learn about the program and the automated method of applying for the grant. Workshops are scheduled Thursday, Sept. 13, and Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Las Vegas City Hall, 495 S. Main St. from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. A detailed workshop flier is available here. Additional information about YNAPP and a link to the application is available on the city website. The application deadline is Nov. 15. To register for a workshop, call 229-5406 or email to lcampbell@lasvegasnevada.gov.

Job Advertisement

Position Title: Trail Crew Leader & Trail Crew Members

Location: Lands managed by the Santa Rosa Ranger District

Application Deadline: Ongoing until filled

Position Term: September through end of October 2012

Position Summary: Friends of Nevada Wilderness (FNW) in cooperation with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, is recruiting (1) full-time (40 hours/week) Trail Crew Leader and multiple Member positions to maintain trails on the Santa Rosa Ranger District. The Trail Crew Leader will be required to supervise (4) Crew Members; be responsible for the safety of trail crew members, volunteers, and Forest visitors; additionally, the Leader will be responsible for pre-trip logistics and post-trip record-keeping.

Location: Qualified applicants will be focused on working in a backcountry setting on and around the Summit Trail (north of Winnemucca, NV) in the Santa Rosa mountain range. Due to the remote nature of the work sites, camping will be required most nights during the week at undeveloped, backcountry recreation sites. Reliable transportation to the Winnemucca area is essential; carpooling from Reno may be available.

Requirements

- Maintain wilderness trails to typical standards of the Santa Rosa Ranger District.
- Promote and maintain a safe environment for colleagues and all program participants.
- Implement FNW safety protocols, guidelines and policies.
- Maintain tools and all necessary safety equipment.

- Hitches will require remote, multi-day spikes, while carrying all tools and equipment associated with the required work.
- Leader: Coordinate with Forest Project Coordinator to help implement volunteer stewardship trips and monitor past maintenance restoration work to evaluate outcomes.
- Leader: Collaborate with USFS, FNW staff & partners to determine key needs and targeted projects.
- Be willing to work non-traditional hours, including nights and weekends.

Qualifications

- Leader: (3) seasons trail work with (2) seasons of verifiable outdoor leadership experience.
- Member: Trail maintenance experience not required; however, verifiable outdoor experience is required, if you have not traveled on foot for (3) consecutive days or more in a wilderness setting, please do not apply.
- Level of physical fitness enabling applicant to hike ten miles per day with a 40-60lb pack.
- Map reading will be essential along with knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, GPS handheld devices.
- Valid driver's license.
- Personal hiking and backpacking equipment required (please inquire about specific equipment needs).
- Reliable personal transportation will be essential.

Compensation: Leader: up to \$18 hourly rate DOE. Member: \$14 hourly rate. Company vehicle restricted to work- related travel will be provided. There are no benefits or overtime associated with this position.

To Apply: Email a cover letter, resume and (3) references to: Darcy Shepard, Administrative Director, Friends of Nevada Wilderness; darcy@nevadawilderness.org
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 To find out more about us please visit our website: www.nevadawilderness.org

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Amazon Tribe Massacre Alleged in Venezuela

Virginia Lopez, Guardian UK

Intro: "A massacre of up to 80 Yanomami Indians has taken place in the Venezuelan state of Amazonas, according to claims emerging from the region, prompting the government to send in investigators." [READ MORE](#)