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[Abigail M. Garibay](#)

This is a rare Albino Bald Eagle. Beautiful animal to say the least.

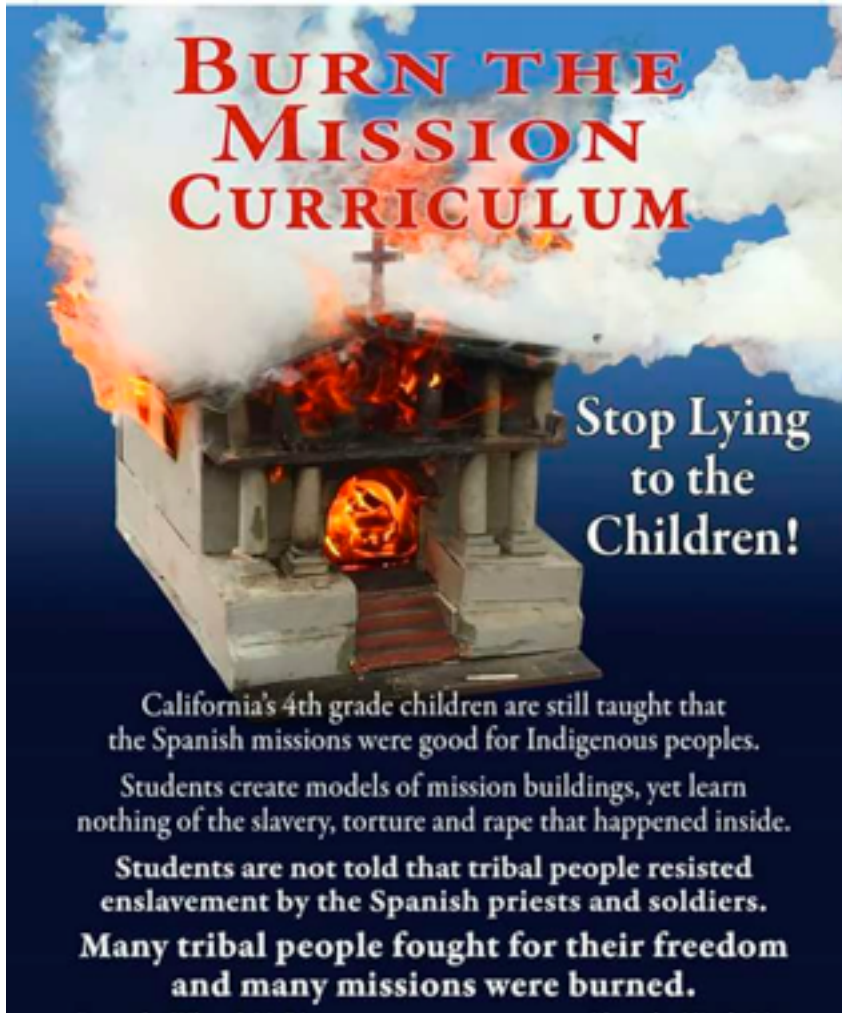
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**Invasion of America & Illegal Immigration.** How the United States Took Over an Eighth of the World. Between 1776 and 1887, the United States seized over 1.5 billion acres from

America's indigenous people by treaty and executive order. The Invasion of America shows how by mapping every treaty and executive order during that period. It concludes with a map of present-day federal Indian reservations

"The only compensation for land is land." ~Winona LaDuke

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"We, the great mass of the people, think only of the love we have for our land. For we do love the land where we were brought up. We will never let our hold to this land go. To let it go will be like throwing away our mother that gave us birth." ~Aitooweyah

Thank you ehistory .org

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**Carolyn Harry**    **October 7, 2012** ·    Teachers..please do not perpetuate the untruth. It serves no purpose other than creating a mindset that is blocked, that says its ok to listen to one voice over another, whose opinion counts, and whose does not matter. Lets be the change agents!!! Please watch, repost, and don't be afraid to teach the truth. Imagine the wave of change we can create one classroom at a time..30 minds at a time...exponentially..

**Columbus Day** Hear the real facts about the slave trading war criminal and his genocide of the Native Americans (NOT Indians)    [youtube.com](http://youtube.com)

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## **Christopher Columbus Was Worse Than ISIS**

Monday, October 12th is Columbus Day, which we have celebrated in this country since the eighteenth century... and that's probably long enough. When you find out the actual facts of what Columbus... [filmsforaction.org](http://filmsforaction.org)

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## **Death Valley Jim**

Columbus never set foot on North America, and he was a pretty terrible person. He landed in the Caribbean islands, and enslaved, raped, and murdered the Native people of those islands.

I firmly believe that Columbus Day should be abolished, and we should celebrate Indigenous people on that day instead. I've created a number of images that does just that, and I will post them throughout the next couple of days.



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## **These 8 Cities Just Abolished Columbus Day**

Three more cities adopted Indigenous Peoples' Day in just the past 48 hours. [usuncut.com](http://usuncut.com)

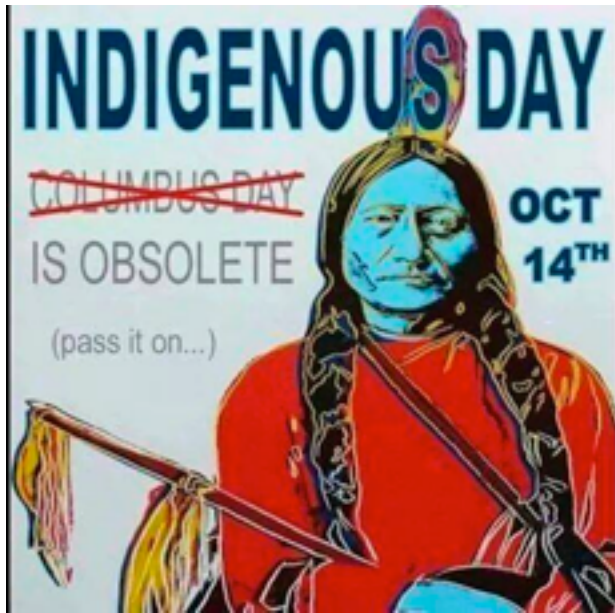
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[Brandon Lee Stevens](#)

[October 7, 2013](#) ·

*My testimony, it's not about mascots, it's about the missing basic understanding of the majority of our Country that we have contributed far more than being the noble fierce adversaries that lost the west to the cowboys. And why we have so much trouble being treated equal in all aspects of modern culture. It starts with education and discussion.*





From 2014

### Brian Pierson: Recent federal court decisions affecting Indian law

Attorney Brian Pierson reviews recent developments in Indian law, including the acceptance of Nebraska v. Parker, a reservation diminishment case affecting the... indianz.com

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**\*A HAWAIIAN NATIONALS \*\*KUÂ'E ACTION\* \*Burning of the Papal Bulls \* October 12\*\*â|\***

Every year on 'Discoverer's Dayâ' \*(a.k.a. "Columbus Day"), a stalwart group of people gather on Fort Street in Honolulu for a demonstration called the "Burning of the Papal Bulls".

Come join us on \*Monday,\*\* October 12, 2015\* at \*12:00\* \*noon\* in front of the \*Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace\* at the mauka end of Fort Street Mall to call upon the Catholic Church to rescind these evil, odious 500-year-old "Papal Bulls" (edicts issued by the Pope) that caused untold suffering, exploitation and genocide. These edicts have never been rescinded, repudiated or canceled. They are officially still on the books, giving force to modern-day pillaging and plunder.

**\*What's This About?\***

The "discoveries" of Christopher Columbus triggered the greatest land-grab and crimes against humanity in the history of man. The Papal Bulls were edicts issued by various popes giving 'permission' for Christian European explorers to subdue the inhabitants (kill, maim, torture, enslave or whatever) and claim

dominion over and colonize vast areas of "newlydiscovered" lands, namely, North and South America and their appurtenant islands. But it didn't stop there. Over time, the Papal Bulls' license to kill and steal has been applied to the entire globe.

The ruthless methods used by the colonizers to subdue the inhabitants and steal their lands, (authorized by the Papal Bulls) and became collectively known as the "Doctrine of Discovery", a euphemism for slaughter, extermination, subjugation, enslavement, pillaging and exploitation of original peoples, their lands and resources.

Modern variations of these papal bulls/doctrine-of-discovery-practices continue to drive today's system known as "globalization".

\*The Evil Continues \*

Although some of the more blatant, violent Doctrine of Discovery practices have been somewhat "tamed" by the spread of democracy, humanitarian concerns and awareness of human rights, the Doctrine of Discovery still is the primary driver of the modern world with the new conquistadors/perpetrators being the trans-national corporations in collaboration with super-power nations, their military forces, the banking system and multi-government organizations like the United Nations.

Our protest on Monday calls upon the Catholic Church to rescind the papal bulls,\* \*and for all parties to disavow the evil principles that even today "legalizes" subjugation and plunder.\*\* Even here in Hawaii"\*

Come and join us. Bring signs calling for the rescinding the Papal Bullsand just about every other issue from TMT to GMO to Rail to Ho"opili to Na'i Aupuni/FedWreck to sovereignty to militarization to rampant development to environment just about every battle for survival with which we are engaged here in Hawaii are all tied in to the Papal Bulls!

Hope to see you there!

Malama pono,

Leon Siu

Pilipo Souza

Committee of Hawaiian Nationals

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**I assume that a  
Columbus Day Sale  
means I can just  
walk into a store  
and take whatever I  
want.**

**Julian Kiani**



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People Planet First is the radical idea that we can build an economy that puts the need of people and the planet ahead of corporate profits and greed. Join the Reno Justice Coalition and progressive allies for a series of events in Reno to discuss issues about the planet and how it all connects to economic and racial justice.

**Monday October 12th:**

**Anti-Columbus Day Rally in Solidarity with the people of Guatemala**

**12:00pm Reno Arch**

Join us for a demonstration on Indigenous People's Day. We'll be joined by leaders from Guatemala who are trying to save their community from Reno-based Tahoe Resources. Since 2013 Tahoe Resources' private security in Guatemala has shot seven peaceful protesters and three protesters have been killed. This indigenous People's Day, join us as we celebrate indigenous resilience and take a stand for social and ecological justice.

[Click for facebook invite link.](#)

**Monday October 12th:**

Guatemala, Globalization and Resistance - People Planet First panel discussion

6:00pm Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom

Help welcome Llan Carlos Dávila, a community leader and incumbent mayor from the southeastern Guatemalan town of Santa Rosa de Lima, as he tours the United States this October to call attention to the serious human rights violations communities are facing as a result of Reno-based Tahoe Resources' silver mining operations in Guatemala. [Click for facebook invite link.](#)

**Tuesday October 13th:**

Trouble the Water - free film screening

6:00pm Joe Crowley Student Union Theater

2015 marks the 10 year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The documentary "Trouble the Water" highlights the connections between race, class and the climate crisis detailing the experience of a New Orleans couple that stays in their home during the storm and their struggle to rebuild their lives in the aftermath.

[Click for facebook invite link.](#)

**Wednesday October 14th:**

People Planet First: A Plan for the Future panel discussion

6:00pm Joe Crowley Student Union Theater

Join us for a panel discussion about the long term agenda to build an economy that puts people and planet first. Panelists will discuss ways their work challenges structural racism, sexism, economic inequality and the climate crisis.

[Click for facebook invite link.](#)

Bob Fulkerson, State Director, PLAN

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**This (Last) Week at DOI**

A new national park with an ancient centerpiece, the end of a long legal battle with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, and big news for an Interior earthquake specialist -- plus, billions of reasons to check out the latest update on the BP oil spill -- [Watch this week's episode.](#)

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<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/10/12/1246553/-Columbus-and-The-Legacy-of-Genocide?detail=emailclassic>

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<https://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/12/27/1265498/-The-slaves-that-time-forgot?detail=emailclassic>

## City of Portland Replaces 'Columbus Day' With 'Indigenous Peoples' Day'

Portland has joined the list of cities marking the second Monday in October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day." [kgw.com](http://kgw.com)

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## What is Indigenous Peoples' Day and why should it replace Columbus Day?

By [Parker Molloy](#) [upworthy.com](http://upworthy.com)

For all they've endured, Native Americans should be celebrated.

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## Meet Alayna Farris & Whitney Gravelle – Siletz Grant Recipients from the Native American Rights Fund!

Each summer NARF hosts the summer clerkship program, a ten to twelve week program for second year law students. NARF's projects are extremely challenging because NARF practices before federal, state, and tribal forums, and because most of its cases - whether at the administrative, trial, or appellate level - are complex and involve novel legal issues.

This summer the law clerk program was supported by a grant from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. This summer NARF had five law clerks – one in the Alaska office, one in the D.C. office, and three in the Boulder office. Law Clerks Alayna Farris (Cherokee Nation) and Whitney Gravelle (Anishinaabe from the Bay Mills Indian Community), were chosen to be the recipients of the Siletz grant due to their tireless work ethic and their voluminous work product. During their summer clerkship in the NARF Boulder office, Alayna and Whitney worked on a variety of important and pertinent issues. One example of their tremendous work product is their combined efforts to revise and update “A Compilation of Federal and State Education Laws regarding Native Language in Curriculum and Certification of Teachers in Native Languages.” This publication, produced by the Native American Rights Fund, was last updated in 2003 and acts as a valuable, general resource for tribal, state, and federal officials, schools, and other interested persons.

NARF thanks the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for its grant to further the NARF law clerk program, which allows NARF to mentor Native law students like Alayna and Whitney and allows the students to make an impact on Indian law and to Native people during their term at NARF. The Siletz Grant also allows NARF to continue our mission to develop Indian law and educate the public about Indian rights, laws, and issues.

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[Carolyn Harry](#) via [Chase A Iron Eyes](#) Another paradigm shift from teachers *smile emoticon*



### [Longfellow Elementary Celebrates Most Authentic Columbus Day Ever](#)

PORTLAND, ME -- Students at Longfellow Elementary School celebrated the life of Christopher Columbus ahead of the upcoming Columbus Day weekend by...

wtfptld.me

*(You have to see the picture! sdc*

<http://wtfptld.me/2015/10/08/longfellow-elementary-columbus/>)

### [Time to Abolish Columbus Day](#)

Once again this year many schools will pause to commemorate Christopher Columbus. Given everything we know about who Columbus was and what he launched in the Americas, this needs to stop.

CommonDreams.org

### [Seattle Swaps Columbus Day For 'Indigenous Peoples' Day'](#)

The city is the latest to honor Native Americans instead of Christopher Columbus. But not everyone is happy about the change.

NPR

### [These Memes Prove Why We Should Abolish Columbus Day Now](#)

[How to shut down the logic of Columbus Day supporters.](#)

ATTN:

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### [Death Valley Jim](#)

[Yesterday at 8:14pm](#) · [Edited](#) ·

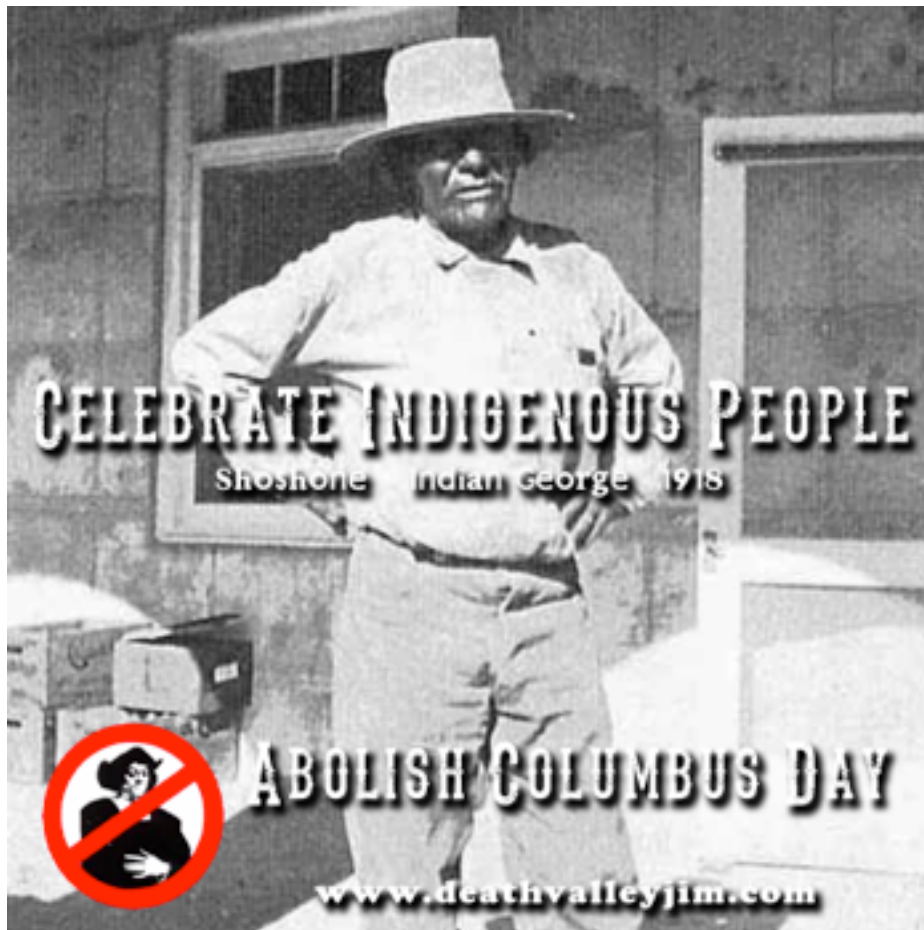
**Indian George Hanson (also know as Indian George Inyo)** is the best of the Indians alive at the time of the Silver Stampede into Panamint City, the golden years of Ballarat, and the early mining of borax by John Searles.

That name was given to him by the white men when he was employed as a wood-packer at Panamint City in the early 1870s. His Indian name was Bah-vanda-savany-kee (meaning boy who ran away).

Indian George remembered the immigrants who were part of the Jayhawker, Manly-Bennett Party in the winter of 1849-1850. These stalwarts came across Death Valley and the Panamints. George's name is connected to these immigrants. He was called "Boy who ran away," because when he saw the white men he was afraid and ran away.

He was a small boy at the time and had never before seen a white man, much less "cows" the oxen drawing wagons, nor the wagons themselves.

George was born at Surveyor Wells in Death Valley about 1841. He died at around the age of 105 and is buried somewhere in the Mesquites. No white man knows where the Indians hide their graves. He is thought to be buried near the Indian Ranch in Panamint Valley, ten miles north of Ballarat, where he lived the winters for over 80 years.



In 1930, his family consisted of his sister, “Old Woman”; a daughter, Isobel; a granddaughter, and Molly who herded the Angora goats which had been provided by the Indian service.

Molly and the goats wintered at the Indian Ranch which had a crude water system built to supply water from Hall Canyon. It was a system of flumes which brought the

water to the ranch for irrigation and domestic use. This water system was intact until very recently when vandals destroyed it along with many other historic relics of the Indians life at the ranch.

Warm Springs, near the Indian Ranch, was used for grazing the goats. In the late spring. Molly took the goats up to the Panamints where grazing was better and water was abundant.

For many years before Molly, the Indians had camped in Pleasant Canyon near the Stone Corral in the summer. After most of the Indians had died or left the area, many returned to the old summer camping ground and poked around obviously looking for something. Miners in the area were never able to find what the Indians were seeking.

The food of the Indians in the Panamints like in the other mountains of the Mojave Desert was pinion nuts, wild animals and a umber of edible plants. Squaw tea plants are numerous in the higher elevations of the Panamints from which a hot drink was brewed.

George Pipkin was privileged to learn first hand from some of the Indians about their families, customs, and legends. George and his wife, Ann, were resident manager and co-owner of Wildross Station at the entrance of Death Valley Monument through Wild Ross Canyon from 1946 until 1950. Here much of the material for the book was gathered.

Sometimes Mike, the crippled son of Indian George, would come on his crutches along with his three sons, Leland, Dugan and Buster, to live at the ranch. They lived at Darwin most of the time.

George and his family, like many Indians of the eastern Sierra, are classed as Shoshone. However, locally they were known as the Panamint Indians.

Indian Ranch, still an Indian reservation, is leased from time to time for grazing purposes upon bid.

Indian George and his people got their salt from Searles Lake. That was how he met John Searles. He and his father worked for Searles, alongside the Chinese brought into the Mojave Desert for road building and other labor tasks.

When telling about Ballarat, which Indian George called “Kow-wah,” he said, “Many men come. Houses spring up over night. Freight teams and stages coming-going all the time. Many saloons, much firewater. Lots shooting and fights. No place for Indian. Good place to stay away from.”

For many years it has been commonly believed that the county derived its name from the Mono tribe of Native Americans name for the mountains in its former homeland. Actually the name came to be thought of, mistakenly, as the name of the mountains to the east of the Owens Valley when the first whites there asked the local Paiutes what the name of the mountains to the east was.

The local Paiutes responded that that was the land of Inyo. They meant by this that those lands belonged to the Shoshone tribe headed by a man whose name was Inyo. Inyo was the name of the headman of the Panamint band of Paiute-Shoshone people at the time of contact when the first whites, the Manly expedition of 1849, wandered, lost, into Death Valley on their expedition to the gold fields of western California. The Owens Valley whites misunderstood the local Paiute and thought that Inyo was the name of the mountains, when actually it was the name of the chief, or headman, of the tribe that had those mountains as part of their homeland.

“Indian George,” a fixture of many of the stories of early Death Valley days, was Inyo’s son. Indian George’s Shoshone name was “Bah-Vanda-Sa-Va-Nu-Kee,” which means “The Boy Who Ran Away,” a name he was given when he became terrified of the whites and their wheeled wagons and huge buffalo, none of which the Shoshone had ever seen before when they came wandering down Furnace Creek Wash in December 1849. In 1940, when Bah-vanda was around 100 years old, J.C. Boyles, a Panamint Shoshone who had become educated, came back to the Panamint valley and interviewed Bah-Vanda at length about the early days of his life, including the events of 1849, and it is in this interview that Bah-vanda refers to his father, Inyo.

— The Desert Magazine, February 1940

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### **Comment on the Bald Mountain Mine Expansion**

**Comments are due By Oct 13, 2015**

**Comments can be sent by mail (post marked by Oct. 13): Ely District, Egan Field Office  
Atten: Stephanie Trujillo, Ely District Project Lead, U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
HC 33 BOX 33500Ely, NV 89301**

**By email: [BLM NV EYDO Barrick Bald EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_EYDO_Barrick_Bald_EIS@blm.gov) (put Bold Mountain Expansion DEIS in the subject line)**

**By Fax: to Stephanie Trujillo at (775) 289-1910**

**Sample Comment letter**

October 2015

Ely District, Egan Field Office

Atten: Stephanie Trujillo, Ely District Project Lead, U.S. Bureau of Land Management

HC 33 BOX 33500, Ely, NV 89301

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Barrick Gold U.S Inc. proposed Bald Mountain Mine North and South Operations Area Projects

Dear Ms Trujillo,

I am concerned about the expansion of the Bald Mountain mine, and prefer no expansion, the No Action alternative. This mine has been sprawling wider and wider over the years and is having significant regional impacts. There are critical mule deer migration routes that the Bald Mountain mine cuts across, and pigmy rabbit and sage grouse habitat that is being affected as well. The mere construction of the roads is a major disturbance to any ecosystem, and chops up potentially important road-less areas.

In terms of mitigating wildlife impacts the West Redbird Modification Alternative is the next best option. This alternative does provide a wider mule deer migration corridor, but the fact remains that the migration route is bisected and some stop over areas maybe lost completely. Critical to preservation of stop over locations along the migratory route are the seeps and springs in the region. Mine dewatering is expected to affect some of these as well and should be minimized.

The proposed action is expected to remove about 43,000 acre-feet of water from the aquifer, and could draw groundwater away from a federally protected spring in violation of federal law. In fact the DEIS states that the likely source of water for the federally protected water right listed as HV-164 is the South Water Canyon Seep, which is in the 10 foot groundwater drawdown area. In general, I believe that the proposed action will cause unnecessary and undue degradation to the seeps and springs especially around the South Water Canyon Seep. The seeps and springs in this area are also very important to the mule deer migration route.

It does seem that according to the analysis presented in the DEIS that the West Redbird Modification Alternative involves much less dewatering than the proposed action, on the order of 20,000 acre feet of water. Again the West Redbird Alternative would be the next best choice after the no action alternative in terms of ground water depletion and impacts to seeps and springs.

I am also concerned about how sage grouse populations will be affected. Especially in the South Operations Area that completely overlap Preliminary Priority Habitat including several leks near the project boundary. To my knowledge sage-grouse are extremely sensitive to



the discrete mining disturbances, and thus resource extraction is completely incompatible with sage-grouse habitat.

Given the sensitivity of sage grouse it is likely to expect that once the habitat is disturbed as a result of the mining exploration activities the birds will not return resulting in an indefinite loss of habitat.

The memo of understanding (MOU) between United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management-Nevada State Office, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Barrick Gold of North America, Newmont Mining Corporation, and Other Companies outlines a procedure for sage-grouse protection. However, if mitigation appears to be infeasible the MOU offers habitat transfer options. I am concerned that this method is unproven. Before the BLM agrees to allow habitat destruction from mining operations there needs to be a test for this approach to assure that sage-grouse populations will be protected.

In addition, what will be the status of this MOU if the mine property is sold to another company, which appears to be currently in progress.

The north end of the proposed operations is also very close to the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and BLM needs to assure that the special character of the refuge is not negatively affected by mining operations, including ambient light and noise. Mine dewatering is anticipated to only slightly draw water that would otherwise go to the refuge, and not deemed by BLM as a significant impact. However, the Great basin has been in a very dry period and this could continue for some time, so BLM should assure that the refuge is receiving sufficient recharge.

The DEIS needs to include a fugitive mercury emission analysis. The mercury content of various potential source of fugitive mercury needs to be determined and an estimate made of fugitive emissions.

In those cases where open pits are backfilled at least partially to avoid a pit lake there should be a plan for ground water monitoring around those open pit sites to assure that groundwater is not degraded, which is entirely possible if the backfilling is not judiciously.

In conclusion, I support the no action first and then the West Redbird Alternative.

Please contact GBRW if you have any questions on this action.

Sincerely,

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