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Bill

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Hi Richard,

It was really nice to finally meet you today with Donna. And now I can use your help.

Attached to this email is the Nye County Surveys that was sent to Ernie Harr from Robin Sweeney back in February. This document is being referenced in our document and I need to get it into DIRS. However, I am not positive who the author is and there is no date on the document.

Do you have this information and if not, could you please let me know who I should contact to get it.

Thanks!

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Please review and use as appropriate.

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**Nye County  
Caliente Rail Corridor  
Summary of Mailed Surveys to Nye County Property Owners  
Cooperative Agreement DE-FC28-03RW12223**

<b>Surveyed</b>	<b>Property Location</b>	<b>Scoping Bin</b>	<b>Issue(s) Summary</b>	<b>Possible Mitigation Action(s)<sup>1</sup></b>
Golden, William R.  P.O. Box 971 Reno, NV 89509-3133	Township: 2S and 3S; Range: 43E Section: 2,6,21,22, 27,28,32,33,34;  Property includes patented mining claims.	16d Mineral Claims	Land Owner has 24 patented claims located in the Goldfield Mining District, 17 of which are located within the proposed withdrawal area. Owner has concerns about access to the properties and adverse impact on ability to lease and/or mine the various properties.  Opposes the Western Goldfield Alternative (GF1).	Supports the Eastern Goldfield Alternative (GF2). Also supports the realignment proposed by the Esmeralda County Commissioners using the abandoned Tonapah-Goldfield rail line, on the west side of Highway 95, to Goldfield and thence the abandoned Goldfield-Las Vegas rail line to Ralston and beyond. <sup>1</sup>
Brook, Ken 2305 Pleasure Dr. Reno, NV 89509  775-825-0719	Township: 4N Range: 49 ½ - 50 Section: 25,26,35,36; 29,30,31,32  Property includes mining claim; unpatented claims; and leases.	16 d Mineral Claims	Railroad does not need a 1- mile wide right-of-way.  Opposed to withdrawal of land along proposed corridor because of negative impact to active exploratory projects.	Moapa to Yucca Mountain looks much shorter. <sup>1</sup>

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Lindermann, Herman R. 232 N. Alexandria Ave., Los Angeles, CA  323-660-2022	Township: 10S Range: 47E Section: 5,6,7,8,9,15,16,23,26  Property includes oil and gas leases and rights of way.	16 d Mineral Claims	Corridor would conflict with existing oil and gas leases and could impact the owner financially. Royalties that would go to the Beatty, Nye county, and the state could be lost. Access is a concern, as well as potential impacts to water sources in the area.	No problem if the rail line bypasses the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section T.10S, R47E and the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 7, T.10S, R47E. The rail line needs to stay to the southeast and west of these areas. <sup>1</sup>  Instead of the circuitous route mapped, why not come in from Utah to Panaca, go south to Caliente to a point where the rail line could turn westward and reach Yucca Mountain. <sup>1</sup>
Raab, Kathleen A. 4019 Mapleton Rd. North Tonawanda, NY 14120  716-625-9714	Township: 8S Range: 44E Section 12  Property includes a ranch and home.	11f Condemnation	Rail line would go through the house on the property	Rail line should go through Nellis <sup>1</sup>  Review rail alignment.
Sollinger, Nancy P.O. Box 992 Beatty, NV 89003  775-553-9088	Township: 8S Range: 44E Section: 2  Property includes a home.	11a Road closure and access	Concerned about access to the highway if rail line is placed on the owner's side of the highway.	Review rail alignment.

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Schutte, Dale 4680 W. Bell Vista Ave. Pahrump, NV 89060  775-751-0430	Township: 10S Range: 47E Section: 29  Property includes a mining claim and patented claims.	5a Shared Use	Believes that unless the rail line is multiple use it will affect property values due to the reduced access to recreational areas.	NA
Matheson, Bill Valley Electric Association P.O. Box 237 Pahrump, NV 89041  775-727-5312	Extensive along Highway 95.	8u Utilities	Rail line could conflict with existing electrical lines along Highway 95 form Lida Junction to Beatty.	May require relocation of some existing facilities to avoid physical conflicts. <sup>1</sup>
Eickhorst, Barbara M. P.O. Box 453 Goldfield, NV 89018  775-482-7739	Township: 8S Range: 44E Section: 9  Property includes a home.	NA	NA	NA

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<p>Howerton, Brent R. Nevada Bell Telephone Company P.O. Box 11010 R/W Dept. Reno, NV 89520</p>	<p>Extensive; documented on the BLM master title plats.</p>	<p>8u Utilities</p>	<p>Multiple lines, both aerial and underground, could be impacted by the rail line.</p>	<p>Anticipates that any facilities that would be crossed will need to be adjusted as existing aerial clearances are not adequate for spanning railroads and existing underground facilities were not placed in anticipation of the construction and operational loads associated with rail service.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>Urges that the project include utility corridors within twenty feet along each side of the tracks. The environmental and cultural resource reviews should be done as part of the EIS. Suggest placing conduits at strategic locations such as road crossings to facilitate utility installations.<sup>1</sup></p>

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<p>Devenyns, Edward VP Corp. Dev. Metallic Ventures Gold Inc. 5450 Riggins Court, Suite 2, Reno, NV 89502 775-826-7567</p> <p>Multiple submissions from Mr. Devenys are included in the report.</p>	<p>Township: 2S Range: 43E Section: 21,22,27,28,33,34,35</p> <p>Property includes mining claim, patented claims, unpatented claims, leases, and sand and gravel.</p>	16d Mineral Claims	<p>One of the proposed routes intersects the Goldfield Project and could have an adverse impact on the future economic potential of the project for the communities of Goldfield, Tonopah, and the state.</p> <p>The greatest potential for adverse impact is the route that lies east of Black Butte and Preble Mountain and west of the Nellis Bombing Range.</p>	<p>The preferred route is the one that enters the Nellis Bombing Range to the east of the mining project.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>Five alternatives are provided.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The existing alternative shown on the DOE transportation map within the Nellis Bombing Range from Caliente to the repository should be first considered.</li> <li>2. The second alternative should be the rail route on the west side of Nellis that is still within the Range.</li> <li>3. The third alternative is just inside Nellis along the western boundary.</li> <li>4. The fourth alternative would be outside Nellis along the western boundary, but east of the Goldfield Project area.</li> <li>5. The fifth alternative would be an alignment on the west side of Highway 95 on the western side of the Goldfield Project.<sup>1</sup></li> </ol> <p>A map was submitted.</p>
<p>Terrell, Joan C. P.O. Box 454 Goldfield, NV 89013</p>	<p>Township: 8S Range: 44E Section: N 2<sup>1/4</sup>, 3</p> <p>Property includes a home.</p>	18b Yucca Mountain	Too old to move for a waste dump.	NA

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<p>Baughman, Gerald W. P.O. Box 18127 Reno, NV 89511</p> <p>775-853-1913</p>	<p>Township: 2N Range 48E Section: 15,17,20,23,26- 29,32-35</p> <p>The property includes mining claim, patented claims, and unpatented claims.</p>	<p>16d Mineral Claims</p>	<p>Anticipates the property will go into production in 2007. Important that unrestricted access to the project be maintained to the principle county and state roads on the west side of the proposed rail route.</p>	<p>Review rail alignment.</p>
<p>Erickson, Einar 545 S. Valley View Drive No. 100 St. George, Utah 84770</p>	<p>Township: 2N Range: 48E Section: Golden Arrow Mining District</p> <p>Township 1N Range: 57E Section: Freiberg Mining District</p> <p>Property includes unpatented claims.</p>	<p>16d Mineral Claims</p>	<p>Wishes to maintain access for continued exploration and possible mining in the future.</p>	<p>Review rail alignment.</p>
<p>Shanklin, Diane P.O. Box 80990 Las Vegas, NV 89180-0990</p>	<p>Township: 10S, 11S Range: 47E Section: 33/4, 34/3</p> <p>Property includes mining claim and recreational area.</p>	<p>18b Yucca Mountain</p>	<p>Opposes the Yucca Mountain Repository.</p>	<p>NA</p>

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Jensen, Bruce & Pamela P.O. Box 253 Lund, NV 89317  775-238-0550	Township: 3N Range: 62E Section: 17  Property includes grazing rights, ranch, home, oil & gas, reservoirs, and recreational areas.	16a Access	Rail line would encroach on property and potentially impact grazing rights and cattle access to water.	Review rail alignment, especially with regard to water sources.
McCleneghan, Robert F. 9800 Kessler Ave. Chatsworth, CA 91311  818-822-8362	Township: 2S Range: 43E Section: 16,21,22  Property includes patented claims.	16d Mineral Claims	Asserts that the proposed corridor has rendered patented mining claims worthless and has held up negotiations for the sale of the claims.	NA
Swift Energy Company Houston, TX  281-874-2570	NA	NA	Swift does not own any property in the area.	NA
Smith, Win 564 12 <sup>th</sup> St. Elko, NV 89801  775-753-89801	Township: 4N Range: 60E Section: 27  Property includes patented land.	NA	Trustee for aunt's property. Doesn't know anything about it.  Listed as property of AG McBride, deceased.	NA

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Oden, Ronald Dean P.O. Box 205 Beatty, NV 89003  775-553-2634	Ranch in Oasis Valley with natural springs and the Amagorsa River passing through the property.	18b Yucca Mountain	Favors the No Action Alternative; is opposed to Yucca Mountain.	NA
Heizer, Michael P.O. Box 33 Hiko, NV 89017  775-761-1100	Township: 2N Range: 59E Section: Lot 1 of section 7 & E ½ of NW ¼ section  Property includes a ranch, home, and sculpture in Garden Valley	8d Visual resources	Expressed concern over the proximity of the rail corridor to the sculpture in garden valley and the adverse impact to ranching operations. Rail line would run contiguous to the property for about 2 <sup>1/2</sup> miles.	Review rail alignment and potential buffering options.
Klose, Lyle  775-727-7919	NA	18f Stigma	Giving up land for a railroad carrying hazardous waste and lowering property values is beyond common sense.	Railroad should be kept several miles from any highway or populated area. Railroad could be routed at the north end of Oasis Valley; to the east take the next valley on BLM land. To really save money, run from Caliente south through government property. <sup>1</sup>

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<p>Younghans, George &amp; Irene P.O. Box 833 Beatty, NV 89003</p> <p>775-553-2392</p>	<p>Township: 10S Range: 47E Section: 27,28,33,34</p> <p>Property includes a mining claim, grazing rights, ranch, home, rights of way, utilities, and recreational areas.</p>	18b Yucca Mountain	Opposed to the Yucca Mountain Repository.	NA
<p>Nelson, Walter F. 45120 Highway 79 #660 Aguanga, CA 92536</p> <p>909-761-9130 ext. 4660</p>	<p>Township: 8S Range 44E Section; 7</p>	2e Goldfield	Railroad should not go through Goldfield.	The west side of Highway 95 would be more direct and would not disturb property on the east side of Highway 95. Submitted a map showing a preferred route. <sup>1</sup>
<p>Folks, Casey Best of the Desert 3475C Boulder Highway Las Vegas, NV 89121</p> <p>702-457-775</p>	NA	18b Yucca Mountain	Is opposed to the railroad because of the off-road communities' use of the land.	NA

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Adams, Gary C. P.O. Box 112 Lawndale, CA 90260	Township: 8S Range: 44E Section: 9,10,12  Property is 440 acres; is going to be a place for retirement. Located in Scotty's Junction and will be used as a farm. Water rights have been obtained.	13 Accidents	Believes the rail corridor runs through the owner's property as well as through Indian lands.  The route is unnecessarily dangerous as it parallels US Highway 95. An accident would close the primary north/south route and result in a major economic loss. Accidents also pose a potential pollution problem for groundwater.	Noted the corridor should enter Nellis along the eastern border. <sup>1</sup>  Suggest using old railroad grades on the western side of the valley to avoid Indian and private land at Scotty's Junction. <sup>1</sup>  Noted that there is an existing rail and highway that runs through the Gila Bend Air Force Bombing Range in southwestern Arizona. Questions why this wasn't considered. <sup>1</sup>
Davis, Bobbi A. P.O. Box 38 Goldfield, NV 89013  775-5539100	Township: 8S Range 44E Section: 9  Property contains patented land.	16a Access	Notes that in order to survive as a business the owner must maintain direct access to Highway 95.	Review rail alignment.
Sheinbein, Dee & Milt 1140 Shadow Hill Way Beverly Hills, CA 90210	Township: 2N Range: 48E Sector: 29	NA	The owners have 6 mining claims in the Golden Arrow area. They asked if the railroad would affect their claims.	NA

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Page, Walter 379 Peninsula Rd. Lopez Island, WA 98261	Township: 2S Range: 43E Sector: 21,28  Property includes patented claims.	16a Access	Owner believes that he will be restricted from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years. Wants to have access during study period.	NA
Las Vegas Shed Co. P.O. Box 36790 Las Vegas, NV 89133-6790  702-604-8367	Township: 8S Range: 44E Sector: 8,9  Property includes a home and commercial property.	18b Yucca Mountain	Asserts Yucca Mountain is illegal and should not receive cooperation.	NA
Spicer, David P.O. Box 897 Beatty, NV 89003  775-553-2459	Township 11S Range 47E Sector: 3  Township: 11S Range: 48E Sector: 2,31  Township: 10S Range: 48E Sector: 28  Properties include an active mining claim.	8a Shared Use	Supports shared use of the railroad and would use a spur if available.	NA

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Coffey, Pauline P.O. Box 216 Beatty NV 89003  775-553-2369	Township: 10S (N 1/2) Range: 47E Sector: 14,22,27,28  Property includes grazing rights, ranch home, reservoirs, and utilities.	NA	NA	NA

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