



# Status Update on Gold Bar, Gold Rock, Prospect, and Rossi Mines Mitigation Status

Sagebrush Ecosystem Council Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2020



# Potentially Applicable Section of NAC

## **NAC 232.460 Applicability. ([NRS 232.162](#))**

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and to the extent it is not prohibited by federal law, the provisions of [NAC 232.400](#) to [232.480](#), inclusive, apply to any person or entity that proposes an activity or project on public lands subject to state or federal review, approval or authorization, that will cause an anthropogenic disturbance.

2. The provisions of [NAC 232.400](#) to [232.480](#), inclusive, do not apply to:


(a) A direct anthropogenic disturbance on private lands;

(b) An activity or project which was approved by all relevant federal agencies and state agencies before December 7, 2018, so long as the activity or project maintains compliance with any condition or requirement for any such approval;



# Gold Bar Mine – Eureka County

- Gold Bar Mine ROD Issued November 7, 2017
- Option 1 was selected by the BLM for Proponent Driven Sage-Grouse Mitigation
- Option 2 CCS mitigation was analyzed
- Location, design and selection of mitigation practices to be finalized within 6 months of the ROD (Based on 3 Bars Approval)
- December 21, 2018 BLM extended the PDSGM to September 30, 2019 (Also based on 3 Bars Approval)
- Intended mitigation area within the 3 Bars EIS, ROD issued March 30, 2020
- Completion of treatment activities within two years of receiving approval of the proposed treatment actions
- BLM, NDOW, SETT to meet in early January to discuss mitigation moving forward



# Gold Rock Mine – White Pine County


- ROD Issued September 21, 2018
- Option 1 was selected by the BLM for Proponent Driven Mitigation
- Option 2 CCS mitigation was considered
- “Within 90 days of issuance of the ROD, the BLM and the proponent, in coordination with NDOW and the SETT, will develop the offset mitigation implementation agreement for the selected mitigation option...The BLM, proponent and NDOW will finalize the offset mitigation implementation agreement for BLM review/approval no later than 90 days after issuance of the ROD.”
- Recent discussions between the BLM and NDOW have begun to review proposed mitigation plan



# Prospect Mountain Mine – Eureka County

- ROD July 12, 2019
- Post December 7, 2018 (regulation exception)
- CCS mitigation required
- SETT correspondence August 29, 2019
- BLM indicates that the proponent must fulfill a few regulatory requirements prior to an authorization to proceed (one of which is mitigation) as of May 2020
- SETT will issue formal letter to proponent and BLM





# Rossi Mine – Elko County

- ROD Issued September 15, 2019
- Post December 7, 2018 (regulation exception)
- CCS mitigation required
- Letter sent by SETT July 17, 2019
- No reply from proponent
- BLM contact indicated that plans to move forward by the proponent are on “hold” indefinitely
- SETT will officially inform BLM that no mitigation or planned mitigation is under development