

**Mining Sustainability Meeting**  
**November 15, 2005**  
**Great Basin College (Berg Conf. Room) – Elko**  
**Ely – GBC 111**  
**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Paul Killpatrick  
Dirk van Zyl  
Dan Johnson  
Jim Collard  
Norm Cavanaugh  
Sherri Eklund-Brown  
Jeff White  
Mary Korpi  
Dan Taylor – UNR  
Reginald Green - BLM  
Jim Paxson  
Bill Upton

1. Review Minutes – The minutes of the NNP-E meeting on September 6, 2005 were accepted as written.

2. Lone Tree Mine Closure - *Jeff White, Regional Environmental Manager, Newmont*  
The Lone Tree Mine closure is scheduled for August 2006. Lone Tree is blessed with its physical location; infrastructure is in place, transportation, rail, highway and a power plant located across the highway. They would like to work with the communities. A Lone Tree Closure Coalition is being formed to think about what best to do with the plant to promote sustainability. There will be a pit lake after closure and Lone Tree will continue to monitor for water quality. Potential uses: building a recreation facility, a solar panel array? They would like to invite participation. Paul Killpatrick wants the NNP-E group to be involved and Lander County. To restore the mine to its natural state would cost Newmont \$17 million. No matter what, Newmont would still have a reclamation obligation. The BLM does not require 100% reclamation. There needs to be a memo of understanding between the BLM and the state. The BLM encourages partnerships and can facilitate changes to Newmont's land use plan and resource management plan. Paul would like a copy of Newmont's reclamation plan.

Mary Korpi clarified that Newmont is committed to a good portion of reclamation even if another industry comes in. They still would have to do land contouring, vegetation, and formation of the pit lake. There will still be mining related activities such as leaching for a time to come after the August 2006 decommissioning. Regulations say that all mines should be looking at their closure plans now.

Sherry Eklund-Brown asked if the \$17 million could be used for refurbishing buildings for other businesses.

Lone Tree has requested an anemometer to gather wind data.

Norm Cavanaugh asked if the Native American tribes are involved in the closures and reclamation. Newmont has been talking to the tribes about what their needs are pertaining to vegetation, etc.

### 3. Nevada Conference on Economics and Energy

Paul Killpatrick reported that the Nevada Conference on Economics and Energy was held at the Elko Convention Center in October. Lt. Governor Lorraine Hunt was a keynote speaker. The conference focused on alternative energy. A lot of the presentations will be out on their website soon. There was a great deal of good information that fits into what we are doing here in our group.

### 4. Status of Website - *Dirk van Zyl*

Nothing to report.

### 5. New Business

Dirk van Zyl introduced students from his Risk and Opportunity Management class that he created. The students are the first participant of the class.

The Elko transloading facility is still moving forward. The sale of the property should be concluded in the next couple of weeks. Developers are already calling as to when it will be available.

Stewardship group is working towards a March or April meeting. Trails workshop has been scheduled for this Saturday. The trails workshop is for recreational groups to say what they'd like to see on the trails.

Dirk is in the process of getting stakeholders identified and is looking at sustainability indicators. Maybe by next spring will have a report for the NNP-E.

Mary Korpi said that housing is the critical issue of the day. There is a community taskforce that is addressing the issue. Sherry Eklund-Brown said that she is meeting with a developer who wants to build a large housing development.

Sherry said the rail port appraisal should be completed next month. She has toured 20 – 25 rail ports around the country. Water is a big issue - to keep water resources here for our future growth. ECEDA is doing a target market study.

Reginald Green said the Walker Lake is looking at wind and solar so we should keep an eye on them to see what they are doing. There is a reservation near by so there are some right of way

questions. Kennecott is closing down there. They are the forefront of mine closure and sustainability Rawhide.

The next NNP-E meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2006.