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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: The Excellence in Mine Reclamation Awards Committee is proud to announce four projects were chosen for reclamation awards for 2015:

1. Barrick Gold of North America, for the Preble Mine Closure Project. The award is in the classification of "Overall Mine Reclamation". The Preble heap leach, which was part of the Pinson Mine, reached full closure and is an excellent example of final reclamation with full bond release.
2. Standard Gold Mining, operated by Florida Canyon Mining, Inc., for their Cordex Pit backfill, regrading and vegetation project. The award is in the classification of "Concurrent Reclamation". The Cordex Pit was backfilled with waste rock, re-graded to a post-mining landform and revegetated concurrently with active mining on the property.
3. Comstock Mining Corporation. One award in two classifications: A Site Restoration-Small Operation Award for reclamation of the Keystone Mine Cut, and an Outstanding Rehabilitation Award for the Upper Yellow Jacket Hoist Works historic rehabilitation. Comstock reclaimed the historic Keystone Mine cut, which was visible from the public highway to a post mine land use. In addition, through the Comstock Foundation for History and Culture, the Company provided for the restoration of an historic feature in the District.
4. Newmont Mining Corporation, for the Bailey Day Abandoned Mine Land closure project. The award is in a new classification created by the Committee for "Abandoned Mine Lands Hazard Mitigation". In an historic mining area near the town of Battle Mountain where Newmont controls unpatented claims on Federal lands, Newmont completed a wildlife-compatible hard closure project to address public safety concerns of people recreating near dangerous abandoned mine hazards.

These awards will be presented at the Nevada Mining Assn Convention on Saturday, September 12th, followed by a press release with details of the award winners and projects.

All awards must be a unanimous decision of the Awards Committee. Members this year were:

Susan Summer-Elliott, USFS, Elko
Doug Siple, BLM, Reno
Rich Perry, NDOM, Carson City

Paul Comba, NDEP, Carson City
Matt Maples, NDOW, Reno
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