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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES

TO ALL NEVADA MINING CLAIMANTS AND THE NEVADA MINERAL INDUSTRY

The Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources proposes to increase by \$2.00 the mining claim filing fee paid by Nevada mining claimants from \$6.50 per claim to \$8.50 per claim. The claim fee is collected by the county recorder of the county in which the claim is located when a claimant files various documents pertaining to the mining claim. The fee is collected pursuant to state law as provided in Nevada Revised Statutes 513.094 and 517.185. It is used to fund the operations of the Nevada Division of Minerals, primarily the "Stay Out and Stay Alive" program which addresses physical hazards associated with abandoned mines, and other program activities including minerals education and support of the training of mining professionals vital to the ongoing success of Nevada's mineral industry.

Specifically, the Commission proposes to amend Nevada Administrative Code 513.315 from \$1.50 per claim to \$2.50 per claim and Nevada Administrative Code 517.200 from \$5.00 per claim to \$6.00 per claim, for a total of \$2.00 per mining claim. The mining claim filing fee was last increased in 2002. Based on the current number of mining claims the fee increase is expected to generate approximately \$400,000 annually

The Commission proposes to dedicate the revenue collected from the \$2.00 per claim increase to the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno. Recent budget cuts have deeply impacted the Nevada University System and the Mackay School. The revenue from the mining claim fee increase will help the school to continue to provide highly qualified graduates at a time when additional mineral resources and new mining professionals are in high demand. The revenue directed to the Mackay School must be spent for educational purposes in support of exploration and production of mineral resources in Nevada, and the specific use of the funds will be determined in consultation with the Commission.

The Commission will be holding two workshops concerning the fee increase as follows:

Monday, July 14, 3 pm to 6 pm Great Basin College Berg Conference Room 1500 College Parkway Elko, NV 89801 Tuesday, July 15, 3 pm to 6 pm Nevada Division of Wildlife 1100 Valley Road Reno, NV 89512

If you would like to comment on this regulation amendment please send your letter to the Carson City office of NDOM or email to ndom@govmail.state.nv.us. If you have any questions please contact Alan Coyner (acoyner@govmail.state.nv.us, 775/684-7047) or Doug Driesner (driesner@govmail.state.nv.us, 775/684-7046).

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NAC 513.315 Additional fee. (NRS 513.063, 513.094) The amount of the additional fee that is imposed on filings pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 513.094 is [\$1.50] \$2.50 per claim.

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NAC 517.200 Filing fee. (NRS 513.063, 517.185) The amount of the filing fee that is imposed pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 517.185 is [\$5] \$6 per claim.