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Thacker Pass Lithium Mine Project

Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DOI-BLM-NV-W010-2020-0012-EIS

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Proposer: \$7,700,000

A MESSAGE FROM ALEXI ZAWADZKI CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER LITHIUM NEVADA CORP.

Dear Neighbor,

While it has only been a month since our last update, I am writing again with important information about Lithium Nevada's Thacker Pass Project. I would like to let you know about the recent release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Thacker Pass Project, by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). I would also like to inform interested members of

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*Continued...*the community that construction training courses will begin soon through the recently created BuildNV program.

The DEIS is based on the Plan of Operations we submitted to the BLM last September. In connection with the proposed plan, Lithium Nevada submitted extensive baseline information and related studies. The data collection and analysis began up to nine years ago in some cases. The plan delineates how we propose to conduct a responsible operation that includes a lithium mine and processing plant that produces lithium products and battery manufacturing. The DEIS provides an examination of the project, evaluates its potential impacts, considers reasonable alternatives, and provides site-specific mitigation measures.

According to “A Citizen’s Guide to NEPA,” the U.S. federal government’s official handbook¹:

“The environmental review process under NEPA provides an opportunity for the public to be involved in the Federal agency

decision making process. NEPA requires Federal agencies to consider environmental effects that include, among others, impacts on social, cultural, and economic resources, as well as natural resources. Citizens often have valuable information about places and resources that they value and the potential environmental, social, and economic effects that proposed federal actions may have on those places and resources. NEPA’s requirements provide you the means to work with the agencies so they can take your information into account.”

¹ A Citizen’s Guide to the National Environmental Policy Act is a 45-page guide, published in December 2007, which describes the NEPA process and provides information on how citizens can get involved: https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/get-involved/Citizens_Guide_Dec07.pdf

Continued... Lithium Nevada, local communities, tribes, readers, and all other interested stakeholders are now invited to review the draft and offer your valued comments and concerns. The DEIS is available [here](#). This link also includes instructions on how to submit any input you may have. According the information on the BLM website:

“Two public meetings will be held for this project on August 19, 2020 at 1:00 pm and August 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm (PDT). Due to state and local direction regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the BLM will be conducting the meetings online via the Zoom Webinar platform. These online meetings will provide an overview of the proposed project, the organization of the Thacker Pass DEIS document, and information on how members of the public can submit formal comments to the BLM. Details regarding the online public meetings, including meeting registration, can be found under the [How to Get Involved](#) tab.”

For more information on the Thacker Pass Draft EIS please visit the BLM website at: <https://www.blm.gov/press-release/bureau-land-management-seeks-public-input-proposed-lithium-nevada-corporation-thacker>.

On behalf of everyone at Lithium Nevada, I am grateful for the feedback we’ve received to date regarding Thacker Pass. As a company, we have made many important decisions regarding the project based on input from interested individuals and organizations, and always welcome suggestions for improvement. We encourage you to review the DEIS and would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to contribute to the project by offering your thoughts.

Once we receive directions on how to proceed with construction, our contractors will need a trained workforce to move forward. That’s why Lithium Nevada is supporting the BuildNV training program through Great Basin College. Courses are scheduled to be held in Winnemucca, McDermitt, Lovelock, and Owyhee. For a complete course calendar, information on enrolment and scholarship opportunities, please contact Maria Anderson at maria.anderson@lithiumamericas.com or 775-386-8185.

Thank you,
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