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Meetings on proposed gold mine to be held in Ontario, Bend

MALHEUR COUNTY, Ore.–Upcoming informational meetings in Ontario and Bend will offer the public an opportunity to comment on a proposed gold mine in Malheur County.

Calico Resources USA is proposing development of an underground gold mine and ore processing facility in Malheur County, about 25 miles south/southwest of Vale. In July, the company filed a second amended notice of intent, which changed the location of ore processing, tailings management area, and administration building to be sited on federal land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and eliminated an associated haul road. In August, the company filed supplemental environmental baseline data.

The revised documents are available online: <u>bit.ly/calicomeetings</u>. Copies are also available for review at DOGAMI's offices in Portland and Albany, as well as at the Vale City Library and the Ontario Community Library.

Informational meetings will be held:

August 26, 2015 Department of Environmental Quality 475 NE Bellevue Dr., Suite 110, Bend 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. PST 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. PST

September 1, 2015 Four Rivers Cultural Center 676 SW 5th Avenue, Ontario 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. MST 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. MST

The informational meetings and public comment period will identify issues raised by the proposed mining operation and offer the public a chance to provide input, including input related to collection of baseline data, regarding the pre-mine environment and evaluation of the consolidated application for

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the proposed mine by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and other state agencies.

Written public comment on the proposal will be accepted until 5 p.m. on September 15, 2015. Comments must be received by this date and time. Comments may be submitted by email to calicoinformation@mlrr.oregongeology.com (note "Grassy Mt comment" in the subject line) or by mail to DOGAMI, 229 Broadalbin St. SW, Albany, OR 97321.

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