



## **NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**

**Date of Posting: 05/09/2024**

**Deadline for Appeal: 05/18/2024**

**Reclamation Permit 0421  
Golden Lake Nevada Inc.  
Golden Lake Exploration Project**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (Division) has decided to issue **Reclamation Permit 0421** for an Exploration Project to **Golden Lake Nevada Inc.** (Permittee). This Permit authorizes the Permittee to reclaim the Golden Lake Exploration Project located in Eureka County, Nevada. The Division has been provided with an application, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 519A to assure the Division that the Permittee will leave the project site safe, stable, and capable of providing for a productive post-mining land use.

This Permit will become effective May 23, 2024. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission (Commission) pursuant to NAC 519A.415. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, May 18, 2024, on Form 3 with the Commission at 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249, and in accordance with administrative rules of the Commission.

This Permit authorizes 50 acres of surface disturbance on private and public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management as described in the permit application dated November 2023, entitled *Golden Lake Exploration Project - Plan of Operations*. One comment was received during the public comment period.

For more information, contact Matt Donaldson at 775-687-9406 or visit the Division's Bureau of Mining Reclamation public notice website at <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/land>.

*Rich McKay Chairman of the Eureka County Commissioners, Written Comment: (states in part). We reviewed the previous permit in September 2022 and commented regarding both disturbances and reclamation requirements on existing public roads under NRS 405.191. We wish to reiterate that neither BLM nor NDEP have authority to require a permit for disturbances within the historic disturbance footprint of these public roads. Previously, NDEP had responded that the "issue would need to be worked out between Eureka County and the operator of the Golden Lake Project, Golden Lake Nevada, Inc." We disagree and assert that NDEP has a major role to play in ensuring state law is not violated by being accessory to BLM "demand[ing] a fee or permit for the use of such a road"*

*Thankfully, Golden Lake Nevada, Inc. met with Eureka County after our initial comments in*

*2022 and worked with us to establish a formal road maintenance agreement through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that expires September 30, 2024 unless extended. This MOU covers our concerns regarding use of county and public roads. We note the potential of needing to extend the term of the MOU to cover the life of the exploration project and any other project use of county and public roads by Golden Lake.*

*We wish to avoid conflict on these roads as has occurred with other mining and exploration projects on other roads. In past circumstances on other roads, companies have been required to “reclaim” portions of existing public roads and ended up destroying drainage cuts, relocated portions of public roads a few feet outside of the historic footprint, and left the road surface conditions impassable or dangerous for public travel.*

*We request NDEP-BMRR work with Eureka County on this permit and every other NDEP-issued permit in Eureka County to ensure no permit is required for improvements within any historic footprint of NRS 405.191 public roads and that any improvements necessary are completed through an agreement with Eureka County.*

Division Response: The Division will coordinate with Eureka County to address potential conflicts as they arise during the reclamation permitting process. A teleconference was held with the Eureka County Natural Resource Manager to facilitate this action.