

Placer Dome NGO Initiative

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NGO Dialogue

- Participants : IUCN, WRI, CI, UNESCO (heritage sites), WWF
- Objective ; To discuss Land Stewardship issues and sustainability management around Protected Areas for new project

Collaboration on Sites near Protected Areas

- prioritization of issues in exploration
- addressing new issues including biodiversity and social aspects as applied to existing mines
- Application of risk assessments early in exploration projects to avoid conflicts

Progress to Date

- Coordination of Mapping Sensitive sites with Exploration sites
- Review of past exploration sites against IUCN Category I to IV
- review of issuing policy on no exploration in Category I to IV



Rationale on Non-Policy

- Operate in competitive environment
- want to fully honor our commitments
- unclear on business advantage
- concern for developing countries
changing land status and promoting
development



The Way Forward

- Policy statement was Condition of ongoing dialogue; likely terminate discussions
- GENERIC NEEDS IDENTIFIED
- improved communications of mapping systems
 - focused on exploration sector
 - applicable to entire industry (Small - L)
 - for government resource management