

February 28, 2010

CCMA-RMP/EIS Comments  
Attention Planning Coordinator  
Bureau of Land Management  
20 Hamilton Court  
Hollister CA. 95023

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA 95023

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*Carol Eggleston*

*President, Paradise Gem & Mineral Club*

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**From:** Marshall & Debbie Havner (mdhavner@verizon.net)  
**To:**  
**Date:** Mon, March 1, 2010 8:00:26 AM  
**Subject:** CCMA RMP/EIS Comments

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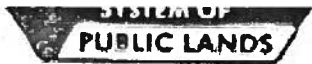
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Please note that only written comments will be incorporated into the Proposed CCMA RMP and provided a formal response by BLM in the associated Final EIS.

Written public comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Hand: Place in drop-box during public meetings.

Mail: BLM Hollister Field Office
Attn: CCMA RMP/EIS
20 Hamilton Court
Hollister, CA 95023

Email: cahormp@ca.blm.gov

Fax: (831) 630-5055 Attn: CCMA RMP/EIS

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COMMENTS

Please open clear creek area - Alternative "A"