

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Iron Age Mine

Lead Agency: San Bernardino County Land use Services Department

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Project Location: 18 miles east/southeast of the City of Twentynine Palms, California San Bernardino County  
*City* *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Iron Age Mine, LLC has submitted a Mining and Reclamation Plan to remove historical iron ore tailings on 71 acres of public (BLM) lands and 34 acres of patented (private) lands. The project will reclaim and revegetate 70 acres of prior disturbed land after tailings removal, and backfill 8 acres of the existing quarry.

The Proposed Project will remove, crush, and transport offsite the iron ore tailings deposited prior to the enactment of SMARA and then reclaim areas disturbed by the removal activities. There will be no new mining. The iron ore tailings are a lower grade iron previously stockpiled as an overburden or waste material that is now economical to utilize.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project incorporates Mitigation measures for Aesthetic, Biological and Cultural, Mitigation measures will be incorporated as the project Conditions of Approval

\* Aesthetic Mitigation - Minimize light glare to and ensure light is shielded  
\*Biological Mitigation - require a field representative to observe mining activity and ensure protective measures are in place for desert tortoises  
Cultural Mitigation - requiring a qualified archaeologies approved by BLM and county to conduct pre- construction survey for cultural resource to mark sensitive resources for avoidance.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

BLM has obtained a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision record approved on January 7, 2021 and have approved Iron Age's Plan of Operations.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM)  
Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD)  
Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)  
California Dept. Fish & Wildlife (CDFW)