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WESTERN SIERRA CONFIRMS PRODUCTION TARGETING 500,000 OZ. OF GOLD RESERVES

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Prescott, AZ – Western Sierra Mining Corp., (OTC: [WSRA](#) - [News](#)) confirmed today that it has begun production at the Gold Basin Mine. The Gold Basin Mine has in excess of 500,000 oz. of total gold reserves valued at over \$400,000,000.00 with anticipated margins of approximately 50%. While initial yearly cash flow of Phase I Production at this mine alone is targeted at \$2,000,000.00, Western hopes to leverage production and increase this level to \$4,000,000.00 in less than 12 months.

Michael Chaffee, CEO & President of Western Sierra Mining, commented "We started our initial production runs yesterday utilizing the equipment we have been installing over the past eight weeks. Initial production results correspond well to historical data, and we will release results as they become available."

Mr. Chaffee further stated "The Gold Basin Mine is one of three mines WSRA intends to simultaneously operate during Phase I of our Gold and Silver mining operations. Western has invested over \$800,000 of its own funds to prepare these mines for operations, and is currently exploring a private financing to accelerate the company's business plan. While the Phase One Plan allows for expansion to be financed through cash flow, the proposed financing would allow for the outright purchase of the Gold Basin Mine which is currently being operated on a lease option, as well as an acceleration of our production plan. No formal decision has been made concerning the financing proposal, but we will release more details to our shareholders as they become available."

Gold Basin Mining Statistics

The Gold Basin Placer Project is viewed as one of the best placer projects in Arizona, from the standpoint of proven reserves through exhaustive testing, ore tenor, location and logistics, water availability and year around climate.

Description and Location: The Gold Basin claims are located on 332 acres in central Arizona, within the Hassayampa River Basin, some 20 miles south of Prescott, Arizona. The claims are near paved Arizona State Highway 89 and fully accessible using an unpaved forest service road to the site.

Plan of Operations: The program is divided into two phases. Using equipment that currently exists on site, Western will initially operate a small scale 20 yard plant. A second plant will be constructed to expand future operations to 40 to 50 yards per hour and will run simultaneously.

Gold Basin Mine Reserves and Financial Projections (Phase 1):

Yearly Cash Flow	\$2.0 million**
Margins	50%

Reserves oz.	Gold: 150,000 oz proven / 400,000 oz probable-indicated
Reserves \$	Gold: \$112 million proven / \$300 million probable-indicated
Mine Life	20 (+) years

**** - Note: Productivity of the Gold Basin Mine may be increased by 100% in less than 12 months with the use of the existing cash flow and Western plans to do so.**

About Western Sierra Mining Corp

Western Sierra Mining (<http://www.westernsierramining.com>) is an aggressive gold and silver exploration and mining company that has been in the exploration mode for the past four years. Incorporated in Utah in 1907, we have a heritage of over 100 years in gold and silver mining and exploration. The company has over 1100 shareholders with an active and independent seven member Board of Directors featuring a Chairman who is the former CFO for Nabisco Foods, European Division. Focused on the historic mining districts of the Bradshaw mountains of Arizona, with additional areas of interest within Nevada and Mexico, our current projects include the SunGold, Oro Cache, and the Big Chief mining group, all of which have demonstrated high-grade mineralization with previous histories of production. Long-term company goals are to create maximum shareholder value by continuing to build a strong base of properties and advance these projects toward production.

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