CAUTION

Travelling in the deserts and mountains of Nevada can be dangerous without proper equipment and preparation. All off-road vehicles should be equipped with supplies and equipment for survival in the event of an emergency. Be adequately prepared for emergencies. Take plenty of water, spare fuel, and other supplies to last for at least 24 hours. Be sure that you are familiar with the route you are going to take, and have the proper equipment and supplies.

Mineral areas can be very dangerous. Do not enter tunnels or shafts. Look for obvious signs of hazardous conditions such as holes, cracks, and collapsed areas. Be aware that the rock and soil around the tunnels and shafts is often unstable and can collapse without warning. Be alert for loose stones and debris that could fall on you or your vehicle. Stay away from open mine shafts and tunnels, as they are dangerous and unstable.

Additional information on the dangers of mining areas may be obtained from the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, 1515 East King Street, Suite 106, Carson City, NV 89711.

HOW TO USE THE MAP

This map is a sampling of occurrences of gemstones, minerals, fossils, and other rocks in Nevada. The map is too small to show detailed locations or directions to reach the locations. More descriptive and location information about specific occurrences may be obtained from the publications cited in parentheses. See the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBOMG) website at www.bdm.nv.gov for more information. The map was prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey, Office of the Chief Geologist, and the NBOMG. The NBOMG also has a publication available that describes the map.

Topographic maps are useful in determining how to reach collecting sites. Such maps may be purchased at the Publication Sales Office of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (see above) or from other local map dealers or the U.S. Geological Survey. The inclusion of a locality on the map does not constitute permission to collect. Only the localities shown on the map are privately owned or on mining claims, and are closed to collecting. Permission should be obtained before inspecting and collecting on any private property or mining claim. Some of the localities shown are adjacent to active mine sites, inaccessible for collecting but well known as sites for mineral collection. Specimens from some of these mine sites may be purchased from various sources, such as gem and mineral shows and private dealers.