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Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the Agua Fria National Monument and Bradshaw-Harquahala Planning Areas Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DRMP/DEIS) for your review and comment. As you review the DRMP/DEIS, you will find it integrates all resource management activities conducted within the northern portion of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Phoenix Field Office into one comprehensive publication. It is our intent to replace existing land use plans and their amendments with an approved Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision for each planning area addressed in this document.

The draft before you represents the integration of considerable public collaboration into the BLM management of public lands. Now you, as a member of the public, have another opportunity to ensure that your concerns are addressed. We welcome and encourage your continued participation in this planning effort.

Comments will be considered in the development of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS). Comments are most useful when they address one or more of the following:

- Errors in the analysis;
- New scientific information that would have a bearing on the analysis;
- Misinformation that could affect the outcome of the analysis;
- Requests for clarification; and,
- A substantive new alternative whose mix of allocations differs from those under any of the existing alternatives.

When commenting about a particular statement in the document, please refer to the section number and title where the text you are referring to resides. When commenting about a particular map, please refer to the map number and title that contains the information you are commenting on.

To ensure you have opportunities to share your comments about the DRMP/DEIS, public meetings will be held in Prescott Valley, Black Canyon City, Phoenix, Wickenburg, and Buckeye during the comment period. Additional meeting locations will be considered, if deemed necessary.

Public comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at Bureau of Land Management Phoenix Field Office, 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027, during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

The 90-day public comment period for the DRMP/DEIS will begin the day the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) for this DRMP/DEIS in the *Federal Register*. For your convenience, the Agua Fria National Monument and Bradshaw-Harquahala DRMP/DEIS is available on a CD, as well as in a printed version. Also, we are pleased to announce this document is now published on the Internet as an interactive document. The web publication offers numerous ways to maneuver through the document, and provides links that are user-friendly, making it easy to navigate through sections of interest. The web publication also offers access to high quality maps, and gives the option of zooming in or out to view the maps at different scales. Additionally, while viewing the maps, layers may be turned on or off (each layer has color and feature associations) which allows you to choose what information to view according to your interests. The best part of this interactive web site is that you may submit comments to us with a click of your mouse. Once submitted, the system allows us to easily track and analyze your comment(s) throughout the entire review process. If you do not have access to the Internet, you are welcome to visit the nearest BLM office for access to the interactive web site, or submit your comments by letter.

The interactive document of the DRMP/DEIS may be accessed on the Internet at: www.blm.gov

Please send written comments to the following address:

Bureau of Land Management
Attention: Chris Horyza, RMP Project Manager
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We appreciate your interest and encourage your continued involvement in the planning process. For additional information or to request a printed copy or CD version of the DRMP/DEIS, please contact Chris Horyza at (623) 580-5500 or by email at AZ_AFNM_Bradshaw@blm.gov.

Sincerely,



Elaine Y. Zielinski
State Director

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