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Dear Reader:

Attached for your review and comment is the Draft Land Use Plan Amendment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft LUPA/DEIS) for the Nevada and Northeastern California Sub-Region, a component piece of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service National Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy.

The planning area consists of about 70 million acres in Nevada and Northeastern California, which includes about 45 million acres of public lands managed by the BLM and 4.5 million acres of National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, providing approximately 17.7 million acres of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat. All actions analyzed in this Draft LUPA/DEIS would only apply to the lands managed by the BLM and Forest Service.

Consistent with BLM Planning Regulations, Alternative D has been identified within the Draft LUPA/DEIS as the Preferred Alternative. Identification of the Preferred Alternative does not indicate any commitments on the part of the BLM or Forest Service with regard to a final decision. In developing the Proposed LUPA/Final EIS, which is the next phase of the planning process, the agencies may select various management actions from each of the alternatives analyzed in the Draft LUPA/DEIS to create a management strategy that best meets the needs of the resources and values in this area under the BLM and Forest Service multiple use and sustained yield mandate.

When approved, this LUP Amendment will amend up to 12 BLM land use plans (Resource Management Plans or Management Framework Plans), and 2 Forest Service Land and Resource Management Plans, guiding management in Nevada and northeastern California. The Nevada and Northeastern California Sub-Regional Greater Sage-Grouse Draft LUPA/DEIS, supporting information and locations where copies of the draft are available for public inspection are available on the project web site at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/wildlife/greater_sage-grouse.html .

Your timely comments on the Nevada and Northeastern California Sub-Regional Greater Sage-Grouse Draft LUPA/DEIS will help formulate the Proposed LUPA/Final EIS. We are particularly interested in feedback concerning the adequacy and accuracy of the proposed alternatives, the analysis of their respective management decisions, and any new information that would help the BLM and Forest Service as they develop the plan. Your comments should be as specific as possible and include suggested changes, sources, methodologies and references to a section or page number. Comments will be accepted for ninety (90) calendar days following the Environmental Protection Agency's publication of its Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

Comments may be submitted electronically at:

Website: <http://on.doi.gov/14ZD3Rb>

Email: blm_nv_ca_sagegrouse_eis_comments@blm.gov

Comments may also be submitted by mail to:

BLM-Greater Sage-Grouse EIS
Attn: Joe Tague
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To facilitate analysis of comments and information submitted, we strongly encourage you to submit comments in an electronic format. Comments containing only opinions or preferences will be considered and included as part of the decision making process; however, they will not receive a formal response from the BLM or Forest Service.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

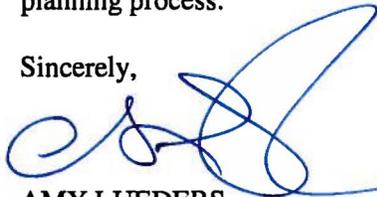
Public meetings to provide an overview of the document, respond to questions, and assist you in submitting comments will be announced by local media, website, and/or public mailings at least 15 days in advance. Public meetings are currently scheduled for:

December 3, 2013-Cedarville, California
December 4, 2013-Susanville, California
December 5, 2013-Reno, Nevada
December 9, 2013-Tonopah, Nevada
December 10, 2013-Ely, Nevada
December 11, 2013-Elko, Nevada
December 12, 2013-Winnemucca, Nevada

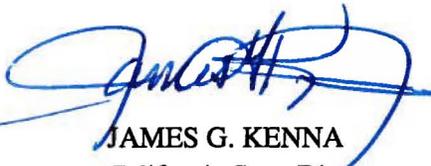
We recognize that the actions analyzed in the sagebrush habitat across the West, including energy development, recreation, livestock grazing and fire management will be affected with the conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse. We will continue to incorporate the most current information we have available as we write our Greater Sage-Grouse planning documents. We remain committed to implementing policies and conservation measures that will reduce long-term regulatory requirements as well as ensure that the Greater Sage Grouse species not only survives, but thrives.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Nevada and Northeastern California Sub-Regional Greater Sage-Grouse Draft LUPA/DEIS. We appreciate the information and suggestions you contribute to the planning process.

Sincerely,



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