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BLM Carson City District
5665 Morgan Mill Rd.
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Attn: Colleen Sievers, Project Manager

Re: Letter of Comment, Greater Sage Grouse Bi-State Distinct Population Segment

Dear Colleen,

The Pine Nut Mountain Trails Association represents the interests of a diverse cross section of citizens who use our local public lands for recreation of all kinds.

After reviewing the documents we are confused as to what, if any, changes are being proposed for OHV activity. Vague language exists discussing possible OHV impacts with 4 mile lek buffers and seasonal restrictions on public land use. The changes have zero scientific support and would negatively affect OHV use in Douglas County as well as adjoining areas.

Improperly restricting public access not only creates issues for public land users, but would cause serious negative outcomes for our tourism industry in Douglas County. Each Tourist Day equals \$140 in income to the County and the tourist industry creates hundreds of jobs for county residents.

PNMTA strenuously opposes any restrictions on OHV use beyond those addressed in the DEIS. We are also opposed to the substance of these additional restrictions as well as the procedural violations as in the inadequate disclosure which is in violation of NEPA.

We firmly believe that protection of habitat can be accomplished with a common sense approach that preserves the public's right to access and our local economy, without limiting OHV use in the planning area.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment, and look forward to a rational plan that all parties can agree with.

Respectfully,

George Swetland, President

Cc:
Don Amador, BRC
Doug Johnson, Chairman, Douglas County board of Commissioners

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