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Dear Interested Party:

On October 7, 2011 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District Office (WDO) issued a Decision Records (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Paradise Valley Medusahead Project. This decision authorizes aerial and ground application of the BLM approved herbicide Imazapic to treat Medusahead infestations on up to 1,500 acres per year in identified treatment zones within the Paradise Valley area.

Imazapic is a selective pre and post emergent herbicide that inhibits the growth of broadleaf weeds and annual grasses. Application methods of herbicides would include: truck or ATV with a boom mounted sprayer, by hand using backpack pumps, or by aircraft. All application methods would follow label directions and comply with BLM guidance and SOP's (which include buffer zones, treatment timeframe limitations, avoidances, and monitoring).

Medusahead is an aggressive annual invasive species that produces a heavy thatch cover that promotes seed germination and out-competes native species necessary for wildlife habitat. In addition, the species can affect productivity of agricultural lands. Uncontrolled Medusahead infestations could affect economic and environmental sustainability within Paradise Valley.

The Final Paradise Valley Medusahead Project Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA), DR/FONSI can be viewed online at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Hardcopies of the DNA are available upon request.

If you do not agree with and feel that you are adversely affected by this decision you may file a Notice of Appeal (See enclosed Form 1842-1, September 2005).

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Robert Burton, Project Lead, at the BLM Winnemucca District Office at 775-623-1553.

Sincerely,

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