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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office has issued the Decision Record for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Earthquake Fuels Treatment, DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2011-0520-EA. The decision is for the BLM to implement the Proposed Action Alternative (EA page 3) to create a fire resistant strip of vegetation along approximately 10 miles of dirt road east of Fairview Peak, in Churchill County, Nevada. The size of this unit is 1,659 acres. The restoration strategy would include a prescribed fire application to remove the existing plant material, a chemical treatment to control the annual weed (cheatgrass) invasion and a reseeding effort to create a more fire resistant plant community.

An EA was made available to the public for a 30-day review period. One comment letter was received during the review process from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). NDOW supports the BLM's efforts at managing rangelands for ecological health. It is NDOW's recommendation to limit prescribed burning where desirable vegetation exists. This recommendation will be considered and incorporated in the design of the prescribed fire plan.

The fuels treatment and impacts are described and analyzed in the Final EA. A determination has been made that implementation of the Proposed Action would not result in "significant environmental impacts," therefore a Finding of No Significant Impact has been prepared separately to document that determination, and a Decision Record has been issued providing the rationale for approving the Proposed Action Alternative. All three documents are available at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa/nepa_archives.html.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Keith Barker, Fire Ecologist, at: (775) 885-6120.

Sincerely,

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