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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Stillwater Field Office (SFO) has issued the Decision Record for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Garfield Flat and Marietta Wild Burro Range Gather Plan DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2011-0529-EA. The decision is for the BLM to implement the Proposed Action Alternative (EA pages 8-10) to gather approximately 240 wild horses and 66 wild burros; remove approximately 157 excess wild horses and 66 excess wild burros; release 52 - 60 wild horses back into the Garfield Flat HMA after treating/retreating an estimated 26-33 mares with the fertility control vaccine PZP-22 and adjusting the sex ratio to favor males. The estimated 157 excess wild horses to be removed include 85 excess wild horses which are established on lands within the Marietta Wild Burro Range HMA.

The EA was made available to the public for a 30-day review period from September 22 thru October 26, 2011. Comment letters from the public, organizations and agencies were received by email, fax and mail delivery. All comments were reviewed, considered, categorized and minor changes were made to the content of the Final EA. A summary of the consolidated Public Comments and BLM Responses are noted in Appendix I of the Final EA.

The gather 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 approving the Proposed Action Alternative.

All three documents are available at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_programs/wild_horse_and_burro/Garfield_Flat_Wild_Horse_and_Marietta_Wild_Burro_Gathers.html.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Coreen Francis, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, at: (775) 885-6161.

Sincerely,

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