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BLM Seeks Input on a Motorcycle Event in Virginia City

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Front Field Office in Carson City, Nevada is requesting your input in the development of an environmental assessment (EA) for a motorcycle event to be held in Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada. The Virginia City Motorcycle Club (Club) has submitted to the BLM a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) application for the "Virginia City Grand Prix" events on April 27 and 28, 2013 and in the spring of the following four years.

For more than 30 years similar events have been held in Virginia City. In order to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, a new EA to evaluate the potential effects of holding the event in the future will be prepared.

In preparing their proposal, the Club has provided the BLM with the following information:

- The annual event would occur each spring, typically on the last weekend of April;
- There would be 400-550 participants each day, with up to 5,000 spectators over the two-day event;
- The race course matrix would include approximately 65 miles of existing roads and trails in the Virginia City area, although only about 20 to 30 miles of the entire course would be used each year;
- The race course matrix crosses a mix of public and private lands; and
- Event staging and parking would occur on private lands.

During the development of the EA, the public will be provided additional opportunity for input during a 30-day review period of the EA. However, to assist the BLM in evaluating the Club's proposal and whether there are existing concerns or conflict of uses within the Virginia City area, your input is requested at this early stage.

- Do you have knowledge of sensitive or unique resources within the proposed event area?
- Do you have knowledge of conflicts between recreation users within the proposed event area or timing of event?
- Do you have other information about the proposed event area that could assist us with our evaluation?

For additional information and maps of the project area go to:
http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html.

The scoping period closes on July 26, 2012. Should you have any questions, or to submit your comments, contact: Brian Buttazoni, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, 5665 Morgan Mill Rd, Carson City, Nevada 89701 or email at: bbuttazoni@blm.gov. For more information call: 775-885-6004.

Sincerely,

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