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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office, has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the *Wassuk Herd Management Area Wild Horse Gather Plan*. The EA is available for a 30-day public comment period which will end on August 25, 2012. A copy of this EA is available in the Carson City District BLM office and on the webpage during the 30-day comment period at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html.

The BLM is proposing to gather approximately 498 wild horses from the Wassuk Herd Management Area (HMA) in order to remove excess wild horses and apply population control measures. Four hundred excess wild horses would be removed from the HMA and approximately 98 wild horses would be released back onto the range following the gather. Of these, about 39 mares would be vaccinated with PZP-22 (Porcine Zona Pellucida) fertility control vaccine. A post gather population of approximately 321 wild horses would remain in the Wassuk HMA at the conclusion of the gather operations.

Please send written comments to: Angelica Rose, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Stillwater Field Office, 5565 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Comments may also be received via email at WassukGatherEA@blm.gov and should include "Wassuk Wild Horse Gather" in the subject line. A hardcopy can be provided upon request.

Public comments submitted for this proposed project, including names and addresses of those who commented will be available for public review at the Carson City District BLM office during regular business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment-including your personal information- may be publicly available at any time. While you ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. After the public review period has ended, comments will be analyzed and considered part of the decision-making process.

If you have any questions, please contact Angelica Rose or Linda Appel at (775) 885-6000 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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