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Dear Reader:

On October 24, 2012 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Front Field Office initiated a 30-day public scoping period for the *Carson Valley Discovery Trail,* sponsored by the Carson Valley Trails Association (CVTA). On November 14, 2012 the BLM and CVTA hosted a public workshop; approximately 120 people participated in the workshop and submitted 61 comments to the BLM.

The project has since been revised and the BLM is providing an additional 15-day scoping period from May 13 to May 27, 2013. The revised proposal consists of two loop trails (*Juniper* and *Pinyon Loop Trails*) for a total of 12 miles of new non-motorized trails in the west side of the Pine Nut Mountains, in Douglas County, Nevada. Maps of the revised project area can be found on-line at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html (click on the hyperlink titled "Juniper/Pinyon Loop Trails"). In order to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act, an EA to evaluate the potential effects of trail construction and maintenance will be prepared by the BLM.

Elements retained in the proposal include:

- Construction and maintenance of the six mile *Juniper Loop Trail*, utilizing an existing parking and staging area off of Stephanie Way; and
- Construction and maintenance of the six mile *Pinyon Loop Trail*, including construction of a new parking and staging area – two locations are under consideration, one on Pine Nut Road, and the second near the intersection of Out-R-Way Road and Blue Bird Road.

**** Public Workshop ****

A workshop will be presented at the BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. The workshop will be held on **Thursday May 16, 2013** from 7 pm until 8:30 pm. A presentation on the Project will be made at 7:15 pm.

This 15-day scoping period **closes on May 27, 2013**. Only those *substantive* and *relevant* comments received in a timely manner will be considered.

Note: this project will have no impact on motorized routes within the Pine Nut Mountains. No taxpayer funds will be used for trail construction and maintenance. The proposed loop trails

would be for day use only. If you are interested in participating in the development of the Travel Management Plan for the Pine Nut Mountains, please contact Colleen Sievers at: 775-885-6000.

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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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