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Dear Interested Public:

The Ely District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing a restoration project within the South Snake Range approximately three miles southwest of Baker, Nevada. The Kious Basin Restoration Project aims to improve wildlife habitat by increasing vegetative diversity and understory species abundance. The project area and surrounding landscape is within Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC) 2 and 3, which is moderate to high departed from reference conditions. The primary goal of this project is to move the vegetation communities toward reference (historic) conditions by improving vegetation diversity and move the area toward a FRCC 1.

The Kious Basin Restoration Project would utilize a variety of treatment methods to reduce tree density on rangeland sites, minimize the occurrence of noxious and non-native invasive plant species and restore sagebrush habitat. Potential treatment methods are described in the preliminary environmental assessment.

A preliminary environmental assessment discussing the proposed action and alternatives has been prepared and is enclosed for your review. The document is also available at the National NEPA Registrar web page at [https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\\_register.do](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do) for a 30 day public comment period.

To navigate to this project webpage (from the link above), scroll down to and select "Nevada" in the "State(s)" list, this will populate the "Office(s)" list, select "NV-Schell FO". Under "Fiscal Year(s)", select "2011" and then click the "Search" button on the right of the screen. This should take you to a list of projects, find and select this project (DOI-BLM-NV-L020-2011-0019-EA) to display the project webpage. Navigate through the project webpage using the links on the left. The EA can be found under the "Documents" section.

Please respond with any comments in writing by January 25, 2013. Comments may be addressed to Tye Petersen, Fire Management Officer, Ely District Office, Bureau of Land Management, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301. Please also respond in writing if you would like to be included in future mailings regarding this project. If you do not respond, you will be removed from any future mailings regarding this project.

Before including address, phone number, email-address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, be advised that your entire comment, including personal

identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request that the BLM withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. If you wish us to withhold your personal information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

For more information please contact the Ely District Forester, TJ Mabey, at 775-289-1867 or [tmabey@blm.gov](mailto:tmabey@blm.gov).

Sincerely,



*for* Tye Petersen  
Fire Management Officer  
Ely District Office

Enclosure