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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City District, Sierra Front Field Office has made available for public review the *Pine Nut Land Health Project Draft Environmental Assessment* (DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2013-0017-EA). The Project would occur in the Pine Nut Mountains, located in Douglas, Lyon and Carson City Counties, Nevada. The Project would be implemented over a 10 to 15 year period to restore ecological balance, diversity and resilience to plant communities and reduce hazardous fuels to protect people, property, infrastructure and resources from severe wildfire. The *Draft Environmental Assessment* analyzes the direct, indirect and cumulative effects from implementation of the Project. The BLM has preliminarily determined that this Project would have no significant impact on the human environment.

The Proposed Action is to implement vegetation treatments on up to 24,654 acres in strategically located treatment units. Specific treatments would be proposed for specific treatments units based on vegetation condition and objectives. Proposed vegetation treatments may be implemented individually or in combination depending on site conditions within the treatment units. Treatments include: hand thinning of trees and brush (selective cutting); hand cutting of trees (non-selective cutting); mechanical mastication of trees and brush; mechanical thinning/removal of trees; prescribed fire (pile burning); and seeding.

The 30-day public review period is from **October 22 to November 20, 2013**.

A public workshop will be held at the East Fork Fire Station on November 6, 2013; the workshop will be from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. The format will be an open house, not a hearing. A presentation on the project will be made at 6:45 pm. The workshop will be held at 2249 Fish Springs Road, Gardnerville, Nevada.

Hard copies of the *Draft Environmental Assessment* are available at the BLM's Carson City District Office. 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.

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. Comments can also be faxed to: 775-885-6147 attn: Brian Buttazoni. For more information call Brian at: 775-885-6004.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Leon Thomas
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