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Dear Interested Party:

The BLM Winnemucca District Office (WDO) has issued a decision for maintenance and expansion of fuels treatments along US Highway 95, State Route 140, State Route 290, and State Route 447 within existing Highway Rights-of-Way (ROW). A Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) was prepared and concluded that additional actions associated with implementation of the proposed project would have no additional expected environmental impacts. Authorization of the fuelbreaks is subject to the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and associated BLM regulations 43CFR 5003.1(b).

The decision authorized the BLM to maintain the current fuelbreak system using disking and herbicide (e.g., Imazapic or other BLM Approved Herbicide) to control the annual vegetation that grows within the existing disklines as needed to maintain their effectiveness. The decision also authorizes the expansion of the current fuelbreak along US Highway 95 to protect the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas near Winnemucca and the current fuelbreak along State Route 140 to protect the Wildland Urban Interface and important wildlife habitat near the Bilk Creek Mountains. The additional acres would be disked and/or mowed to remove the existing vegetation and then treated with herbicide. The total acres to be maintained under the existing fuelbreak system is 377 and the additional disking acreage (addition to existing fuelbreaks) would be 112 acres.

The final Highway Disking Maintenance and Extension DNA and Decision Record (DR) can be viewed online at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Hardcopies of the DNA are available upon request.

If you do not agree with and feel that you are adversely affected by this decision, you may file a Notice of Appeal (See enclosed Form 1842-1, September 2005).

Should you have questions, please contact Derek Messmer, Fire Management Specialist, and Project Lead, at (775) 623-1583.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures