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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Front Field Office in Carson City, Nevada, will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects from issuing new term livestock grazing permits for the Paiute Canyon and Hardscrabble Canyon Grazing Allotments, both located in Washoe County, Nevada. The EA will be prepared to meet the BLM's obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act.

This letter is to provide early information on the EA that the BLM will be preparing this fall and winter. The current permit for the *Paiute Canyon Grazing Allotment* is 400 cattle for 4,800 Animal Month Units (AUMs) from March 1 to February 28, each year. The current permitted use for the *Hardscrabble Canyon Grazing Allotment* is 163 cattle for 1,222 AUMs from March 1 to October 31, each year. The EA will analyze a No Grazing Alternative, No Action Alternative (Current Management), and a Proposed Action. Under the Proposed Action, the BLM may consider changes to season of use, number of AUMs, and pasture rotation. Also in the Proposed Action, the BLM may consider herbicide treatment of noxious weeds/invasive plant species, and fuels reduction/treatment.

Maps of the two allotments are available on-line at:
http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html

In an announced policy in June 2013, the Sierra Front Field Office will make all documents (including any Evaluation, Standards & Determinations, and environmental assessment) available through ePlanning, an on-line "NEPA register." Our office does not distribute hard copies of these documents and their associated maps. In compliance with 43 CFR 4160.1-1, our office will mail out hard copies of any proposed and final grazing decisions to interested parties.

Scoping comments are due August 30, 2013. Should you have any questions, or to submit your comments, contact: Ryan Leary, Range Management Specialist, 5665 Morgan Mill Rd, Carson City, Nevada 89701 or email at: rleary@blm.gov. Comments can also be faxed to: 775-885-6147 attn: Ryan Leary. For more information call: 775-885-6000.

Privacy notice: 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leon Thomas', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Leon Thomas
Field Manager
Sierra Front Field Office