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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Front Field Office in Carson City, Nevada, has prepared an draft environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects from issuing a new term livestock grazing permit for the Paiute Canyon Grazing Allotment (Allotment), located in Washoe County, Nevada.

The current permit for the Allotment is 400 cattle for 4,800 Animal Month Units (AUMs) from March 1 to February 28, each year. The draft EA has analyzed a No Grazing Alternative, No Action Alternative (Current Management), and a Proposed Action. Under the Proposed Action, the BLM would reduce the season of use from 12-months to 9 to 10 months each year, would reduce the number of AUMs to no more than 3,000 AUMs each year, and would implement new pasture rest rotations. The Proposed Action also includes herbicide treatment of noxious weeds, fuels treatments to improve greater sage-grouse habitats, and the construction of fencing to protect a plant listed under the Endangered Species Act (Webber's Ivesia).

To support this analysis, the BLM completed an Allotment Evaluation and Standards & Guidelines Determination document for the Allotment and has published these documents on the project website. The draft EA, supporting documents, and maps 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 & Guidelines Determination, 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 continue to mail out hard copies of any proposed and final grazing decisions to "interested parties."

Comments on the draft EA are due by September 11, 2014. Should you have any questions, contact: Ryan Leary, Range Management Specialist at: 775-885-6000. Comments can be mailed to: 5665 Morgan Mill Rd, Carson City, Nevada 89701 attn: Ryan Leary. Comments can be faxed to: 775-885-6147 attn: Ryan Leary or emailed to SFFO_EA@blm.gov.

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Sincerely,



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