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Dear Interested Party:

Recently, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District issued a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA), DOI-BLM-NV-W010-2013-0074-DNA and a “Full Force and Effect” Decision Record (DR) for the Cosgrave Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) Project.

This decision authorizes the broadcast seeding of 90 acres of BLM managed public lands, noxious weed inventory across the entirety of the fire area, and noxious weed treatments on up to 20 acres each year through 2016. The decision to implement the proposed action immediately relies on authority under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act and associated BLM regulations under 43 CFR 5003.1 (b). This project meets the determination requirement as an authorized project covered by the Act as the project stabilizes and rehabilitates lands damaged by wildfire.

The Cosgrave Fire was ignited by lightning on July 1, 2013 and contained on July 4, 2013. The fire burned 556 acres of combined public and private land, with 127 acres occurring on BLM managed public lands within the Whitehorse Allotment. All 127 acres burned on public lands by the Cosgrave Fire are classified by the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) as Greater Sage Grouse winter-range and nesting habitat. All of the public lands burned by the Cosgrave Fire are NDOW-defined potential bighorn sheep habitat, mule deer crucial winter habitat, and year-round habitat for pronghorn. Broadcast seeding of mountain sagebrush and Sandberg’s bluegrass, and other site-adapted native plants is authorized to stabilize burned soils, provide competition with non-native, invasive annual plant species, and to accelerate recovery of wildlife habitat values.

The final Cosgrave Fire ESR Project DNA, location maps, and DR can be viewed online at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Hardcopies of these documents 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 2006).

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Eric Baxter, Project Lead at the BLM Winnemucca District Office at 775-623-1586.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

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