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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-W010-2013-0078-DNA and a "Full Force and Effect" Decision Record (DR) for the Crescent Dunes Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) Project.

This decision authorizes the aerial seeding of 3,300 acres of BLM managed public lands, noxious weed inventory across the entirety of the fire area, and noxious weed treatments on up to 200 acres each year through 2016. The decision to implement the proposed action immediately relies on authority under the Federal Land Policy and Management 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 Crescent Dunes Fire was ignited by lightning on July 1, 2013 and contained on July 4, 2013. The fire burned 36,372 acres of combined public and private land, with 19,462 acres occurring on BLM managed public lands within the Sand Dunes Allotment with minor impacts to the Daveytown and Mormon Dan Allotments. All 19,462 acres burned on public lands by the Crescent Dunes Fire are classified by the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) as pronghorn habitat, with 7,210 acres of pronghorn summer range and 12,259 acres of pronghorn winter range consumed on BLM lands. 7,672 acres of burned BLM lands are classified as mule deer year-round habitat. The fire also consumed 2,612 acres of Sage Grouse winter range within the Slumbering Hills Population Management Unit (PMU). Aerial seeding of Wyoming big sagebrush, fourwing saltbush, 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 Crescent Dunes 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 at the district office.

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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