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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Battle Mountain District Office (BMDO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of a proposed Competitive Oil & Gas Lease Sale. The EA identifies, describes and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate the possible impacts from the proposal.

The BLM received nominations for 166 parcels of public land to offer for leasing, totaling more than 285,000 acres. The BLM deferred several of the nominated parcels to protect sage grouse habitat. Other parcels were removed because of conflicts with mining operations. A detailed listing of deferred parcels is available in the EA. The remaining 139 parcels (230,989 acres) have been analyzed for potential impacts in the EA, in accordance with the Oil & Gas Leasing Reform Act mandated in 2010.

Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address or can be mailed to the Tonopah Field Office at P.O Box 911, Tonopah, Nevada 89049 until March 13, 2014. The EA can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register Page at: https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions or to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Mark Ennes, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at (775) 482-7835.

Sincerely,

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