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Dear Reader,

The Wells Field Office has completed the Barton Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal Environmental Assessment (EA). This EA addresses the renewal of the livestock grazing permit for the Barton Allotment located in NE Elko County. The EA is posted for public review on the Elko District website at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office.html through July 30, 2014.

The BLM conducted both internal and external scoping for this EA. External scoping began in February 2014 when the BLM issued a Draft Standards and Guidelines Assessments for the Barton Allotment. Alternatives were developed as a result of scoping. One comment was received and it has been addressed in the EA.

The Draft Barton Allotment Standards and Guidelines Assessment issued in February analyzed the current range conditions in regards to the NE Great Basin Standards for Rangeland Health. The Draft determination indicated that standards are being met except Standard 3 for Habitat, and livestock grazing was determined not to be a causal factor of non-attainment. Information from the Draft Standards and Guidelines Assessment has been incorporated by reference into the EA. Data collected over the past 27 years indicated that current management is favorable and has provided for the attainment of multiple use objectives. The EA analyzes actions that could result in changes to the terms and conditions of the permit for the Barton Allotment.

Following this review period BLM will issue the Final Standard and Guidelines Determination for the Barton Allotment, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record.

Any questions or concerns related to this project can be sent to:
BLM_NV_ELDO_WellsFieldOfficeGrazingComments@blm.gov. or mailed to 3900 Idaho St, Elko, NV 89801

If you have any questions concerning the subject matter please contact Clay Stott, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (775) 753-0300.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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