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Dear Interested Public:

The Tonopah Field Office (TFO) is planning to gather approximately 120 wild horses from the Reveille Herd Management Area (HMA) and surrounding areas beginning after September 15, 2014. Approximately 70 horses will be removed from the HMA, 60 of these horses will be shipped to a holding facility in Ridgecrest, California, and 10-15 other horses will be offered for adoption. The remaining horses will be released back into the HMA after application of Porcine Zona Pellucida (PZP-22).

The TFO plans to hold an adoption event once gather activities have concluded. The adoption will be held in Tonopah, Nevada and more detailed information will be provided once dates have been set. The 2010 Reveille HMA Gather Environmental Assessment (EA), signed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) is available on-line at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html. Then by following the link to the National NEPA Register Page and searching: “Nevada” – “NV-Tonopah FO” – “DNA” – “2014”. Hard copies are available from the Tonopah Field Office.

The EA was issued in June, 2010 for 30 day public comment. Comments received were reviewed and considered in completion of the Final EA. As a result of the comments received minor changes were made to the EA. The DNA was completed and signed August 13, 2014.

The proposed gather area is located east of Tonopah, Nevada in Nye County. The Appropriate Management Level (AML) for the Reveille HMA is 138 and the 2014 estimated population is 168 wild horses based on a comprehensive inventory completed in November 2013.

This action is needed because wild horses in excess of established AML are present within the HMA and outside of HMA boundaries within the Reveille Allotment. The management of wild horses in the Reveille Allotment is subject to a 1987 District Court Order and two orders issued by the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) in 2001 and 2002. These orders require BLM to promptly remove wild horses in the Reveille HMA when the wild horse population is documented to be in excess of the established AML (FMUD, 2001) of 138 horses. Further, the action is needed to protect rangeland resources from deterioration associated with an overpopulation of wild horses, and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple use relationship on the public lands consistent with the provisions of Section 3(b) (2) of the 1971 *Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act* (WFRHBA).

If you have any questions, are interested in viewing the gather, or are interested in adopting a wild horse during the Reveille HMA On-Site Adoption Event, please contact Austin Brewer, Tonopah Field Office Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, at (775) 482-7832.

Sincerely,

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