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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-W010-2014-0037-DNA and a "Full Force and Effect" Decision Record (DR) for the Callaghan Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) Project.

This decision authorizes the ground seeding, planting of sagebrush seedlings, noxious weed inventory across the entirety of the fire and noxious weed treatments on up to 69 acres each year through 2017. 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 Callaghan Fire was ignited by human cause on 6/22/2014 and contained on 6/22/2014. The Callaghan Fire burned in close proximity to the urban center of Winnemucca and Grass Valley. The fire burned a total of 399 acres, with 69 acres of BLM managed lands and 330 acres of private lands. The fire area is comprised of one soil map unit containing two soil components as defined by Natural Resources Conservation Service. The soil map unit is moderate to highly erosive to both water and wind events which present a high risk to human life and safety in adjacent residential areas. These risks include potential degradation of air quality from blowing dust and ash, potential for flood events that could threaten residential and commercial properties, and other public safety issues. 100% of the fire area was classified as year-round pronghorn and mule deer crucial winter habitat as defined by the Nevada Department of Wildlife. A portion of the land burned is in the Sonoma Population Management Unit (PMU) for Greater Sage-Grouse. There is no Greater Sage-Grouse Preliminary Priority Habitat or Preliminary General Habitat (PPH/PGH) within the project area.

The entire area impacted by the Callaghan Fire has been affected by fires in the past. Approximately 90% of the area was burned in 1985 and 100% of the fire area burned again by the Thomas Fire in 2007. The Callaghan Fire area on BLM land west of privately owned land was drill seeded in 2007. The area on BLM land east of privately owned land was aerially seeded in 2007. The fire occurred in the Thomas Creek Grazing Allotment.

The final Callaghan Fire ESR Project DNA, location maps, and DR can be viewed online at <http://on.doi.gov/1r8XsKT>. 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,

s/ James W. Schroeder

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Enclosure:

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