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Dear Interested Parties:

The BLM Shoshone Field Office has received a special recreation permit (SRP) application from Blue Fire Wilderness Therapy for a 10-year commercial SRP. The SRP would authorize them to use public lands as part of their program. Use primarily consists of hiking, camping, and storing water and supplies in the Bennett Hills on public and private land to support staff and clients. Use would be allowed year round unless specifically stipulated otherwise.

The purpose of this letter is to inform interested and affected parties of this proposed action and solicit comments to assist with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review. Analysis of the proposal will be documented in an Environmental Assessment (EA) with an estimated decision date June 15, 2015. Comments received in response to this solicitation will be used to identify potential environmental issues related to the proposed action and to identify alternatives to the proposed action that meet the purpose of and need for the project.

Decision to be Made

The BLM Shoshone Field Manager will decide whether to deny the SRP application, issue the SRP or issue the SRP with modifications.

Public Input Needed

Review the scoping package and mail or email comments to the BLM project lead. The scoping information package describes the existing condition, proposed action, stipulations, preliminary issues, decisions to be made and details of public involvement. It also includes a map of the proposed operating area. The scoping document describing the permit and map are available at the following website: [https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\\_register.do](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do). Once at the website select: Text Search, Idaho, ID-Shoshone FO, EA, 2015. Hard copies are available at the BLM Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho.

Comments are welcome throughout the planning process, however it is most helpful if your comment is received by March 20, 2015. Meaningful comments are used to help formulate alternatives and ensure issues are addressed in the environmental analysis. Once the analysis is complete there will be a 30 day public comment period to review the alternatives and analysis. Comments will be addressed

prior to making the final decision. There is an opportunity to protest the analysis prior to the final decision and once the final decision is made there is an opportunity to appeal the decision.

Mail comments to:

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Attn. John Kurtz  
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Or email to: [jkurtz@blm.gov](mailto:jkurtz@blm.gov)

For additional information call John Kurtz, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 208-732-7296.

Sincerely,

/s/ Codie Martin

Codie Martin  
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