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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office, has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the *Cotton Peak Right Of Way and Communications Improvement Project* proposed by the United States Navy, EA# DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2015-0005-EA. The EA will be available for review for a 30-day public comment period. The BLM is accepting written comments on the EA until March 25, 2015.

The proposed communications improvement project is located in the Stillwater Mountain Range, Churchill County, approximately 20 miles northeast of Fallon, Nevada. The EA analyzes potential impacts from the proposed expansion of the right-of-way from 0.06 acres to 1.5 acres and replacing the failing equipment located at the Cotton Peak site. The Navy also proposes to relocate the current helicopter landing area with one further up the ridge to improve communications and site safety for maintenance and equipment inspections. The communication site expansion would be adjacent to an existing Navy right-of-way that is approximately 150 feet away. The location of the new microwave communication would improve communications in the area with a better line of sight to other communication relays.

A copy of this EA is available on the Carson City District BLM webpage at: <http://on.doi.gov/1FyB06A> during the 30-day comment period. Please send written comments to Angelica Rose, Stillwater Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701 or via fax at (775) 885-6147. Comments should include "Cotton Peak Communications" in the subject line. A hardcopy of the document can be provided upon request. If you have any questions, please contact Angelica Rose or Matt Simons at 775-885-6000 or at the above address.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters will be available for public review at the Carson City District Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, 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. This letter also serves as public notification that the Section 106 review process of the National Historic Preservation Act has been completed.

Sincerely,

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