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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Safford Field Office is pleased to announce the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2015-0029-EA) for public review and comment pertaining to the proposed permit renewal and proposed well on BLM-administered lands in Graham and Greenlee Counties.

The BLM Safford Field Office is proposing the renewal of the grazing permit for the Twin C Allotment (#40210) and the development of Goat Camp Well on that same allotment.

The BLM will consider all substantive comments received during the public comment period. BLM's National Environmental Policy Act handbook (H-1790-1) provides guidance on formulating substantive comments.

Substantive comments do one or more of the following:

- Question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the EA.
- Question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis.
- Present new information relevant to the analysis.
- Present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the EA.
- Cause changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives.

Comments that are not considered substantive include the following:

- Comments in favor of or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning that meet the criteria listed above (such as "we disagree with Alternative Two and believe the BLM should select Alternative Three").
- Comments that only agree or disagree with BLM policy or resource decisions without justification or supporting data that meet the criteria listed above (such as "less grazing should be permitted").
- Comments that don't pertain to the project area or the project (such as "the government should eliminate dams" when the project is about vegetation treatments).
- Comments that take the form of vague, open-ended questions.

The BLM Safford Field Office has opted to invite public review and comment on the draft EA during a 30-day comment period, beginning January 25, 2016 and ending February 24, 2016. . The draft EA is available for public review and comment on BLM's ePlanning website at <http://bit.ly/TwinCGoatCampEA>, and is also available at the BLM's Safford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546. A hard copy is available upon request.

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