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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is issuing the Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Nevada Department of Wildlife Bluebell and Goshute Peak Water Project. The DR and FONSI are enclosed and the Environmental Assessment (EA) DOI-BLM-NV-N030-2013-0014-EA is available on the internet at <http://1.usa.gov/1P4tS61>.

The BLM and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) are proposing a riparian enhancement and water development maintenance and installation project in the Goshute Mountain/Toano Range, approximately 15 miles southwest of Wendover, Nevada.

Letters were sent to interested wilderness groups within the region notifying them of the project through the Notification of Proposed Action on September 13, 2010. Groups within the area voiced their support for the Proposed Action citing that the longer term benefits to wildlife would outweigh the minor visual impacts created by these projects being located within the Wilderness Study Area (WSA). On March 13, 2013, a scoping letter was mailed to the interested public. Two comments letters were received: one in support of the proposed project and the other comment was outside the scope of the proposed project.

On August 25, 2015, the BLM released an EA analyzing the effects of wild horses on springs in the Bluebell and Goshute Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs). The EA (EA# DOI-BLM-NV-E030-2013-0014-EA) on this proposal was made available for public comment and review. Six comment letters were received in regard to the proposed action. Comment letters were received from Nevada Big Horns Unlimited, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Back Country Hunters, Anglers, Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife, NDOW and Spruce Grazing Association. These comments were considered and addressed by the BLM. All comment letters were reviewed and considered. Substantive comments were utilized to finalize the EA as appropriate.

The DR authorizes the Proposed Action, as described in Nevada Department of Wildlife Bluebell and Goshute Water Project EA DOI-BLM-NV-N030-2013-0014-EA.

If you would like a printed copy or a CD of the EA, or if you have any questions or need additional information please contact me Bruce Thompson, Wild Horse Specialist at 775-753-0200.

Sincerely,  
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