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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has completed the environmental assessment (EA) for the Holter Lake Occupancy Lease Renewal and Amendment, DOI-MT-B070-2015-0002-EA. The EA is available on the BLM website at <http://on.doi.gov/1rkZrlw>. The public lands involved are in Township 14 North, Range 3 West, section 4, adjacent the BLM Holter Lake Recreation Site, Lewis & Clark County, Montana.

The EA analyzes the Holter Lake Lodge commercial occupancy lease, MTM-10858, renewal with proposed amendments submitted in an application received from Back Door Mountain, LLC (BDM). In addition to the EA, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision Record (DR) are available on the website. The decision was to issue the lease for 30 years, subject to standard and special stipulations.

An application was received from Back Door Mountain LLC (BDM) to renew and amend the Holter Lake Lodge occupancy lease, MTM-10858. The subject lease area is adjacent Holter Lake, north of Helena, Montana and includes approximately 4 acres (approximately 30% of acreage is below the waterline) of BLM-administered lands.

The public comments received both prior to and subsequent the release of the Draft EA helped BLM define issues for analysis, refine the proposed action, and explore alternatives. The Draft EA and unsigned FONSI were made available for public comment from December 14, 2015, through January 12, 2016.

The BLM received three (3) written comment letters/emails on the Draft EA. The completed EA contains the substantive public comments received and the BLM responses to those comments. The BLM would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the review process. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Wyatt, Realty Specialist, mwyatt@blm.gov; BLM Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701; phone (406) 533-7600; fax (406) 533-7660.

Sincerely,

//SIGNED//
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