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Dear Reader:

The Decision Record for the Population Control Research Wild Horse Gather for the Conger and Frisco Herd Management Areas (DOI-BLM-UT-W020-2015-0017-EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact are available for review on-line at the ePlanning website located at <https://goo.gl/pNIggw>. Hard copies are available from the Fillmore Field Office at the above address.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Fillmore and Cedar City Field Office's proposal to implement the Population Control Research Wild Horse Gather for the Conger and Frisco Herd Management Areas. The purpose of the project is to implement research studies, to achieve a thriving natural ecological balance, achieve and maintain wild horse Appropriate Management Level, collect information on herd characteristics, determine herd health, maintain sustainable rangelands, and maintain a healthy wild horse population within the Conger Mountain and Frisco Herd Management Areas. The proposal includes gathering and removing excess wild horses and the application of population growth suppression methods once the research studies are completed.

The research studies will look at the behavioral effects of gelding, population dynamics, fertility, reproductive rates, recruitment rates, age-specific survival and mortality, habitat selection, movements and habitat range among other things. This will be done at the scale of both the individual and population levels and in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey Fort Collins Science Center and Colorado State University.

The Finding of No Significant Impact documents BLM's determination that the proposed action will not result in "significant environmental impacts," and the Decision Record approves implementation of the proposed action of the Population Control Research Wild Horse Gather for the Conger and Frisco Herd Management Areas.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Fillmore Field Office at (435)743-3100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question with the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

Sincerely,

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