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IN REPLY REFER TO:

DOI-BLM-ORWA-P000-2012-0027-EA
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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Prineville District Office has completed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Proposed Decisions for the **Sage-grouse Playa Management Project**. The project area includes 143,000 acres of BLM-administered public land south of Highway 20 near Hampton, Oregon. The project purposes are to respond to applications to renew three grazing permits (for the Hampton, Ram Lake and ZX Allotments) and to improve sage-grouse habitat in the allotments associated with the permits.

At this time the BLM is issuing **one** decision on this project (which is explained in detail in the Proposed Decision):

A Proposed Decision covering enclosure fences and water developments in the **Hampton Allotment**.

The BLM previously issued two other decisions on this project on June 13, 2014: A Proposed Decision covering the permit renewal, enclosure fences and water developments in the ZX Allotment, and a Decision Record covering route adjustments and vegetative treatments across the entire project area (mowing playas dominated by silver sagebrush and thinning young juniper). The protest and appeal periods on those decisions closed in August 2014. A separate decision for the Ram Lake Allotment will not be issued at this time. The BLM has placed that portion of the project on hold.

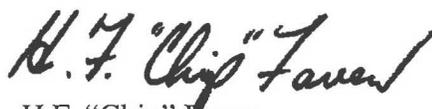
The BLM released the environmental assessment (EA) for this project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-P000-2012-0027-EA) on November 8, 2013 and received nine comment letters during the 30 day comment period. As a result of these comments, the BLM made several minor changes to the EA to clarify intent.

The EA, summary of changes to the EA, response to public comments, FONSI, Decision Record for vegetative treatments on all three allotments, and the Proposed Decisions for the Hampton and ZX Allotments can be reviewed on the BLM's ePlanning website at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. These documents are all filed under the ePlanning project named, **Sage-grouse Playa Management Project**.

If you prefer, you may request a copy at the BLM office during business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding federal holidays: 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon, 97754, phone 541- 416-6700, FAX 541-416-6798, Email BLM_OR_PR_Mail@blm.gov. Persons on the mailing list at the bottom of this notification are considered persons "named in the decision from which the appeal is taken." Appellants must serve copies of a notice of appeal and petition for a stay on these people, and on anyone named elsewhere in the decision (see 43 CFR 4.413(a) & 43 CFR 4.21(b)(3)), and the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413(a), (c)) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. A notice of appeal and/or request for stay electronically transmitted (e.g., email, facsimile, or social media) will not be accepted. A notice of appeal and/or request for stay must be on paper. Please see the Hampton Allotment Proposed Decision on the District's ePlanning website for additional information on protest and appeal opportunities. For privacy reasons, when the Proposed Decision is posted on the internet, the mailing list at the bottom of this letter will be removed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us or our staff if you have any questions: Cari Taylor, Rangeland Management Specialist, ctaylor@blm.gov, (541) 416-6790; Emily Lent, Rangeland Management Specialist, elent@blm.gov, (541) 416-6789; or Teal Purrington, Environmental Coordinator, tpurring@blm.gov, (541) 416-6772.

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