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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

### Project Summary

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Preparing an EA for commercial OHV activities in the Nellis Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA).

**SUMMARY:** This EA is to provide NEPA for various commercial tour operators within the Nellis Dunes SRMA. This EA will cover up to five commercial operators. These commercial tours would take place entirely within the boundary of the Nellis Dunes Open area. These tours would be non competitive in nature, and be limited to 25 Miles per hour within the air quality non-attainment boundary of hydrographic basin 212. Still within the open area of Nellis Dunes SRMA but outside of hydrographic Basin 212 these commercial operators would be permitted to go over 25 MPH.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EA. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until August 27th.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to this project by :

- Email: [chris\\_linehan@blm.gov](mailto:chris_linehan@blm.gov)

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Las Vegas Field Office..

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Chris Linehan Outdoor Recreation Planner, telephone 702-515-5236; address 4701 North Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas NV 89130; email [chris\\_linehan@blm.gov](mailto:chris_linehan@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This EA will cover up to five commercial operators. These commercial tours would take place entirely within the boundary of the Nellis Dunes Open area. These tours would be non competitive in nature, and be limited to 25 Miles per hour within the air quality non-attainment boundary of hydrographic basin 212. Still within the open area of Nellis Dunes SRMA but outside of hydrographic Basin 212 these commercial operators would be permitted to go over 25 MPH. This EA would be good for five years or until the revised Southern Nevada District Office Resource Management Plan is complete whichever occurs first.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470f) as provided for in 36 CFR §800.2(d)(3). Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy, and Tribal concerns will be given due consideration, including impacts on Indian trust assets. Federal, state, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM's decision on this project are invited

to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the EA in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified.

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