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Dear Interested Party,

Best in the Desert (BITD) has applied for a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) to conduct the annual Vegas to Reno Off-Highway Vehicle race on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the BLM has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes potential impacts of issuing an SRP for the proposed event.

This year's race is proposed to start on Friday, August 19, 2016 near the town of Alamo, NV and finish near Dayton, NV on Saturday, August 20. The proposed route is entirely on existing roads. Most of these roads are on public lands managed by three BLM Districts (Ely, Battle Mountain and Carson City districts), including an approximately 37-mile segment passing through the Basin and Range National Monument in the Ely District. Alternatives have been analyzed that would not pass through the Monument. Short route segments also pass through Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and private lands (see enclosed map).

The event would include trucks, cars, buggies, motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. The promoter expects 330 event vehicles, approximately 5,000 spectators and 500 staff members. Conditions and stipulations attached to the SRP would include safety and resource protection measures, sanitation, cleanup, and route rehabilitation.

You may be receiving this notification because the proposed event would occur in the vicinity of your allotment, right-of-way, claim, county road or other interest held on public lands. If you have questions specific to impacts on interests you hold, please contact the the managing office for that interest. Please keep in mind that, if authorized, the course may use roads that you use to access sites on public lands, so plan accordingly. In order to provide for public safety, BITD race officials will be controlling traffic along the race route and several access roads until the last race vehicle has passed.

The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period beginning July 1, 2016 and can be viewed on the BLM National NEPA Register website at <http://1.usa.gov/291xoSQ>. Written comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. July 31, 2016 and may be submitted via the website; emailed to blm_nv_bmdo_tfo_veqastorenoea@blm.gov; or submitted to 1553 South Main Street, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049.

For more information please contact Melanie Hornsby, Outdoor Recreation Planner at 775-885-6000. Questions specific to the Basin and Range National Monument should be directed to Alicia Styles, Monument Manager at 775-726-8128.

On behalf of the Carson City, Ely and Battle Mountain
District Offices,



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