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Dear Interested Party:

The Santa Rosa Ranger District is proposing the Santa Rosa Head-cut Stabilization Improvement Project. Project work will occur at three areas, which have been designated Jeep Spring, Bullion Spring, and Cold Springs (see attached map). The legal locations are:

Bullion Spring: Mount Diablo Meridian, T43N, R40E, Section 9.

Jeep Spring: Mount Diablo Meridian, T43N, R40E, Section 4.

Cold Springs: Mount Diablo Meridian, T45N, R40E, Section 22.

A head-cut is where a permanent or seasonal stream is cutting back through the soil creating a small water fall and a resulting gully or incised channel that can lower water tables, drain ponds and lakes and contribute to soil erosion. The three head-cuts listed above have cut into meadows lowering the water table and drying out the meadows. Meadows are important habitat components for many species and an important grazing resource. As the meadows dry out, a less productive sagebrush ecosystem is replacing the meadow ecosystem. In other words, the meadows are being lost to the head-cuts. The goal of this project is to restore ecological meadow conditions by stabilizing the head-cuts, repairing the incised channels, and raising the meadow water table back to historic levels. Treatments could include one or more of the following:

- rock control structures,
- stream bank slope modification along incised banks,
- temporary fencing to allow vegetation to fully recover before being grazed,
- native plant seeding, and
- willow planting.

The setting and condition of a specific site would determine the type of treatment or treatments implemented.

Forest Service resource specialists are currently evaluating the proposed project to determine effects, if any, to resources of concern. Your written comments, concerns, and suggestions should be sent to Peter Gula, Project Coordinator, 1200 East Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445. Comments can also be sent via facsimile to the following number: 775-625-1200. Electronic comments can also be sent to: pagula@fs.fed.us and must include the author's name and address. Please put the name of this project "Santa Rosa Head-cut Stabilization Improvement Project" on your comments.



If requested, a copy of all comments provided in response to this letter will be made available to the public. This will include names, addresses, and any other information with the comments.

The Forest Service requests your comments on this project by August 29, 2009. We are also asking that you inform us of whether or not you wish to remain on the mailing list for this project. If we do not hear from you regarding your interest in this project, we may remove your name from the project mailing list.

We thank you for your interest in the management of your national forests and look forward to hearing from you. For more information on this project, please contact Peter Gula, Project Coordinator, at 775-623-5025 ext. 112.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Ulrich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JEFFREY L. ULRICH
District Ranger

Enclosure

cc: Peter Gula, Boyd Hatch



Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Santa Rosa Stabilization Improvement Project

