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SCOPING FOR SANTA ROSA BOUNDARY AND LAMANCE FENCE RECONSTRUCTION

Dear Interested Public:

The Santa Rosa Ranger District is proposing a fence reconstruction project between Winnemucca Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest, Santa Rosa Ranger District boundary, and the Lamance administration site pasture fences. The boundary fences will be approximately 9 miles long and the Lamance fence will be approximately 4 miles long. They both will be reconstructed in the same location as the original fence. This project will include removing the old fence and build new fence to meet Forest Services standards.

The location of these projects is approximately 4.5 miles west of Paradise Valley and goes north 7.5 miles. The legal description for these projects is Mount Diablo Meridian, Township 42 North, Range 39 East between Sections 29 & 30, 19 & 20, 17 & 20, 8 & 17, 16 & 17, 8 & 9, 4 & 5, and in Section 17, Township 43 North, Range 39 East, between Sections 32 & 33, 28 & 29, 21 & 28, 21 & 22, 15 & 22, 14 & 23, and 13 & 24, and Township 43 North, Range 40 East, south and west edges of Section 19. The attached map shows the location of these projects, and the fences will be constructed within the sections highlighted in red and purple.

Equipment such as tractors, skid loader, trucks, chainsaws, ATVs/UTVs etc... may be used in cleaning up the old fence material, brushing fence line, rolling up old wire, pounding and drilling posts, stretching wire, etc... These fences will replace older fence that don't meet forest standards for wildlife needs.

It is anticipated that this action may be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an environmental impact statement (EIS) or environmental assessment (EA), as described in 36 CFR 220.6[d].

The project is within a category of routine actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment: 36 CFR 220.6[d][4], Repair and Maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries. All of the boundary fence reconstruction is a landline boundary and portions of the Lamance fence reconstruction is a landline boundary. Portions of the Lamance reconstruction project falls under 36 CFR 220.6[d][3] – Repair and maintenance of administrative sites.





Forest Service resource specialists are currently evaluating the proposed projects to determine effects, if any, to resources of concern.

Your written comments, concerns, and suggestions should be sent to Boyd W. Hatch, Project Coordinator at 1200 East Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca Nevada, 89445. Comments can also be sent via facsimile to the following number: 775-625-1200. Electronic comments can be sent to: bhatch@fs.fed.us and must include the author's name and address. Please note "Santa Rosa Boundary Fence Reconstruction" and/or "Lamance Fence Reconstruction" in subject line of your email message.

All comments are part of the public record and are available upon request including names, addresses, and comments.

The Forest Service requests your comments on these projects by January 29th, 2010. If we do not hear from you regarding your interest we may remove your name from the project mailing list.

For more information on this project please contact Boyd W. Hatch or the District Ranger Jeff Ulrich at 775-623-5025 x 5.

We thank you for your interest in the management of your national forests and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY L. ULRICH
District Ranger





