

# Request for Comments

## Currant Mountain Bighorn Sheep Wildlife Guzzler

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Ely Ranger District

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### **Why we are proposing this project**

Many areas on the Ely Ranger District do not have well distributed water supplies for wildlife. Establishing secure water sources for wildlife on the District will create the opportunity for more diverse and sustainable wildlife populations. The project area is along the southeast edge of the Currant Mountain Wilderness, T 11 N., R 58 E., Section 13. See map, area 1.

### **What we propose to do**

This project will involve the installation of four buried tanks with a flat metal apron placed over the tanks for bighorn sheep. A self-leveling drinker will be placed separate from the tanks. A barbed wire fence will enclose the tanks and apron and a pipe rail fence will enclose the drinker. The leveling of the areas to place the tanks, digging postholes, and moving tanks to the area of installation will be done using a bobcat. The project will take place during the spring of 2010 and will help supply an additional water source for big horn sheep and other wildlife such as elk, deer, birds, and other small mammals.

The area has been surveyed for Cultural Resources and rare plants and none were found.

### **How we will figure out what to do**

We will use the issues from you to analyze the effects of implementing the project. After hearing from you, we will decide how to meet our goals and what measures we can take to eliminate or reduce any negative effects.

### **How you can help us decide what to do**

We ask that you think about this proposal and let us know what you think. You can call or send letters to the address below. Comments we receive, including names and addresses, are part of the public record and are available through the Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide us your comments by April 19, 2010.

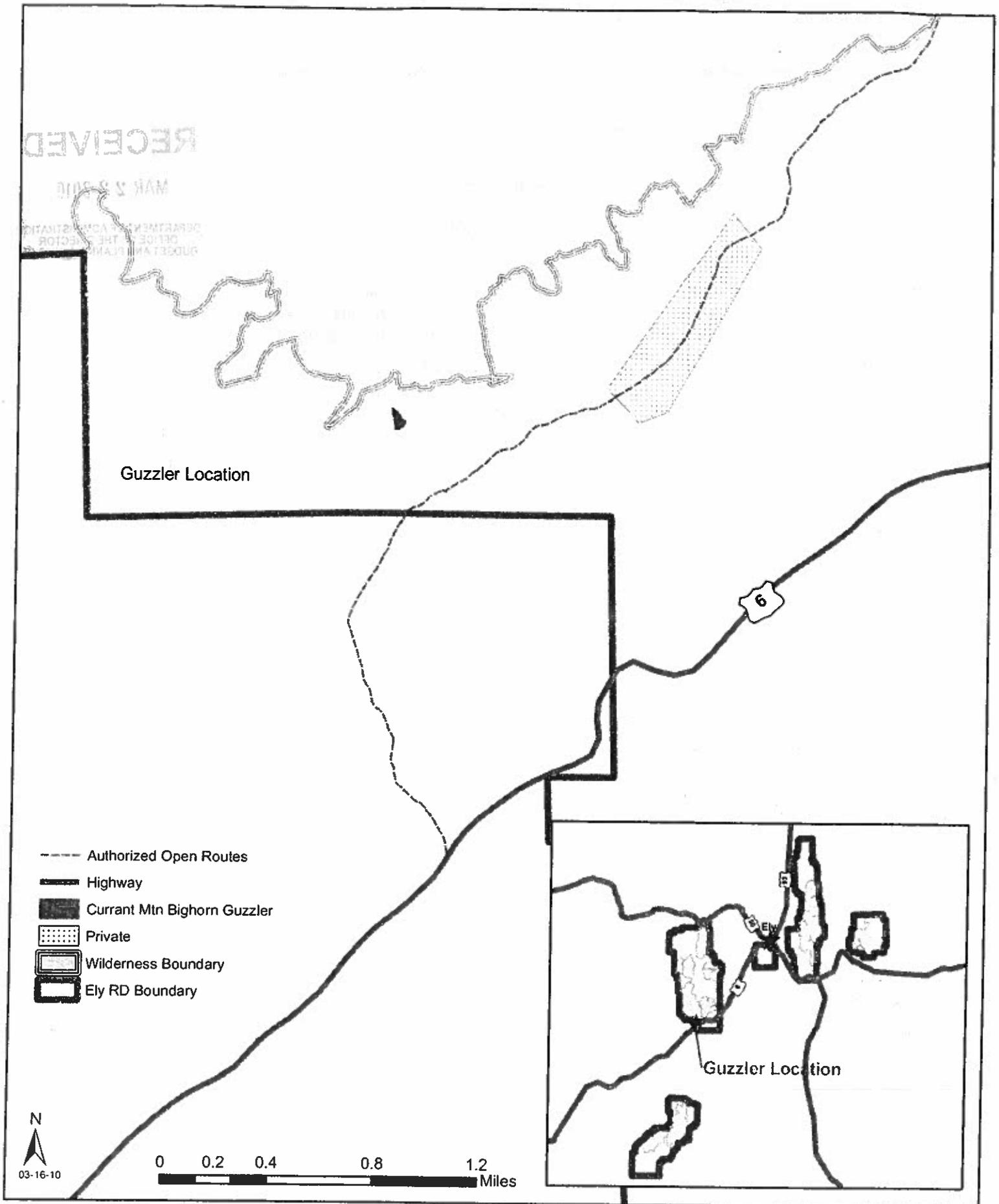
### **The decision to be made**

The decision to be made is whether to install a wildlife guzzler within the White Pine Range. We are currently planning to approve this project with a Decision Memo under a categorical exclusion.

### **If you would like more information contact:**

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