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Dear Interested Public:

The Santa Rosa Ranger District is proposing a fence construction and reconstruction project between the Fort McDermitt Reservation, Vale Oregon Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca BLM and Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest, Santa Rosa Ranger District boundary (See attached map). Approximately 3 miles of boundary fence is proposed to be constructed along the Oregon border between Fort McDermitt Reservation, Vale Oregon BLM and the Santa Rosa Ranger District. Reconstruction is proposed on approximately 6 miles of existing fence in the same vicinity. The reconstructed portions of the fence will be reconstructed in the same general location as the original fence but may be moved for better construction, archeological concerns, or wildlife needs or to better reflect the forest boundary. The project proposal includes:

- removing the old fence,
- building new fence to meet Forest Service standards,
- Reconstructing old fence to meet Forest Service standards.
- Using equipment to clean up the old fencing

The project will focus on providing an effective fence capable of controlling livestock movement between the Fort McDermitt Reservation, Vale Oregon BLM, Winnemucca BLM, and National Forest System land and lands under National Forest administration. Currently the fence line is not capable of controlling livestock movement between the four jurisdictions and overgrazing is occurring in some areas. Constructed and reconstructed fence will meet Forest Service standards for wildlife.

The project area is located approximately 10 miles east of McDermitt and follows the National Forest boundary approximately 9 miles. The legal description for these projects is Mount Diablo Meridian, Township 46 North, Range 39 East between Section 4, Township 47 North, Range 39 East, between Sections 1, 2, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, 34, and Township 47 North, Range 40 East, Sections 4, 5 and 6. The attached map shows the location of these projects, and the fences will be constructed within the sections highlighted in red and purple (red is new construction, purple is existing fence to be reconstructed).

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.



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], and 36 CFR 220.6[e].

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 36 CFR 220.6[e] [9], minor management practices to improve allotment conditions.

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 faxed to the following number: 775-625-1200, or emailed to bhatch@fs.fed.us and must include the author's name and address. Please put the name of this project "Santa Rosa and Fort McDermitt Boundary Fence Construction and Reconstruction" 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 these projects by July 29th, 2010. We are also asking that you inform us of whether or not you wish to remain on the mailing list for these projects. If we do not hear from you regarding your interest in this project we may remove your name from the project mailing list.

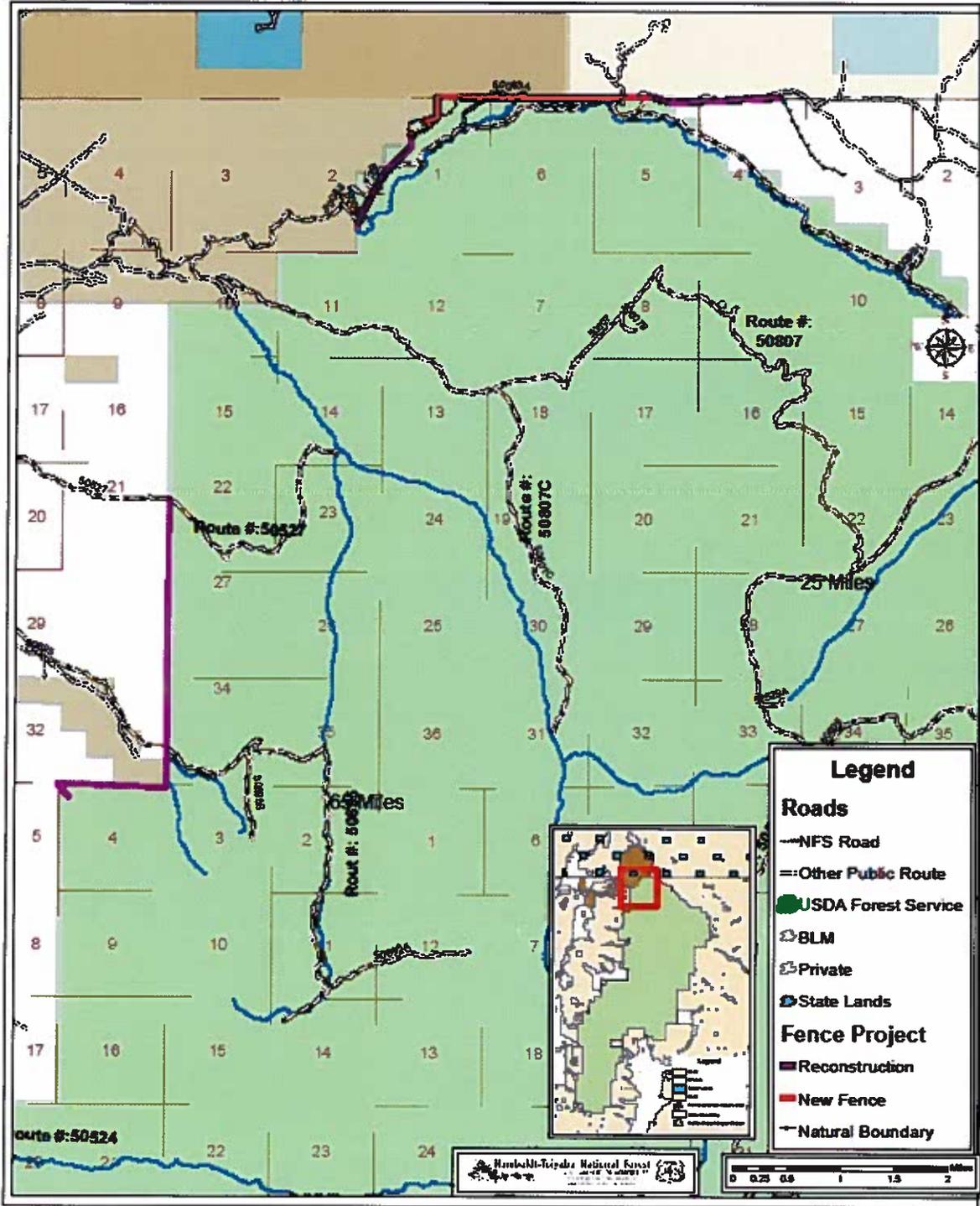
We thank you for your interest in the management of your national forests and look forward to hearing from you. For more information on this project please contact Boyd W. Hatch or the District Ranger Jeff Ulrich at 775-623-5025 x 5.

Sincerely,



/s/ Jeffrey L. Ulrich
JEFFREY L. ULRICH
District Ranger

**FOR SANTA ROSA and FORT McDERMIT BOUNDARY
FENCE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION**





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Date: July 9, 2010

Dear Interested Public

The Santa Rosa Ranger District is proposing a livestock holding facility on the Hinkey Summit Road, route ID 50084, and the south Fork of Indian Creek Road, route ID 50681, from the Forest Service boundary to approximately a tenth of a mile north (see attached map). The proposed facility consists of a perimeter fence and interior corrals used for livestock holding, working, watering and feeding and other care as needed for short periods of time. The outside perimeter is less than three acres in size and is a secondary catchment fence should livestock escape from interior corrals.

The location of these projects is approximately 8 miles north of Paradise Valley and is just inside the Forest Boundary. The legal description for these projects is Mount Diablo Meridian, Township 43 North, Range 39 East Sections 13 and 14. The attached map shows the location of the facility. Fences will be constructed within the sections highlighted in red on the map.

Equipment such as tractors, skid loader, trucks, ATVs/UTVs etc... may be used in building, pounding and drilling posts, stretching wire, watering, placing feed, etc... This facility will meet the Forest Service and BLM interagency regulations for corral size for holding livestock.

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[e].

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[e] [9], Implementation or modification of minor management practices to improve allotment conditions, 36 CFR 220.6[e] [6], timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities. By constructing these corrals it will improve allotment conditions for both wildlife and allotment conditions by providing for a facility to care for unauthorized livestock removed from Forest Service system lands and other lands under National Forest administration.

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 faxed to the following number: 775-625-1200, or emailed to bhatch@fs.fed.us and must include the author's name and address. Please put the name of this project "**Livestock Holding Facility**" on your comments.



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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 Boyd W. Hatch or the District Ranger Jeff Ulrich at 775-623-5025 x 5.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Ulrich".

/s/ Jeffrey L. Ulrich
JEFFREY L. ULRICH
District Ranger

Livestock Holding Facilities

