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In Reply Refer To:

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Dear Interested Public,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to conduct a cheatgrass treatment project southwest of Cherry Creek, Nevada. The project area is located in Townships 21 North, Range 66 East; Township 23 North, Range 61 East; Township 23 North, Range 62 East; Township 23 North, Range 63 East; Township 24 North, Range 61 East and Township 24 North, Range 62 East; Mount Diablo Meridian (MDM); White Pine County, Nevada. The proposed project occurs on public lands managed by the BLM Ely District's Eagan Field Office.

The objective of this project is to reduce cheatgrass and russian thistle invasion within the previous Cherry Creek Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) treatment. The Cherry Creek WUI treatment took place in 2005 and 2006. The treatment used mechanical, chemical and prescribed fire to treat the area to the south and southwest of the community of Cherry Creek. Following the treatment cheatgrass has invaded the treatment. The invasion of cheatgrass has created an additional hazard as it is a fine flashy fuel that can support fast moving wildland fires. Within the treatment there are perennial grasses, forbs and shrubs that are competing with the cheatgrass. The treatment of the cheatgrass would relieve this competition and promote the establishment of additional perennial grasses, forbs and shrubs.

The proposed action includes the use of Imazapic (trade name Plateau) to treat areas that contain sufficient cheatgrass to serve as the primary carrier for a wildland fire. These areas would have Plateau applied aerially. Application rates may vary due to soils and organic matter however would be no less than 4 ounces active ingredient per acre and no more than 10 ounces active ingredient per acre. Monitoring data indicates that areas within the prescribed burn and mechanical treatment (mowing) would require the application of Plateau. The application of Plateau would take place in either September or October prior to a fall emergence of cheatgrass.

In the year following the application of plateau the treatment would be monitored for results. Based on the results of this monitoring areas of the treatment may have seed aerially applied and may be chained. Chaining would be restricted to the area that has been previously burned. Seeding would be restricted to areas that do not have a sufficient amount of desirable perennial grasses, forbs, and shrubs to naturally seed the area. Areas of the proposed project area that are adjacent to potential cheatgrass seed sources would have a non-native competitive grass seeded into the area. This non-native grass (most likely crested wheatgrass) is a fire retardant and drought resistant grass that would serve as a buffer to prevent the spread of cheatgrass into the treatment area.

We are providing the public an opportunity to comment on the current proposed action. Please provide comments by September 1, 2010 to the attention of Matt Rajala at the address above.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Rajala, Fire Planner at (775) 289-1821. If you would like to remain on the mailing list for this project, please notify Matt Rajala by the above date.

Thank you for participating in the planning process for this project.

Sincerely,

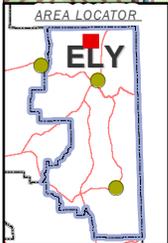
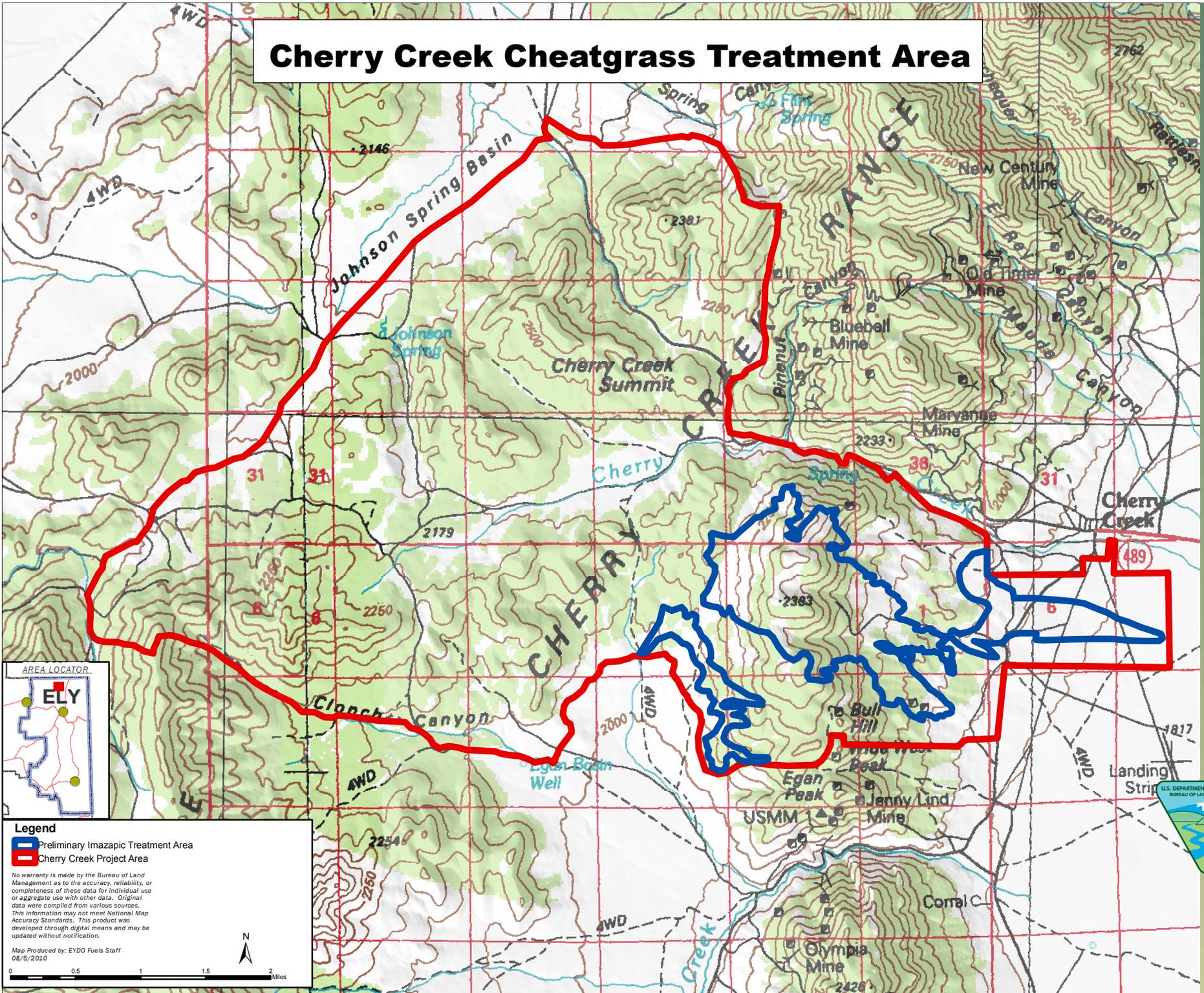
*/s/ Tye Petersen*

Tye Petersen  
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Attachement:  
Cherry Creek Cheatgrass Treatment Map

# Cherry Creek Cheatgrass Treatment Area

BLM



**Legend**

- ▭ Preliminary Imazapic Treatment Area
- ▭ Cherry Creek Project Area

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