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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
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Dear Interested Party,

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) has proposed the installation of five to ten water catchment devices (commonly referred to as "guzzlers"). These installations could be located within the following allotments: Bull Creek, Homecamp, Crooks Lake, Massacre Lakes, Nevada Cowhead, Horse Lake, Calcutta, Wall Canyon East, and Mosquito Valley.

According to information provided by NDOW:

- Guzzlers are metal structures built in suitable wildlife habitats to provide an additional source of water for wildlife of all types and sizes. The structure collects rainwater in a pond and stores it in tanks; the tanks then feed the water to a drinker that can be accessed by wildlife.
- These guzzlers will benefit wildlife including but not limited to: Greater sage-grouse, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, chukar, and other common sage-steppe species.
- These guzzlers will reduce competition for water between wildlife and livestock and wild horses along with increasing wildlife distribution across the landscape.
- Disturbance associated with each guzzler would be approximately .1 acres, with a pipe rail fence that would be constructed to exclude wild horse and livestock use.
- Each guzzler would have a 5,000 gallon capacity with a 2,000 square foot apron piped to a self leveling drinker.

This proposed action conforms to the 2008 Surprise Field Office Resource Management Plan, which states that the Surprise Field Office will "Coordinate with game agencies in maintenance and construction of wildlife guzzlers" (Surprise RMP Executive Summary page 12). The Surprise Field Office is responsible for the environmental assessment (EA) for this project and if approved, NDOW will be responsible for construction of the guzzlers.

The Surprise Field Office is initiating scoping for planning efforts which will review information and complete environmental documentation necessary for this project. As a first step in this process we are determining public interest and hereby requesting any related information you may have which is relevant to the proposed projects. Your information will be combined with NDOW and BLM information and will be used to identify resource concerns and to develop purpose and need

statements and alternatives for analysis. More information on guzzlers can be found at <http://www.ndow.org/wild/habitat/guzzler/> .

If you would like to be involved in this planning process or have information concerning this proposal please send it to:

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Your comments should be submitted by March 16, 2011 to insure consideration.  
If you are not interested in receiving information, or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact us at the above address or you may call Scott Soletti at (530) 279-6101.

Sincerely,



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Surprise Field Office Manager