

Request for Comments

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Lincoln County Water District Monitoring Sites USDA Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Ely Ranger District Lincoln and Nye Counties, Nevada

May 10, 2011

Project Description

Lincoln County Water District (LCWD) proposes to install 9 Stream Water Monitoring and/or precipitation data collection stations for the purpose of determining the Hydrographic Basin "basin-fill" data for Garden Valley. Tipping Bucket rain gauges, Chloride Samplers, Stream Stage Recorders, and Runoff Water Samplers would be installed to measure the water levels of various streams as well precipitation and water quality data. Each tipping bucket (TB) site would occupy about a 15 foot by 15 foot area. Each stream (STRM) site would occupy an area of about 15 foot by 20 foot. Approximately a 1 liter sample would be taken from each site and measured quarterly.

Information gathered from these sites would be used in future Lincoln County Water District Projects. Data would be shared with the Forest Service. The monitoring stations are intended for temporary use and a 5 year permit term has been requested.

Project Location

The Project Area is located southwest of Sunnyside, Nevada and encompasses various sites on the East side of the Grant and Quinn Canyon Ranges. The sites are located within Section 12, T2N, R56E, Section 4, T2N, R56E, Section 14, 16, 24, and 36, T3N, R56E, Sections 6, T3N, R57E, and Section 36, T4N, R56E. The majority of the sites are within Nye County, with 1 site in Lincoln County.

Why this Location?

LCWD proposed these sites based on their potential to affect the Garden Valley water basins.

The Decision to be Made

The decision to be made is whether or not to issue a Special Uses Permit to Lincoln County Water District to install all or part of the proposed data collection sites.

What We Have Learned So Far

- Some of the sites fall within Inventoried Roadless Area.

How We Will Figure Out What To Do

We will use these issues, the comments we receive and the results of archeological, vegetation and wildlife on-site surveys to determine the possible effects (positive and negative) of allowing installation of these monitoring sites.

How You Can Help Us Decide What To Do

We ask that you think about this proposal and let us know what you think. This comment/scoping period provides those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to any decision being made. Comments for this scoping period will be accepted through May 27, 2011.

We want to hear from you ...

If you would like more information on this proposal or would like to submit a comment contact:

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Public involvement in the NEPA process is essential. Scoping is performed as one of the first steps to receive input from interested individuals, organizations and government agencies including federal, state, and local agencies. We invite you to submit written comments stating your concerns and issues that are relevant to the proposed project. Comments received in response to this scoping document and from personal contacts will be considered during the analysis of this project

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Comment Form

We have provided this form for your convenience.

For your information: names and individuals commenting on Forest Service proposals may be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Here are my concerns, issues, and/or ideas about the Lincoln County Water District Monitoring Sites:

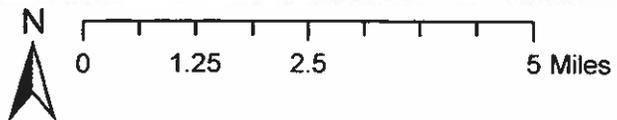
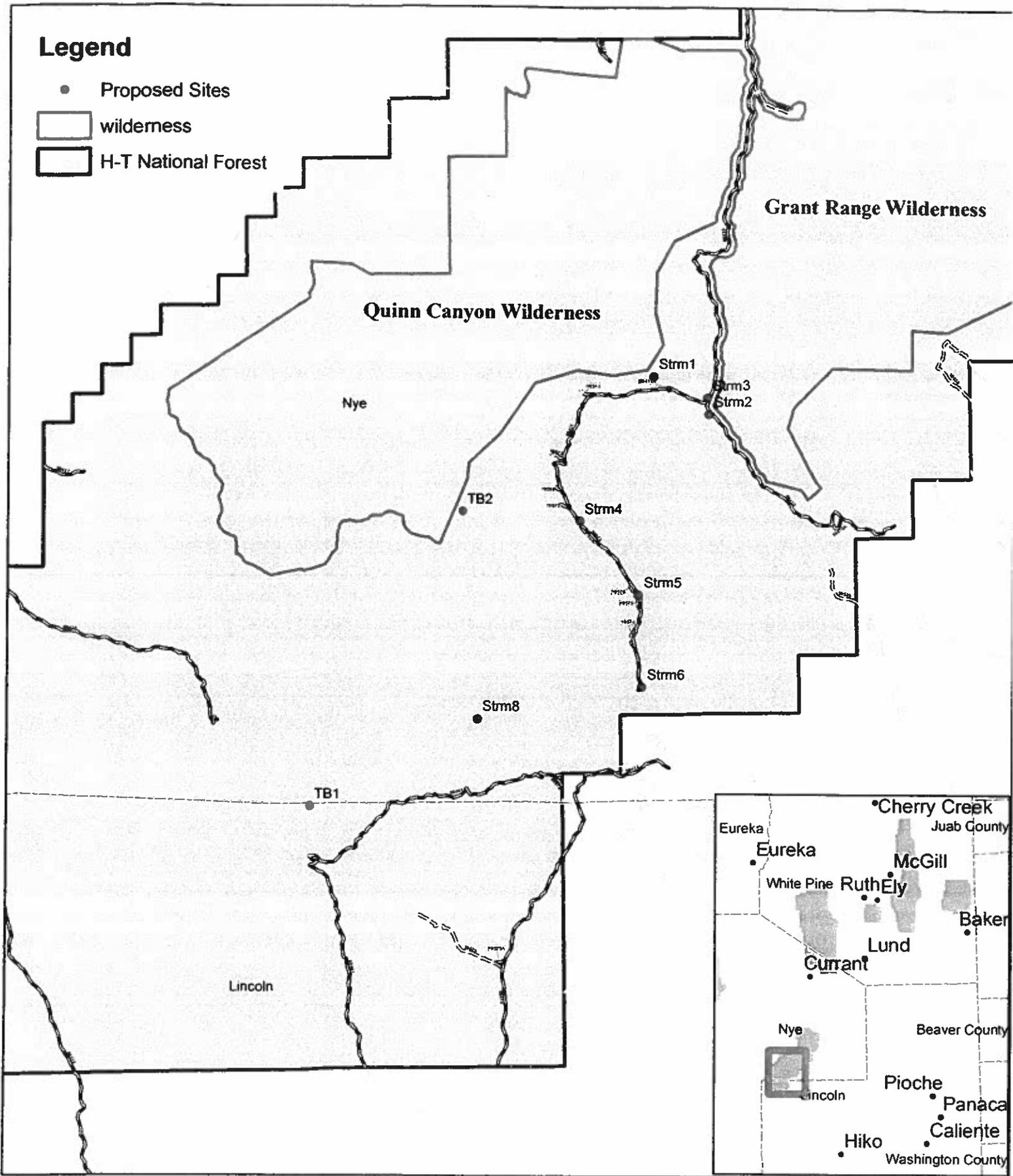
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**I have information about the area that may be helpful in the decision.
Feel free to contact me at _____.**

Please send me the final decision document.

I have no further interest in this proposal and do not want to receive further mailings.

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Project Areas:

- All Areas
- Ward Division
- N. Schells
- S. Schells
- Grant/Quinns
- White Pines