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Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Ely Ranger District
 825 Ave E
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In Reply Refer to:
 9210 (NVL0044)
 1950 (FS)
 June 25, 2011

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management, Ely District Office and the US Forest Service, Ely Ranger District are in the beginning planning stages and scoping period for a landscape restoration and fuels reduction project in the Ward Mountain area, south east of Ely, NV within White Pine County. Our records indicate that you are an interested party for projects in the proposed area.

Treatments would be implemented on and around Ward Mountain on both BLM and Forest Service administered lands as shown on the enclosed map. Approximately 64,000 acres of the 120,000 acre project area have been identified for treatment. Within the treatment areas, approximately 50 to 60% of the area would be treated. The primary goals of the treatments are to reduce ecological departure from the reference condition by reducing the Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC) and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire to the City of Ely and outlying residential areas. The majority of the project area is currently in a FRCC 2 and 3, which are moderately and highly departed, respectively. Reducing ecological departure from the historic reference condition has many benefits including improving habitat for wildlife including sage grouse, reducing fuel loading and restoring natural spring functions. Initial treatment areas were identified in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy in an ecological assessment produced for the BLM and FS.

Potential treatment methods may include:

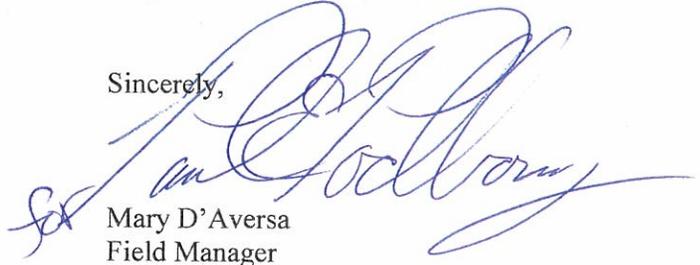
- Mechanical tree removal
- Tree thinning by hand
- Chaining
- Aspen restoration
- Mowing
- Prescribed Fire
- Noxious weed control using herbicides
- Tebuthiuron treatment of sagebrush, pinyon and juniper
- Seeding treatment areas
- Temporary fencing of treatment areas

Please respond in writing by July 25, 2011 Ely Ranger District 825 Ave E Ely NV 89301 Attn: Carol Carlock if: (1) you would like to submit comments on the goals of these projects or to suggest treatment options; or (2) you would like to remain on the mailing list to continue participating in the planning process.

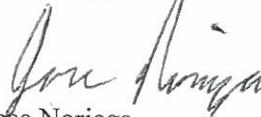
Please contact Cody Coombs, BLM Fuels Program Manager at 775-289-1854 or Carol Carlock, Forest Service Central Nevada Zone Fuels Specialist at 775-289-5128 with any further questions.

Please note if you do not respond by the date above, you will not receive further mailings about these projects. However, all projects and their planning status are posted on the Ely District Office's website at the address listed in the letterhead.

Sincerely,

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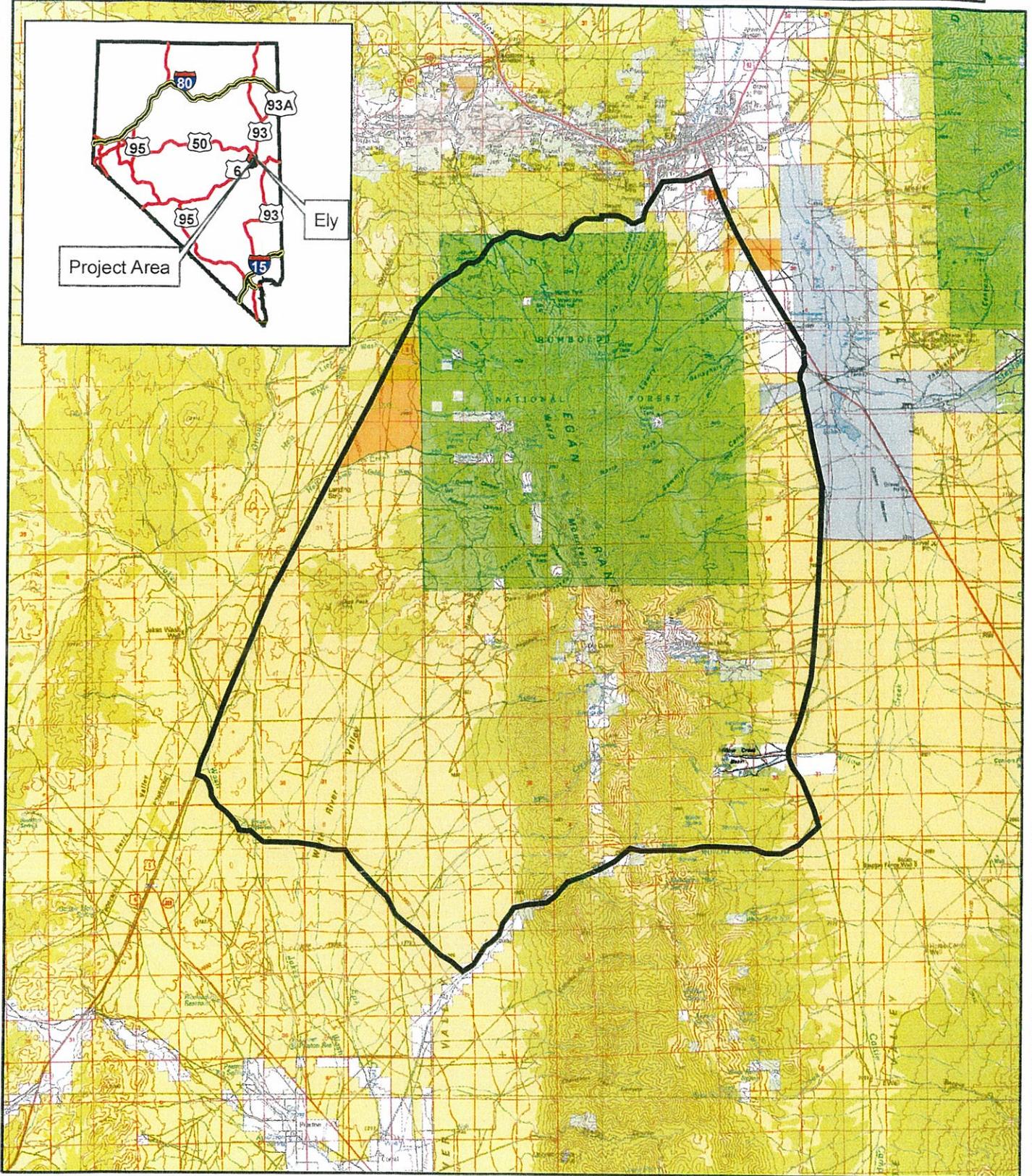
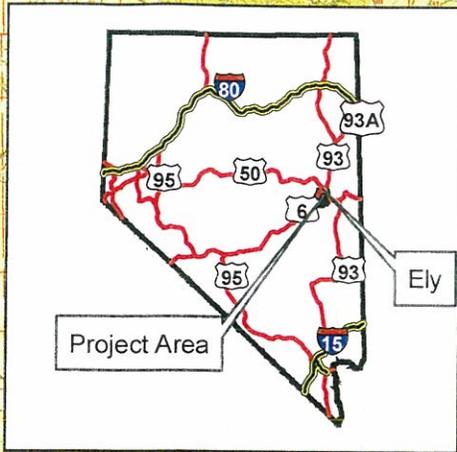
Mary D'Aversa
Field Manager
Schell Field Office

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Jose Noriega
District Ranger
Ely Ranger District

Enclosure: Map of Proposed Treatment Areas

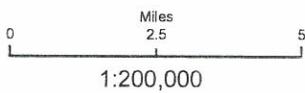
Ward Mountain Restoration



Legend

- PROJECT AREA BOUNDARY
- BLM
- USFS
- TRIBAL
- STATE
- PRIVATE

Project Center (Lat/Lon): 39.11 X 114.95
(NAD 1983, Conus) Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian



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and
Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office



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