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Dear Sir or Madam:

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Front Field Office is seeking public input regarding the congressionally mandated conveyance of certain public lands to Carson City. This letter summarizes information on the lands conveyance and effects to historic properties.

A public meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2011 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the BLM-Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road in Carson City. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to give input on issues and concerns to consider when resolving effects to historic properties. Written comments may be submitted until November 4, 2011.

### Undertaking

The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 requires the BLM to convey certain federal lands, totaling 5,452 acres, to Carson City. The 3,604 acres referred to as the Silver Saddle Ranch/Prison Hill/Carson River lands will be managed under a perpetual conservation easement that was signed in 2010. The conservation easement requires that these lands be reserved for undeveloped open space, passive recreation, customary agricultural practices and wildlife protection. The remaining lands (1,848 acres) must be used for parks and public purposes.

### Area of Potential Effect and Identification of Historic Properties

The BLM defines the area of potential effect as the 5,452 acres of public land identified for conveyance to Carson City. Approximately 90 percent of the Silver Saddle/Prison Hill/Carson River conveyance lands and 60 percent of the "Parks and Public Purposes" conveyance lands have been surveyed for cultural resources. The BLM has determined that this is not sufficient to allow for full identification of historic properties at this time.

## Assessment of Adverse Effect and Plan for Resolution of Adverse Effect

Without additional restrictions, conveyance of these lands out of federal control would constitute an adverse effect to historic properties. BLM and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concur that adverse effects would be resolved through a Programmatic Agreement. The agreement would be signed by BLM, Carson City, and SHPO, and would define the terms and conditions agreed upon to identify and evaluate historic properties, and to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects. Additional parties to the agreement may be identified during the public involvement and tribal consultation processes.

### Summary

Federal law requires that BLM convey certain federal lands to Carson City. This conveyance would constitute an adverse effect to historic properties, which would be resolved through a Programmatic Agreement. The BLM is requesting public input on issues and concerns to consider when resolving effects to historic properties. Written comments will be accepted through November 4, 2011, and should be addressed to Rachel Crews, Archaeologist, BLM-Sierra Front Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, or e-mailed to Rachel\_Crews@blm.gov.

Sincerely,



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