

# Request for Comments

**Ely Ranger District Wilderness Management Plan  
USDA Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest  
Ely Ranger District  
White Pine and Nye Counties**

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**March 8, 2012**

## **Why we are proposing this project**

The Ely Ranger District is preparing a district-wide Wilderness Management Plan to address current and future management actions on the districts 9 Wilderness Areas. We are also coordinating with the Ely BLM Field Office on the Mt. Moriah Wilderness. This will allow us to appropriately manage these wilderness areas to protect wilderness resources and provide for primitive recreation opportunities.

## **What we propose to do**

The District proposes to produce a Wilderness Management Plan to guide management actions in the districts wilderness areas. We propose to address group size, trails and trailheads, campsites within Wilderness, rehabilitation of user created routes within Wilderness, signs and information boards, treatment options for invasive and non-native species, vegetation management as well as other issues identified by the public and interdisciplinary coordination.

## **Where we propose to do this**

The project is located on the Ely Ranger District encompassing the nine Wilderness Areas on the District: Mt. Moriah (both USFS and BLM portions), High Schells, Currant Mountain, Bald Mountain, Shellback, White Pine Range, Red Mountain, Quinn Canyon, and the Grant Range Wilderness Areas. The attached map shows the location of these areas.

## **How we will figure out what to do**

We will use issues identified from public input and interdisciplinary coordination to guide the Wilderness Planning process. We will produce a Plan and an Environmental Assessment that will amend the Humboldt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

## **How you can help us decide what to do**

We ask that you think about potential issues in the listed Wilderness Areas and provide us with constructive input. Examples are: What areas are appropriate for trails and developed trail heads or signs? What areas should or should not have campsites? What are appropriate group sizes, both people and stock, to protect opportunities for solitude? The USFS and BLM will be conducting public meetings throughout the process in local communities. These meeting times and places will be posted in advance of the actual meetings through the local media and on public notice boards.

**The decision to be made**

We will make decisions on identified issues to manage the districts Wilderness Areas. It is likely that we will limit group sizes, determine areas that are suitable for trails, determine routes that are suitable as trails and those to be obliterated, identify number of campsites for specific areas, as well as other issues raised by the public and the interdisciplinary team.

We plan to complete an environmental assessment and plan for public comment in advance of the final plan.

**Please provide comments by April 16th, 2012.**

**We want to hear from you ...**

If you would like more information, write or call:

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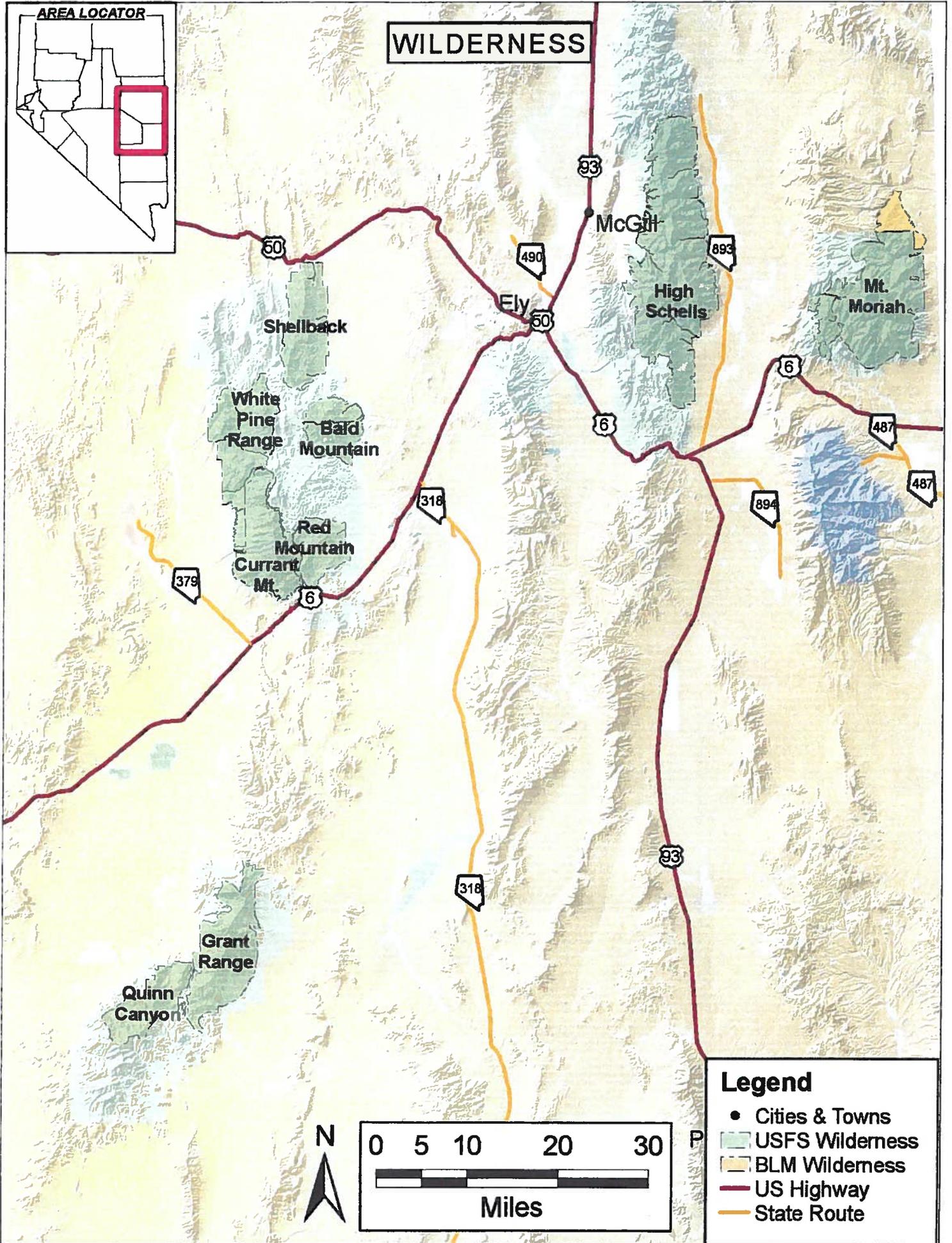
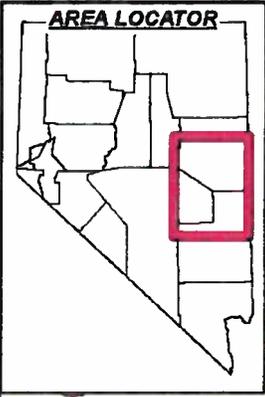
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# WILDERNESS



## Legend

- Cities & Towns
- USFS Wilderness
- BLM Wilderness
- US Highway
- State Route

