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Dear Interested Party:

The Caliente Field Office (CFO) of the Ely District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public input for the potential development of multiple use, non-motorized recreation trails on BLM-managed public lands in Lincoln County, Nevada. We are seeing an increased desire for these types of recreation in Lincoln County and are scoping the potential for uses such as hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. These trails could range in experience level from easy to difficult. The BLM is inviting the public to partner with us and to participate fully in the planning process. Depending on the public response, BLM may seek to partner with various organizations for funding and implementation.

In conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a preliminary environmental assessment (EA) will be conducted. All comments received in response to this preliminary letter will be considered in the development of the proposed action for the EA. Informal public meetings will be held to facilitate further discussion following receipt of initial comments. Once a proposed action and reasonable alternatives are defined through a collaborative public process, we will compose the EA which will be subject to public review.

If you have comments, concerns, or ideas to share, and would like to be added to the list of interested publics, please contact Melissa Buzzard, Recreation Technician at (775) 726-8100, mbuzzard@blm.gov, or by mail to Bureau of Land Management, Caliente Field Office, Attention Melissa Buzzard, P. O. Box 237, Caliente, NV 89008. Correspondence with our office should include "Lincoln County Trails Project" in the subject. We would appreciate initial comments by **June 21, 2012**, if possible. We anticipate holding a public meeting in July to further develop public comments. We will notify you, if you wish, of the meeting date after June 21. If you do not wish to participate in this project, please send a written request to remove your name from this project's mailing list. We look forward to working with you as we begin this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Victoria Barr
Field Manager
Caliente Field Office