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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public input as it initiates the environmental analysis (EA) process for the reclamation, cultivation, and irrigation of approximately 2,400 acres of public land. The proposed project areas are located in Silver State Valley, Orovada, and near Kings River Valley, as described below. All lands are within Humboldt County, Nevada (see enclosed map).

### Silver State Valley

T. 38 N., R. 36 E., sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Orovada

T. 42 N., R. 37 E.,  
Sec. 5, lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 6, lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

### Kings River Valley

T. 43 N., R. 31 E., sec. 5, lots 1, 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 44 N., R. 31 E., Sec. 20, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
Sec. 32, E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

This project will evaluate applications submitted by three different agricultural operations for Desert Land Entries (DLEs), the purpose of which is "to encourage and promote the reclamation, by irrigation, of the arid and semiarid public lands of the Western States through individual effort and private capital..." If approved, the applicants would have four years from the date of the entry within which to comply with the requirements of the law as to reclamation and cultivation of the land. If cultivation is completed and approved, the land would be patented to the applicants, therefore, removing it from federal ownership.

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1500, for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the BLM will be preparing an EA of the proposed project. This analysis will disclose the environmental impacts expected to occur should the project be implemented. The BLM is seeking your input in identifying issues and concerns or applicable knowledge to assist us with the NEPA process.

The public is invited to submit comments on the proposal within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please send written comments to John McCann, project lead, at the above address or e-mail wfoweb@blm.gov with "Desert Land Entries (McCann)" in the subject line. This letter and map are also available on our NEPA webpage at [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm\\_information/nepa0.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html).

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters will be available for public review at the BLM Winnemucca District office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment --including personal identifying information --may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

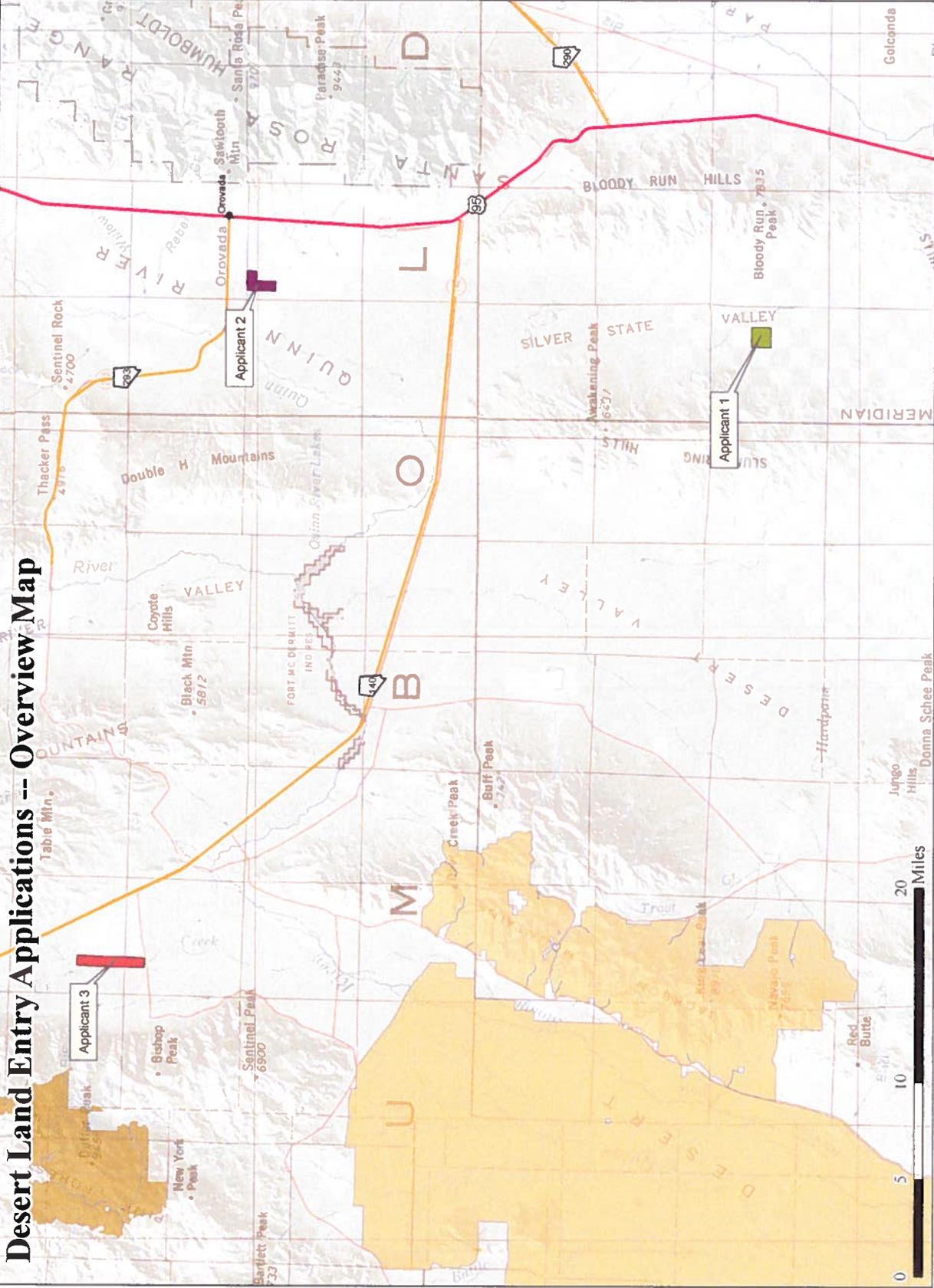
If you have any questions, please contact John McCann at (775) 623-1763 or at the above address.



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Enclosures

# Desert Land Entry Applications -- Overview Map



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### Legend

- Applicant 1
- Applicant 2
- Applicant 3

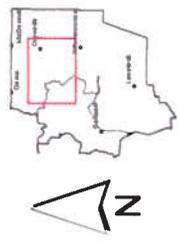
### NDOT Roads

- US Highway
- State Route

### Land Status

- BIA
- BLM
- FE
- PVT
- BLM Wilderness
- BLM W/PA

Quad Name, NV  
 USGS 24k Quadrangles



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