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Dear Interested Public:

A preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Overland Pass Habitat Improvement Project has been completed and is available for your review and comment. The project is located on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Egan Field Office and on National Forest System Land administered by the United States Forest Service (USFS), Ruby Mountains Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The project is located in both White Pine and Elko Counties, Nevada. The Project Area encompasses approximately 45,200 acres and ten treatment units.

A copy of the EA and additional information regarding this proposed project can be obtained from:

BLM Egan Field Office
702 N Industrial Way
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, Nevada 89301
(775) 289-1800

Ruby Mountains Ranger District
140 Pacific Avenue
Wells, NV 89835
(775) 752-3357

Mountain City Ranger District
2035 Last Chance Road
Elko, NV 89801
(775) 738-5171

Project information is also available on-line at the BLM or USFS website at the following addresses:

https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do.

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36593

To navigate to the BLM project webpage (from the link above), scroll down to select "Nevada" in the "State(s)" list, this will populate the "Office(s)" list, select "NV-Egan FO." Under "Fiscal Year(s)," select "2011" and then click the "Search" button on the right of the screen. This should take you to a list of projects, find and select this project (DOI-BLM-NV-L020-2011-0036-EA) to display the project webpage. Navigate through the project webpage using the links on the left. The Preliminary EA can be found under "Documents."

If you have requested hard copies previously for this project, the EA is included with this letter.

The BLM and USFS are both providing the public a 30-day comment period on the EA. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be

accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of the legal notice for this project in the Elko Daily Free Press. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or time frame information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to:

Jill Moore
BLM Egan Field Office
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, NV 89301

Wendy Fuell
Mountain City Ranger District
2035 Last Chance Road
Elko, NV 89801

You can also hand-deliver your comments during normal business hours to either office listed above. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to this email address:

comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-mtncity@fs.fed.us

In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

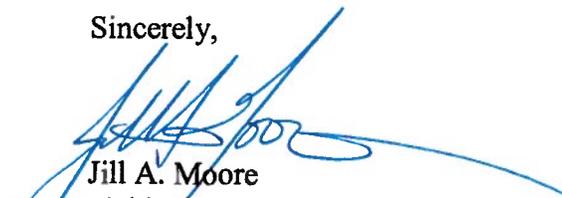
Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection and will be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Forest Service Objection Process

The Forest Service portion of this project is subject to a pre-decisional objection process as specified in 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection under §218. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to the Forest Service action and object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts (a) and (b).

Thank you for your interest in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Cody Coombs, Hazardous Fuels Program Manager at (775) 289-1854.

Sincerely,



Jill A. Moore
Field Manager
Egan Field Office