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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION LANDS IN WILDERNESS

STATE: Nevada

COUNTIES: Lincoln, Nye and White Pine

FIELD OFFICE(S): Caliente, Egan and Schell

WILDERNESS AREAS:

Becky Peak	Government Peak	South Egan Range
Big Rocks	Highland Ridge	South Pahroc Range
Bristlecone	Meadow Valley Range	Tunnel Spring
Clover Mountains	Mormon Mountains	Weepah Spring
Delamar Mountains	Mount Grafton	White Rock Range
Far South Egans	Mt. Irish	Worthington Mountains
Fortification Range	Mt. Moriah	
Goshute Canyon	Parsnip Peak	

PROPOSED ACTION: Ely District Cave Management Plan

Description of the Proposed Action

The Ely District is proposing to develop a Cave Management Plan to provide current and thorough guidance for cave management while protecting cave resources. This plan will provide for recreational caving and other legitimate resource uses while maintaining consistency with management objectives. The previous plan, written in 1986, needs to be revised to address the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 and the management direction for issues such as: White-nose Syndrome response and monitoring, current recreational use, restoration, and safety standards. This districtwide Cave Management Plan would apply to known and, as yet undiscovered, caves both internal and external to designated wilderness. It is anticipated that a few site-specific actions will be proposed under this plan as site-specific cave plans will be developed in the coming years.

Provide your comments on this proposed action to Emily Simpson, Wilderness Planner, at esimpson@blm.gov, or in writing to address above. If you do not have comments at this time, but wish

to be notified when the EA is available for review, please respond to Emily Simpson via email to be included on future mailings regarding this topic.

The 30-day scoping period concludes Thursday, March 19, 2015.



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Date