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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tuscarora Field Office (TFO) is working in conjunction with University of Nevada Reno to implement an experimental study plot for *Pseudomonas fluorescens* strain D7 (PFD7), a naturally occurring weed suppressive bacterium, for the treatment of annual grasses. The plot is located in Township 40 North, Range 47 East, Section 33 which is approximately 50 miles northwest of Carlin, Nevada in Elko County. Enclosed is a figure illustrating the general location of the project.

The proposed action consists of temporarily fencing one 15 acre test plot and performing the following treatment: PFD7 applied directly to the soil as a spray solution, PFD7 coated on the seed and drilled into the soil, spray application of two pre-emergent herbicides (imazapic and chlorsulfuron + metsulfuron), drill seeding of non-coated seeds, and a control. All herbicide and PFD7 applications will be ground based. A fuel break may surround the test plot to protect the area from wildland fire. Cultural assessments shall be performed prior to ground disturbing activities such as drill seeding, creation of fuel breaks, and fence construction. Project implementation is expected fall 2016 for a minimum duration of four years, but will likely extend up to ten years.

This project is site specific, rather than programmatic in scope, with no anticipated significant environmental impacts and will be analyzed in an environmental assessment (EA) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and BLM policy.

The TFO invites interested parties to submit comments and any information or data that may be applicable to the proposed action that interested parties would like to see considered. Comments and/or information may be mailed to the above address, faxed to (775) 753-0255 (Attention: Samantha Cisney), or e-mailed to [scisney@blm.gov](mailto:scisney@blm.gov). All comments, data, and other information must be received in this office by **April 4, 2015**.

If you have any questions please call Samantha Cisney, Natural Resource Specialist (Weeds), at (775) 753-0372 or Melanie Peterson, Acting Field Manager, Tuscarora Field Office, at (775) 753-0210.

Sincerely,

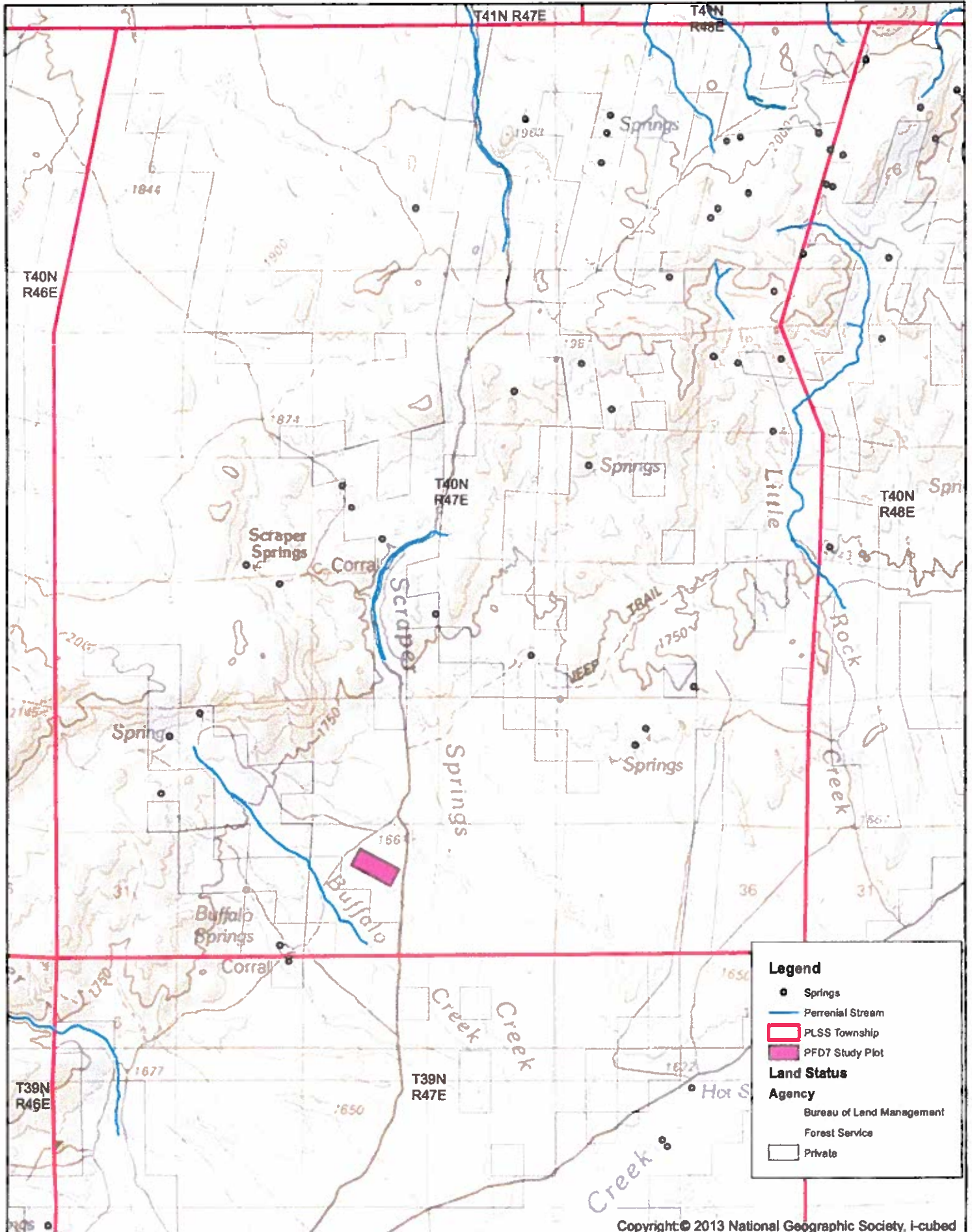


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Enclosures

cc: Ellison Ranching Co.  
Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.      Attn: Bob Brock  
Oro Vaca Inc.  
Squaw Valley Ranch, LLC  
Chambers Law Office, PC      Attn: Phil Chambers  
Congressman Mark Amodei      Attn: Meghan Brown, Rural Representative  
Elko County Board of County Commissioners  
Eureka County Department of Natural Resources  
Gregg Simonds  
Kathy Gregg  
Natural Resources Management Advisory Commission      Attn: Mr. Scott R Brown  
Nevada Cattlemen's Association  
Nevada Department of Agriculture, Robert Little, Plant Industry Administrator  
Nevada Department of Wildlife      Attn: Steve Foree  
Nevada State Clearing House Department of Administration  
Resource Concepts, Inc.      Attn: John L. McLain  
Sustainable Grazing Coalition      Attn: Richard A Orr  
Tamzen K. Stringham Department of Ag Nutrition & Vet Science/UNR/202  
U.S. Senator Harry Reid      Attn: Rural Representative  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service      Attn: Edward D Koch  
U.S. Senator Dean Heller      Attn: Ashley Carrigan, Rural Representative  
USFS Mountain City Ranger District      Attn: District Ranger  
Western Watersheds Project      Attn: Ken Cole  
Wildlands Defense      Attn: Katie Fite  
Y2 Consultants      Attn: Brenda Younkin

# PFD7 Plot Location, Tuscarora Field Office T40N, R47E, Section 33



Legend	
●	Springs
—	Perennial Stream
—	PLSS Township
■	PFD7 Study Plot
Land Status	
■	Agency
■	Bureau of Land Management
■	Forest Service
□	Private

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