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NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED ACTION LANDS OF THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

Rainbow Mountain Wilderness Area

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to conduct restoration activities in the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness Area. The BLM proposes to address the extensive visitor-worn hiking path network within the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness. The appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Minimum Requirement Decision Guide (MRDG) documentation would be conducted for any proposed action.

Background

The Rainbow Mountain Wilderness is located within the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (Red Rock). Red Rock is a popular destination for hiking and rock climbing. The scenic loop at Red Rock received approximately 2 million visitors in 2019. High visitor use has led to widespread visitor-worn hiking paths. Currently, approximately 21 miles of visitor-worn hiking paths have been identified within Red Rock, primarily within the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness. These visitor-worn hiking paths lead to popular recreational sites and receive regular use.

Purpose of the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to protect wilderness character in the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness. Any proposed action would aim to improve the natural quality of wilderness character. Additionally, any proposed action would not limit recreational access to popular areas in the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness.

Proposed Action

The proposed action is to address the extensive visitor-worn hiking path network within the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness. The proposed action may involve active restoration on some or all of the visitor-worn hiking paths. The primary technique for any rehabilitation would be vertical mulching, replacing displaced soil and rock, recreating area slope consistency, and utilizing surrounding natural materials. For all potential work, staging areas would be outside of the wilderness boundary and on previously disturbed areas. The BLM would have a 12-person limit for each working area including staff and volunteers. No motorized or mechanized travel or use of motorized equipment would be considered. All work would rely on traditional skills and

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hand tools only. Temporary limited signage may be placed to inform visitors that restoration is underway.

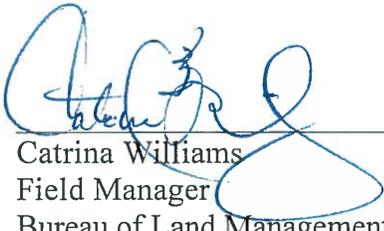
Location of the Proposed Action

Rainbow Mountain Wilderness at: First Creek Canyon, Oak Creek Canyon, Pine Creek Canyon, Juniper Canyon, and Icebox Canyon.

How to Comment

Please submit comments to the Field Manager for consideration and use in evaluating and processing the proposed action at the address below. Alternatively, comments may be sent to bgard@blm.gov. All comments must be received within thirty (30) calendar days from the date stamp on this letter. NEPA and MRDG processes would be conducted for these activities and a decision on the proposed action is anticipated for fall of 2020. If approved, the project would be implemented between the fall of 2020 and spring of 2021. If you have any questions regarding this notification please contact Braydon Gaard, Wilderness Specialist at 702-515-5087.

Sincerely,

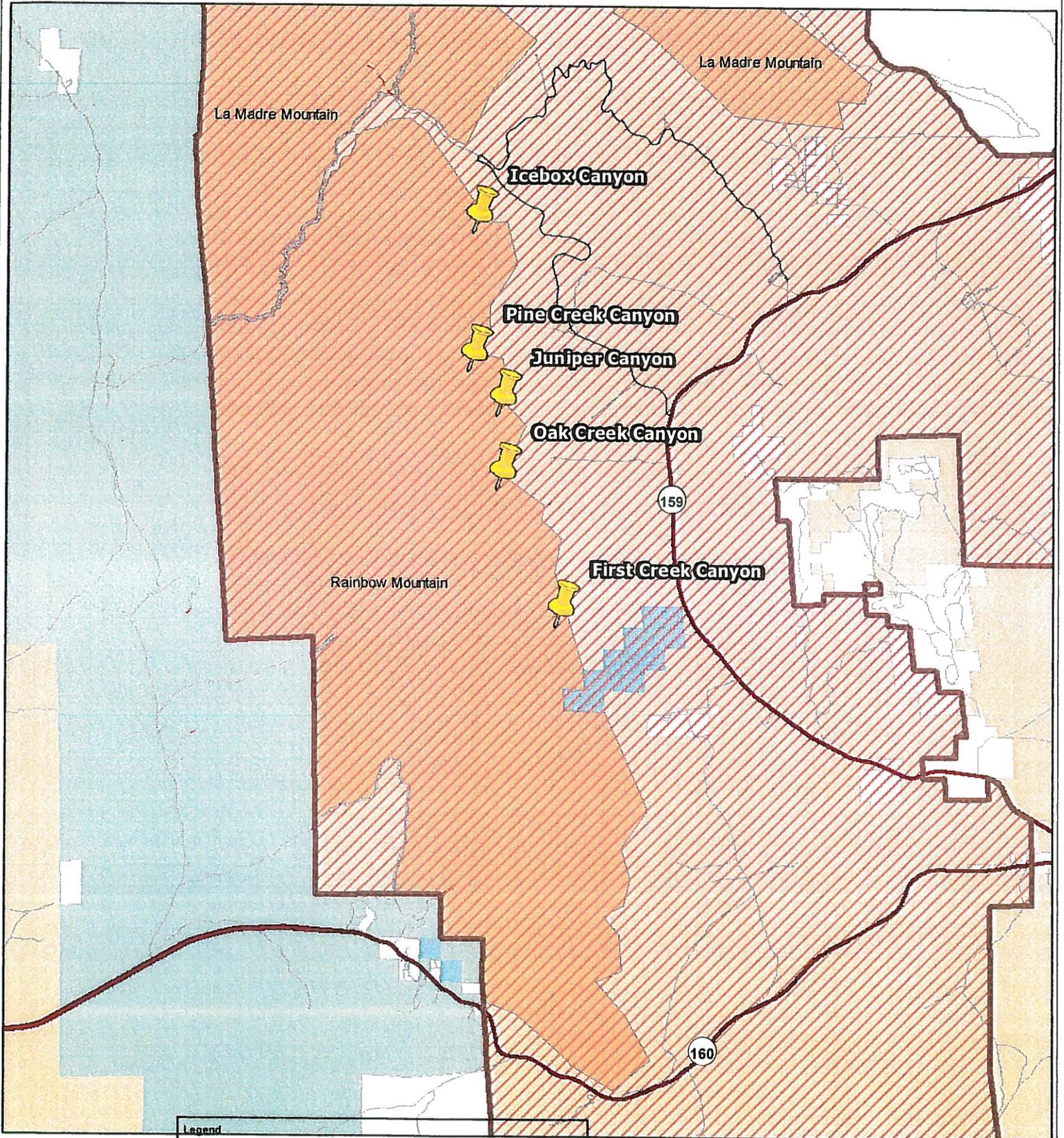


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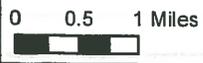
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Rainbow Mountain Wilderness



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	SNDO Land Status		Nevada State
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	Forest Service		
	SNDO Field Office		
	SNDO National Conservation Area		
	BLM Wilderness		



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