



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Owyhee Field Office
20 First Avenue West
Marsing, Idaho 83639



In Reply Refer To: 4160

March 30, 2009

Dear Permittee/Interested Public:

Enclosed is the Owyhee Field Office's Scoping Document for Environmental Assessment (EA) #DOI-BLM-ID-130-2008-312-EA, "*Renewal of Grazing Permit(s) for Fossil Butte, Sinker Butte, Montini Fenced Federal Range (FFR), Con Shea, Joyce FFR and Murphy FFR Allotments.*"

This Scoping Document is being made available for 30-day comment and review to the affected grazing permittees and interested publics of record for the allotments listed above. Written comments should be received at the office of the Authorized Officer by April 30, 2009. Comments need to be addressed to:

**Bureau of Land Management
Buddy W. Green - Owyhee Field Office Manager
20 First Avenue West
Marsing, Idaho 83639**

Comments sent electronically should be sent to Field Office Manager Buddy Green (buddy_green@blm.gov) with the title of this project in the subject line.

Once the comment period has expired, BLM will compile, review, and consider all comments received regarding the livestock grazing management actions outlined in the Scoping Document. After consideration of the comments received, the EA will be finalized and an alternative will be selected. Proposed Grazing Decisions will then be issued that offer new ten year grazing permit(s) along with the prescribed grazing management and facilities to achieve the Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health (Attached).

If you have any questions regarding this Scoping Document or any other issue(s) associated with this mailing, please contact Raul Trevino, Rangeland Management Specialist at (208) 896-5915 or myself at (208) 896-5913. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Buddy W. Green
Field Manager
Owyhee Field Office

Enclosures:

- Scoping Document for Environmental Assessment # DOI-BLM-ID-130-2008-312-EA, "*Renewal of Grazing Permit(s) for Fossil Butte, Sinker Butte, Montini Fenced Federal Range (FFR), Con Shea, Joyce FFR and Murphy FFR Allotments.*"
- Allotment Maps
- Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health
- Mailing List