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Dear Interested Parties:

This is to notify you that the BLM Shoshone Field Office has prepared a pre-decisional draft Environmental Analysis (EA) to analyze the environmental effects and document the findings of a proposal by the Bureau of Land Management. The type of Action is grazing permit renewal in the Lava Pot Allotment. Based on the mandates of several authorities, the purpose of the action is to continue authorizing livestock grazing use in the allotment, consistent with the laws and regulations governing the activity. The underlying need for the Proposed Action is to incorporate Idaho Rangeland Health Standards into the management of the allotment. Another need is to move the existing condition of specific resources in the allotment towards meeting or making significant progress towards meeting the Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health and to ensure that resources which currently meet the standard continue to maintain rangeland health standards.

A pre-decisional version of the Lava Pot Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal EA can be found at the following website: <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/info/nepa.html>. For a hardcopy of the document please contact the BLM Shoshone Field Office.

In order for your comments to be considered during the decision making process, they must be received at the Shoshone Field Office at 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352, 30 days from the receipt of this letter or October 29, 2007. Once we review public comments we will consider them as we finalize the EA and prepare our decision. The next step will be for the BLM to make a final decision on the proposal.

For further information please contact Joanna Tjaden, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (208) 732-7292 or joanna_tjaden@blm.gov. Please refer to the Lava Pot Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal in all contacts with our office concerning this EA.

Sincerely,
/s/ Lori A. Armstrong

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