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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your consideration is the Proposed Alpine County Resource Management Plan Amendment/ Environmental Assessment for management of public lands within Alpine County, California. The Proposed ACRMP is open for a 30-day review and protest period beginning on June 18, 2007. This review and protest period will end on July 18, 2007.

The Proposed ACRMP Amendment and Environmental Analysis was prepared by the Bureau of Land Management-Carson City Field Office in consultation with Alpine County, South Tahoe Public Utility District, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, US Forest Service Carson Ranger District, and BLM state offices in Nevada and California, and interested private individuals. The Decision Record (DR) will be prepared following the 30-day review and protest period. The DR will document the Responsible Official's decisions regarding the land use changes proposed in this amendment.

You are invited to attend a public presentation of the Proposed ACRMP Amendment that will coincide with the July 3, 2007, Alpine County Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Alpine County Administration Building, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, California.

Upon resolution of any protests, a Final RMPA/DR will be issued. The approved Final Plan will be mailed to all who participated in the planning process. It will also be available to all parties through the Carson City Field Office website http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html or by mail upon request.

Sincerely,

Donald T. Hicks

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Protest Procedures

Any person who participated in the planning process for this Proposed RMP Amendment, and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected, may protest approval of this plan and the land use planning decisions contained within it during this 30-day period (refer to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1610.5-2). Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process leading to the Proposed RMP Amendment may protest. The protesting party may raise only those issues submitted for the record during the planning process leading up to the publication of this current document. These issues may have been raised by the protesting party or others. New issues may not be brought into the record at the protest stage. Protests must be filed with the BLM Director in writing at either of the following addresses:

Regular mail:
Director (210)
Attention—Brenda Williams
P.O. Box 66538
Washington, DC 20035

Overnight mail:
Director (210)
Attention—Brenda Williams
1620 L Street, NW, Suite 1075
Washington, DC 20036

E-mailed and telefaxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail, postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the E-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such advance notification, please direct these advance copies as follows:

E-mail:
Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov

Faxes:
(202) 452-5112 (Attn: BLM Protest Coordinator)

IMPORTANT: In accordance with 43 CFR 1610.5-2, the protest must contain the information described in the following checklist.

- **The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest.**
- **The "interest" of the person filing the protest (how will you be adversely affected by the approval or amendment of the resource management plan?).**
- **A statement of the part(s) of the Proposed RMP and the issue(s) being protested. (To the extent possible, this should reference specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, or maps that are believed to be incorrect or incomplete.)**
- **A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) that the protesting party submitted during the planning process OR a statement of the date they were discussed for the record.**
- **A concise statement explaining why the protestor believes the BLM State Director's proposed decision is incorrect.**

All of these elements are critical parts of your protest. Take care to document all relevant facts. As much as possible, reference or cite the planning documents or available planning records (e.g., meeting minutes or summaries, correspondence). The BLM Director will make every attempt to promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the BLM Director will be the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

The BLM's practice is to make protests, including the names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying identification in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.