Dear Keyesville Public Lands User:

The Bakersfield Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is continuing to conduct a series of public workshops to discuss the management of public lands in the area near Keyesville, California. On September 6th, we met to discuss the Dam Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)—the portion of Keyesville Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) generally along the Kern River, between 100 yards from the river in Keyesville South to Keyesville Road and Pearl Harbor Drive in Keyesville North. The workshop was attended by 19 members of the public and included members of Backcountry Horsemen, Stewards of the Sequoia, Bakersfield Trailblazers, Southern Sierra Flat Tire Association, Keepers of the Kern, Lost Dutchman Mining Association, the Kern Valley and Monache Intertribal Native American councils, private property owners, and general recreational users.

The workshop included discussion of a wide variety of topics, with emphasis in particular on ways of effectively managing camping and camping associated impacts within the Dam RMZ, the protection of pre-historic sites, the need for effective communication with and education of the visiting public, and options for the nature of the recreational mining permit called for in the in the upcoming Bakersfield Resource Management Plan (RMP). Notes from the meeting are available on the Keyesville Planning webpage, which can be accessed online via the link below.

We would like to invite you to the next workshop in the series, which will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 am to 1:30pm at the Kern River Valley Veterans/ Senior Center in Lake Isabella (6405 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240). The workshop will focus on the Gold Fever RMZ, which contains a significant portion of the trails and historic features in the Keyesville SRMA. Like the Wallow Rock RMZ workshop, this one will start indoors with a summary of management direction from the upcoming Bakersfield RMP, continue with time for public comments and questions on management in the area, and conclude with a trip to visit key sites in the field. We will be looking forward to more of what continues to be an extremely constructive dialogue on the challenges and opportunities that occur in the area and the management solutions that might be used to address them.

Note that if you have been unable to attend previous meetings and would like more information, a variety of resources, including summaries of the results of all previous meetings, maps of Keyesville and Keyesville RMZs, and background on the planning process can be found online at:

www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bakersfield/Programs/Recreation_opportunities/Keyesville_SRMA.html

If you are not interested in receiving notices or results of our Keyesville workshops, please contact Harrison Friedman by mail at this address, by phone at (661) 391-6186, or by email at hfriedman@blm.gov. Questions or comments may be submitted using that same contact information. Thank you for your continued interest in Keyesville!

Sincerely,

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