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In reply refer to: 1610-5.G.1.4

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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is pleased to present the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA) and the approved North McCullough Wilderness Management Plan. This RMP provides a framework for the future management direction and appropriate use of the NCA and the North McCullough Wilderness located in Clark County, Nevada.

The RMP is the result of an extensive collaboration effort among State, tribal, and local governments, other federal agencies, organizations, and members of the public. The ROD contains both land use planning decisions and implementing decisions to provide planning structure to facilitate the management of the Sloan Canyon NCA.

A 30-day protest period was provided on the land use plan decisions contained in the Proposed RMP/ FEIS in accordance with 43 CFR 1610.5-2. BLM received four protest letters. After careful consideration of all points raised in those protests, the BLM Director concluded that the responsible planning team and decision makers followed all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and pertinent resource considerations in developing the proposed plan. In addition, the Governor of Nevada was provided a formal 60-day review period to determine if the proposed plan conformed to existing state plans. No inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies, or programs were identified during the Governor's consistency review of the Proposed RMP/FEIS. As a result of these reviews, only minor editorial modifications were made in preparing the ROD.

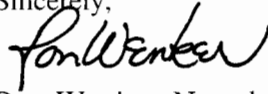
The ROD is the final decision for the land use plan decisions described in the RMP and becomes effective on the date the ROD is signed. Any substantial change to the RMP can only be made through a plan amendment process with full public involvement and notification, in accordance with BLM regulations 43 CFR 1610.5-5.

Public involvement with the management of the Sloan Canyon NCA does not end with the RMP. Beginning immediately and in the coming years, more specific plans to implement the decisions

of the RMP, such as the trails plan and interpretive plan, will be prepared and public involvement in that planning will be welcomed.

If you would like more information, please send your requests to Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Wenker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "W".

Ron Wenker, Nevada State Director
Bureau of Land Management