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ELY DISTRICT – August 17, 2017

From: Ely Associate District Manager – Jared Bybee

Follow Up On Previous Week Meetings and Trainings:

- Aug 15 – DM Herder attended SNPLMA ENLRP Sub-Group meeting in Ely
- Aug 18 - 19 Prison trained wild horses demonstration and adoption at the White Pine County Fair

EXTERNAL Meetings and Trainings Scheduled for the Upcoming Week (Aug 21 - Aug 25):

- Aug 21 - LC Commissioner
- Aug 22 - City of Ely Tourism board
- Aug 23 - White Pine County Commission
- Aug 24 & 25 – Meet with FWS re Cave Valley Ranch CCA

EXTERNAL Meetings and Trainings Scheduled for the Following Week (Aug 28 - Sep 1):

- Aug 28 - 30-day public comment period for the Egan and Johnson Basin Restoration Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment closes.
- Aug 29 – Demolition of the Pony Springs Pole Barn structure begins
- Aug 31 - LC Trails interagency planning meeting, Caliente
- Aug 29 & 30 - D2 eplanning training in Ely

Other High Level Events Scheduled for the Next Month:

- Sep 2-4 - Labor Day booth in Pioche, NV
- Sep 30 - National Public Lands Day Event in Lund, NV
- Sep 23 - Wild Bunch MC Race

Other District/Division Topics:

- Schedule – DM Herder A/L all week
- Who is Acting – ADM Bybee all week, backup is Bristlecone FM Seal
- Key Issues working on during the week or upcoming :
 - BA for Re-initiation of sec 7 consultation for Ely RMP as amended; Submitted to FWS
 - 2017 Oil and Gas lease EA – Out for public review 08/18/17 thru 9/18/17
 - Self-Governance Agreement with Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
 - Egan and Johnson Basin restoration project out for public review thru 8/28/17
 - Removal Request for Wild Horses on Water Canyon Pilot Project
 - Gold Rock Mine administrative copy of FEIS review by Coop. Agencies next week.
 - Completed Hydrology assistance to Tonopah for Silver Peak Road emergency repair
 - Briefed the Ely Shoshone Tribe on outcome of Pinenut sale
 - NORA for LCCRDA Round # 3 land Sale submitted for State Office Review
- Briefings to schedule for ASD/SD
 - Scotty Meadows/Cottonwood BLM Appeal to IBLA of Admin Law Judge Order to remand
- Correspondence
 - SDR Status - None
 - Fed Register Status –
 - Preparing FRN and NORA for LC Land Sales Rd 3. Expected to NVSO by 8/16.
 - Early Alerts Out This Week (30-60 Day Outlook)
 - On August 28, the 30-day public comment period for the Egan and Johnson Basin Restoration Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment closes. The project goal is to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and improve Greater Sage-grouse habitat through manual and mechanical pinion-juniper tree-thinning, invasive plant treatments and prescribed fire use. The project would treat up to 24,375 acres in 21 treatment

units. The BLM would also manually thin pinion-juniper in specified areas outside the treatment units, but within the total 84,675-acre project area.

- Briefing Memo – Currently preparing briefing memos for:
 - Gold Rock Mine FEIS sage grouse mitigation
 - Water Canyon Pilot Project gather request
 - Scotty Meadows/Cottonwood BLM appeal to IBLA
- FOIAs – No new FOIAs
- Packages coming to ASD/SD during week for review/comment/Signature - None
- Retirements – Retirement of ADM Support Services, Allison Christensen September 29!
- Critical Vacancies/ On Boarding status: 1 Archaeologist (working 1 BARNM cert); 2 Wildlife Biologists (working certs); 1 Range Management Specialist (advertised); EPS (advertised); 1 Assistant Field Manager (seeking detailers) ; 1 ESR Program Manager; 1 Geologist; 5 other vacancies. Currently exploring options for details.
- Supporting fire suppression efforts in throughout the Western U.S.
- Five fires for the week all small in size

Update to Project Tracking Spreadsheet:

- Yes