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Dear Neighbor,

The BLM is alerting you to actions being proposed on the Freedom Hill (#00074), Fay Canyon (#00079) and Lynch Canyon (#00083) grazing allotments which are situated near your property in South Lake or Weldon, California. These actions include re-authorizing livestock grazing on these allotments, installing newly proposed fencing and making adjustments to the travel management network (roads and trails). A detailed description of the actions proposed is available on the Bakersfield Field Office web site (see attached flyer). The BLM **will be** analyzing the environmental consequences of these proposed actions according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other laws. Your review and input are important to ensure the BLM understands the issues and management concerns about the project prior to the initiation of the environmental analysis. **We are asking for your substantive comments on these alternative actions for use in our analysis.**

Substantive comments do one or more of the following:

- Question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the proposal(s).
- Question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions to be used in the analysis.
- Present new information relevant to the analysis.
- Present reasonable alternatives other than those to be analyzed in the environmental analysis.
- Cause changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives.

Comments that are not considered substantive include the following:

- Comments in favor of or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning listed above.
- Comments that only agree or disagree with BLM policy or resource decisions without justification or supporting data that meet the criteria listed above.
- Comments that don't pertain to the project area or project(s).
- Comments that take the form of vague, open-ended questions.

Please provide any substantive comments you may have on these actions and/or alternatives by December 18, 2015. If we do not receive any comments from you we will remove you from our mailing list for future notifications regarding these actions. Any substantive comments on the alternative actions for these allotments should be provided in writing to Karen M. Doran, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308 or kdoran@blm.gov. Should you have questions about this process please contact Karen M. Doran at (661) 391-6118 or (805)237-8450 or by e-mail.

Sincerely,

Gabriel R. Garcia
Field Manager

Enc. Public Comment Request Flyer.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.