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Dear Keyesville Public Lands User:

The Bakersfield Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) held the latest in a series of workshops to discuss the management of recreation on public lands in the Keyesville Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) on October 25th, 2014. The workshop was dedicated to discussion of the Gold Fever Recreation Management Zone (RMZ), which includes many of the historic mining features in Keyesville and several popular trails. Participants at the workshop included nearly 40 members of the public representing a diverse group of users, including members of Backcountry Horsemen, the Kern River Valley Historical Society, Stewards of the Sequoia, Bakersfield Trailblazers, Southern Sierra Flat Tire Association, Lost Dutchman Mining Association, Lake Isabella Property Owners Association, several nearby private property owners, and the public at large.

Discussion at the workshop centered on the history of Keyesville, proper management of trails, the need for law enforcement, preservation and interpretation of historic sites, and the future of the former Pearl Harbor Memorial area. Notes summarizing discussion at the meeting will soon be 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 of this series, which will focus on **French Gulch RMZ**. The workshop will be held on **Saturday, January 24th** 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 French Gulch RMZ includes most of the BLM managed lands from Keyesville Road north to Highway 155. It also contains the majority of the mileage of recreational multiple use roads and trails in the SRMA. We expect discussion at the workshop to include consideration of travel management in the RMZ and SRMA overall—including discussion of vehicle specific sub-designations for trails (single-track vs. ATV vs. Jeep) and desired features of the Keyesville trail system in the long term.

The workshop will start indoors with a summary of management direction for the area and travel management from the upcoming Bakersfield RMP and then allow time for public comment and discussion. It will conclude, time permitting, with a brief trip to visit the more accessible parts of French Gulch RMZ.

If you have been unable to attend previous meetings and would like more information, note that 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 are available online at:

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bakersfield/Programs/Recreation_opportunities/keyesville_planning.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 also be submitted using the same contact information. Thank you, as always, for your continued interest in Keyesville!

Sincerely,

/s/

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