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Dear Keyesville Public Lands User:

On May 17th, the Bakersfield Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) held the third of a series of public workshops and field trips to discuss the management of public lands in the area near Keyesville, California. The focus of the workshop was Wallow Rock Recreation Management Zone (RMZ)—which includes the portions of Keyesville South greater than 100 yards from the Kern River. The workshop was attended by 20 members of the public. Participants included members of Backcountry Horsemen, Stewards of the Sequoia, Bakersfield Trailblazers, mining interests, private property owners, and general recreational users.

Points of discussion included issues with trash and inappropriate behavior in the RMZ, developing or better managing camping opportunities there, the adequacy of the existing road and trail network in the RMZ, and concern about camping restrictions that might go into effect under the upcoming Bakersfield RMP. Notes summarizing the comments and concerns raised during the meeting are attached. Many of the concerns raised during the workshop related to the management of the portions of Keyesville immediately adjacent to the Kern River, which fall inside of the Dam RMZ. The Dam RMZ will consequently be the focus of the next public workshop and field trip.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 am to 1:30pm. We will meet at the Lake Isabella Moose Lodge (6732 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240) at 9:00 am. The workshop will start indoors with a summary of management direction for the Dam RMZ and time for public comments on challenges and opportunities that may occur there. The second segment of the workshop will be spent in the field visiting and discussing key sites in the Dam RMZ. After the trip to visit sites in the field, we will reconvene at the Moose Lodge to brainstorm specific actions that might be taken to address challenges and develop opportunities that were discussed earlier in the workshop and encountered in the field.

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 again for your continued interest in Keyesville!

Sincerely,

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