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Dear Interested Party:

The Palomar Ranger District of the Cleveland National Forest and the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management are jointly releasing environmental assessments for the proposed High Point Road shooting area safety closure. Due to the threats posed by stray rounds of ammunition to the lives and property of residents in and around the vicinity of High Point Road (8S05) and the State Route 79 corridor, the area is proposed for permanent closure to target shooting.

This proposed safety closure would not apply to persons discharging firearms while engaged in the lawful pursuit of game animals, as regulated by the California Department of Fish and Game. In addition, the proposed safety closure would not limit foot or vehicle access to the area.

The location of the proposed safety closure includes sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 24, and 25, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, San Bernardino Meridian, San Diego County.

The Cleveland National Forest (Cleveland NF) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) request your comments on the enclosed environmental assessments. Please submit comments to the appropriate agency contact, as listed below:

Comments to BLM

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Comments are due 30 calendar days from the publication date of the legal notice of the availability of the environmental assessments in the San Diego *Union-Tribune*. The publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the beginning of the comment period. Persons who provide comments are responsible for submitting them by the close of the comment period. Hand-delivered comments must be received within normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must

meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215. Additional copies of the documents, and more information regarding the proposed project, may be obtained via the agency contacts listed above.

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