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Dear Interested Party:

The Palomar Ranger District of the Cleveland National Forest (Cleveland NF) and the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are jointly releasing decisions for the safety closure of the High Point Road area to target shooting. The Cleveland NF and the BLM will be imposing a permanent closure to recreational target shooting for the area. The area will remain open to firearm use during the lawful pursuit of game animals, as described below.

The location of the recreational target shooting closure includes:

Cleveland NF: Sections 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, and 25, Township 9 South, Range 1 East; and sections 18, 19, and 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, San Bernardino Meridian, San Diego County.

BLM: Sections 2, 11, and 12, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, San Bernardino Meridian, San Diego County.

The target shooting closure is being imposed to protect the health and safety of nearby residents as well as people accessing the federally administered lands within the High Point Road corridor. The area will be closed to the discharge of firearms. This closure does not apply to licensed hunters in the lawful pursuit of game animals, as regulated by the California Department of Fish and Game or law enforcement officers while in the performance of their official duties. In addition, the closure will not limit foot or vehicle access to the area.

In October 2006 the agencies jointly released environmental assessments addressing the proposed target shooting closure. Approximately 215 letters and emails requesting comment on the environmental assessments were sent to the public, political representatives, tribal groups, and others. Four comment letters or emails were received during the public comment period.

Appeal Process:

The decision for the lands administered by the **Bureau of Land Management** may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations at Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4. Notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the receipt of this decision. Please refer to website given below for detailed information in filing an appeal.

The decision for lands administered by the **Cleveland National Forest** may be appealed to the Cleveland National Forest Supervisor's Office, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Ste 200, San Diego, CA 92127, in accordance with the regulations at Title 36 CFR, Part 215. Notice of appeal must be filed within 45 days of the publication of the legal notice of decision in the San Diego *Union-Tribune*.

Copies of the environmental assessments, findings of no significant impact, decision record and decision notice, response to comments, and a description of the appeal process may be viewed at the BLM website at www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings and the Cleveland NF website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland.

Please address questions regarding the decisions and/or the appeal process to the appropriate agency contact listed below:

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