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Steffes Pipeline
Range Improvement Project

Environmental Assessment (EA)
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LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Fallon County
T.8N, R.57E, Sec. 24 SE1/4; SW1/4

PROPOSED ACTION: Authorize the current allotment permittee to be able to emplace a pipeline and tank with float system, to provide water to the quarter section for livestock watering purposes. The one tank location may require minor site leveling for the emplacement of the tank. A wildlife escape ramp would be placed in the tank, and be provided by the BLM. A Cooperative Agreement will be signed once the EA is approved and prior to installation of the pipeline and tank. The cost to emplace the tank, pipeline, and float system as well as the maintenance on the Steffes Pipeline will belong to the current allotment permittee. The permittee will trench from an existing hydrant on deeded land to the proposed tank site. The pipe would be a minimum of three foot in the ground and backfilled, from the property line to the tank site. The Steffes Pipeline will be accounted for on form (4120-8) assignment of range improvements, and signed for on a BLM cooperative agreement.

Construction activities will not occur between December 1 and March 31 to minimize impacts to wintering big game species, particularly mule deer. Construction activities would not occur between April 15 and July 15 to minimize impacts to migratory bird species and associated nesting activities.