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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Billings Field Office is proposing a wild horse gather on the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range (PMWHR) in coordination with the Custer National Forest on adjacent lands outside the PMWHR. The gather would be conducted under the 1992 herd plan revision and occur in July/August/September 2008, off and on for approximately 3-6 weeks. The action should prevent deterioration of the range, as well as maintain a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple-use relationships with other users for one season.

A copy of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range 2008 Gather Plan and Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) MT-010-08-33 is available at the Billings Field Office Website http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings_field_office/wildhorses/pryorherd.html for a 30 calendar day public scoping/notification period. A hard copy can be provided upon request. **If any member of the interested public would like to provide any information, data, or analysis** written, hand-delivered, electronic or oral comments must be submitted to: Jim Sparks, Field Manager, BLM Billings Field Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101, phone (406) 896-5013, fax (406) 896-5281, e-mail: MT_WildHorse@blm.gov. Office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered or oral comments are: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Written comments in response to this preliminary EA, including the names and addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the Billings Field Office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Thank you for your interest in the PMWHR.

If you have questions, please contact Jared Bybee, State Wild Horse and Burro Specialist with the Bureau of Land Management, at (406) 896-5223.

Sincerely,

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Field Manager