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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Billings Field Office (BiFO) is conducting a public comment period on an environmental assessment (EA) which analyzes conducting a wild horse gather on the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range (PMWHR). The BiFO is issuing a new (EA) DOI-BLM-MT-010-2015-018 and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to be available for a 30 day public review and comment period beginning May 6, 2015 and ending on June 6, 2015. In addition to public comments, BLM is inviting the public to provide any information, data or analysis that could be included in a final EA. The documents are available at the BLM, Billings Field Office website at http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings_field_office/wildhorses/pryorherd.html.

After a public scoping period from April 13-24 2015, a Proposed Action and Alternative were developed. The Proposed Action analyzes conducting a bait/water trap and removal of 25 excess wild horses ages 1, 2 and 3. Alternative A analyzes a multi-year bait/water trap gather. This EA has been prepared to analyze the impacts associated to wild horses and other resources from conducting a bait/water trap gather(s). This EA is tiered to the PMWHR/Territory EA (MT-010-08-24) and Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP) May 2009. The analysis from the HMAP is incorporated by reference. All other impacts and affected environment are already described and analyzed in the HMAP and subsequent FONSI and Decision Record (DR). These documents are also available at the BLM web address above.

Comments must be sent in a written form and mailed or hand delivered to the Billings Field Office. The BLM will consider any substantive comments and revise the EA or FONSI as appropriate. 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 management of the PMWHR by the BiFO. If you have any questions concerning the EA or unsigned FONSI, please contact Jared Bybee at (406) 896-5223.

Sincerely,


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