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### Re: **Programmatic Cheatgrass Management Environmental Assessment**

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing you with an unsigned copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Programmatic Cheatgrass Management Project.

The BLM has indicated their intent to apply a treatment for the removal and control of the invasive weed, cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*). The proposed treatments would be done within the boundaries of the Farmington Field Office, on areas that have infestations of cheatgrass and few native grass species. The planning area, located in the northwestern New Mexico, encompasses over 2,000,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management administered lands within the FFO, and includes lands in all of San Juan County, most of McKinley County, western Rio Arriba County and northwestern Sandoval County.

The enclosed document serves as notice of the environmental analysis process to fulfill the requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act. A 20 work-day public comment period will begin on October 7, 2010 and end on November 8, 2010. If you are interested in participating in the process and have concerns, issues or alternatives you would like to see addressed, we request you respond by supplying your written or e-mail comments to:

Address: Sarah Scott, Natural Resource Specialist  
Programmatic Cheatgrass EA  
Bureau of Land Management  
Farmington Field Office  
1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A  
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E-mail: Sarah\_Scott@blm.gov  
(Please add "Programmatic Cheatgrass EA" in the subject line)

The EA will be available on the Farmington BLM homepage at <http://www.blm.gov/ffo/ffo.home.html>. Your comments are important and will be considered in the final environmental analysis process. Please note that public comments submitted for this review, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Sarah Scott at (505) 559-6326 in Farmington, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure:

1-Programmatic Cheatgrass Management Environmental Assessment