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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of a proposed Right-of-Way (ROW) near Austin, Nevada. The EA identifies, describes and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate the possible impacts from the proposal.

The Lander County Combined Water and Sewer District #2 (Austin Water and Sewer Dept.) has applied for a ROW for the construction and operation of a new water supply system to bring the town's water supply into compliance with federal and state drinking water standards.

The project will include construction of a water well and pumping facility located south of the Austin airport, a 7.8 mile long buried pipeline running to a 250,000 gallon water tank located near the Austin fairgrounds, a booster pumping station at the Austin fairgrounds, and a final delivery pipeline from the booster pump to Austin's existing water system. In addition, replacement of an existing buried valve system on private land within the town of Austin is also proposed. A temporary construction and storage area will be located on private land at the fairgrounds.

According to the regulations found at 43 CFR 4.410, you have the right to appeal the decision analyzed in this EA if you have a legally recognizable interest which has been, or could be, adversely affected by it. An adversely affected party can be one who has participated in the decision making process by commenting on an environmental document however, such comments must be substantive in content.

The EA will be available for a 15-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., November 7, 2012 The EA can be viewed on the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field/blm_information/national_environmental.html

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made 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.

If you have any questions or to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Chuck Lane, Project Lead, or Mike Wissenbach, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the above address or at (775) 635-4000.

Sincerely,

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