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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sierra Front Field Office, in coordination with Nevada Department of Wildlife and the Natural Resource Conservation Service, has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Buckskin Valley Vegetation Treatment Project (Project). The project area encompasses 7,000 acres of public land on the east side of the Pine Nut Mountains in Douglas and Lyon Counties, Nevada. The draft EA analyzes the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human environment associated with the Project, which would entail restoration and protection of habitat for sage-grouse and other wildlife by preventing loss of sagebrush and riparian plant communities due to pinyon pine and juniper expansion and by reducing fire hazard fuels.

The draft EA is now available for public review and comment on the BLM's website at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html. Hard copies are available at the Carson City District Office. The BLM has preliminarily determined that there would be no significant effects to the human environment; therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

The vegetation treatments are proposed as part of a broad conservation effort including the *National Sage-Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy* and the *Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Plan for Nevada and Eastern California*. Treatments are designed to restore ecological diversity and habitat for many other wildlife species as well.

Comments on the draft *Buckskin Valley Vegetation Treatment Project EA* (DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2011-0009-EA) will be accepted through July 14, 2011. Interested individuals can send written comments to the Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701, attn: Steep Weiss, or email comments to sweiss@blm.gov. Comments can also be faxed to (775) 885-6147.

Any questions may be directed to Forester Steep Weiss of my staff at: (775) 885-6134.

Sincerely,

for Linda J. Kelly
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