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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office has issued the Decision Record for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Clan Alpine portion of the Clan Alpine, Pilot Mountain and Pine Nut Herd Management Areas (HMAs) Gather Plan, DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2010-0019-EA. The decision is for the BLM to implement the Proposed Action Alternative (EA page 14-15) to gather approximately 580 wild horses from the Clan Alpine HMA, vaccinate approximately 232 mares with a two year fertility control vaccine and release all 580 wild horses back into the HMA. If gather efficiency exceeds 80% additional mares will be treated and released back into the HMAs. Wild horses residing outside the HMA boundaries, any weaned foals, any yearlings, any orphaned foals may be removed and made available for adoption to qualified individuals. The gather is expected to begin in February, 2011 and will take approximately eighteen days to complete.

An EA was made available to the public for a 30-day review period and written comments were received from over 7,500 individuals, three State agencies, and numerous organizations. Refer to Appendix G of the Final EA for the distinct topics of the comments, and responses.

The gather and impacts are described and analyzed in the Final EA. A determination has been made that implementation of the Proposed Action would not result in "significant environmental impacts," therefore a Finding of No Significant Impact has been prepared separately to document that determination, and a Decision Record has been issued providing the rationale for approving The Proposed Action Alternative. All three documents are available at:

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson\\_city\\_field/blm\\_programs/wild\\_horse\\_and\\_burro.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_programs/wild_horse_and_burro.html).

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Coreen Francis, Supervisory Natural Resources Specialist, at: (775) 885-6161.

Sincerely,

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