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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City District, Sierra Front Field Office has issued the Decision Record for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for 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 to gather approximately 185 wild horses from the Pine Nut Mountain HMA, vaccinate approximately 45 mares with a two year fertility control vaccine and remove approximately 67 excess wild horses from associated non-HMA areas. One hundred eighteen (118) wild horses will be released back into the Pine Nut Mountain HMA. The gather is expected to start on or about mid November or early December, 2010 and take six days to complete.

An EA was made available to the public for a 30-day review period. Written comments were received from over 7,563 individuals; and comments were made by three State agencies and numerous organizations. Minor non-substantive changes were made to the EA. 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 Alternative 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.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Alan Bittner, Supervisory Natural Resources Specialist, at: (775) 885-6177.

Sincerely,

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