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Dear Reader:

The BLM Wells Field Office has completed a Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health Assessment on the Pilot Allotment. This assessment displays all available monitoring data on the allotments and draws draft determinations on the level of attainment of the Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health. The evaluation will be available for review on the Elko District's website at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office.html. Hard copies of the document are also available from the Wells Field Office upon request.

The BLM is seeking input from the permittee, affected agencies, and members of the public interested in livestock grazing management on the Pilot Allotment to developing management strategies and alternatives that are in conformance with the Wells Resource Management Plan and that will make significant progress towards attaining the Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health. All comments must be received by the Wells Field Office by close of business on December 5, 2014. Comments may be mailed to the above address, faxed to (775) 753-0255, or e-mailed to: BLM_NV_ELDO_WellsFieldOfficeGrazingComments@blm.gov.

Comments received through this scoping process will be used to develop alternatives to be considered in the preparation of a new environmental analysis and disclosure of impacts to be prepared for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The process may result in BLM issuing a decision for a new grazing permit and renewing an existing grazing permit for the Pilot Allotment.

If you have any questions please contact Bruce Thompson, Wild Horse Specialist, at (775)753-0200.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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