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Dear Permittees and Interested Public:

The Wells Field Office has completed draft Standards and Guidelines Assessments for the Dalton and Metropolis Seeding Allotments. These documents were originally mailed to permittees and the interested public in October 2008. Please find enclosed for your review the updated draft Standards and Guidelines Assessments. The Wells Field Office would appreciate your input throughout this process. If you have any additional data or comments that would help in the development of alternatives for grazing management on the Dalton and Metropolis Seeding Allotments please submit them to the Wells Field Office by August 17, 2009.

Following the review of any recommendations for grazing management or comments received in response to the enclosed Standards and Guidelines Assessments, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared analyzing grazing management alternatives and the affected environment for the Dalton and Metropolis Seeding Allotments. Once the EA is prepared, it will be sent out for review. Following the EA a Decision will then be issued to renew the grazing permits and implement appropriate changes, if warranted, to the terms and conditions for livestock use.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) grazing regulations at 43 CFR 4130.3-1(c) require that grazing permits issued by the BLM contain terms and conditions that ensure conformance with BLM regulations at 43 CFR 4180, which are the regulations under which the *Northeastern Great Basin Standards and Guidelines for Grazing Administration (1997)* were developed. Recently, the Wells Field Office completed an assessment of the achievement of these standards on the Dalton and Metropolis Seeding Allotments. The results of this assessment are presented in enclosed document. This assessment will serve to inform the BLM's determination as to whether these standards are being met, and, if they are not met, whether existing grazing management practices contribute to their lack of attainment.

Comments and/or alternatives maybe submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801-4211: attention Wells Range Team, faxed to (775) 753-0385, or e-mailed to [WellsFO\\_NEPA@blm.gov](mailto:WellsFO_NEPA@blm.gov). If you fax or e-mail your comments please reference the allotment name(s) and the Wells Field Office. All comments and/or alternative(s) must be postmarked or otherwise received by August 17, 2009.

If you have any questions about the draft Standards and Guidelines Assessments for the Dalton and Metropolis Seeding Allotments, please call Jeff Moore, Rangeland Management Specialist at (775) 753-0359.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bryan K. Fuell

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