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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District Office, Humboldt River Field Office (WDO/HRFO) has issued a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the New York Canyon Geothermal Exploration Project Environmental Assessment. The project is located 25 miles east-southeast of Lovelock, Nevada in Pershing and Churchill Counties. The Project Area is comprised of three separate polygons contained within the boundaries of seven Federal geothermal leases described as:

- T. 26 N., R. 36 E., sections 20, 21, 28, and 31-33, MDM;
- T. 26 N., R. 35 E., sections 35 and 36, MDM;
- T. 25 N., R. 35 E., sections 1-3, 9-12, 14-16, 20-22, 28, 29 and 32, MDM;
- T. 25 N., R. 36 E., section 6, MDM.

The DR affirms the Proposed Action, which includes the drilling of up to 15 exploration wells, 1 temporary water well, the construction of on-lease access roads and well pads, surface pipelines and associated ancillary facilities (including a man-camp) for the purpose of geothermal exploration. Also authorized under the DR is FLPMA Right-of-Way (ROW) NVN-88195 to provide lease-to-lease roadway and pipeline access. Total acreage proposed for disturbance within the Project Area is estimated to be 81.8 acres.

The EA, DR, and FONSI are available on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) webpage at www.b.m.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. A hardcopy of the EA will be provided upon request, or is also available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcie Purkey, Project Manager, at (775) 623-1742 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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