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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office has completed a preliminary environmental assessment (EA) for the Draft Wilderness Management Plan (WMP), for ten wilderness areas associated within the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA). The BLM is accepting substantive comments on the EA through June 10, 2011.

The WMP will provide specific guidance for management of the following wilderness areas: South and North Jackson Mountains, Black Rock Desert, North Black Rock Range, Pahute Peak, Calico Mountains, High Rock Lake, East Fork High Rock Canyon, High Rock Canyon and Little High Rock Canyon.

A Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the NCA was signed in July of 2004. The RMP provides broad overall management guidance for the NCA and Wilderness Areas. The WMP will provide more specific management direction for the wilderness areas.

Open houses will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., on May 24, at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Reno, on May 25, at the Gerlach Community Center in Gerlach, on May 26, at the Lovelock Community Center in Lovelock, and on May 27, at the Winnemucca Convention Center in Winnemucca, NV. The open house meetings are scheduled by the BLM to share information about the WMP, answer questions, and allow public input.

The document may be reviewed online at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Printed copies are available upon request from the BLM Winnemucca District Office. Public comments may be submitted via regular mail to: Kristine Struck, Attn: WMP, BLM Black Rock Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca NV 89445-2921 or via e-mail to brhr_wilderness@blm.gov.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and addresses of commenters, will be available for public 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.

For further information please contact Kristine Struck, Project Lead, at 775- 623-1532.

Sincerely,

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