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Instruction Memorandum: No. NV-2011-044, Change 1  
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To: District and Field Office Managers, Nevada

From: State Director, Nevada

Subject: Issuance of Authorizations to the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) for Wildlife Water Development Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair within Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wilderness Areas in Nevada

DD: 01/13/2012

This Change 1 modifies Instruction Memorandum No. NV-2011-044 in the following respects:

The due date has been changed from November 1, 2011 to January 13, 2012.

The Winnemucca District is exempt from this instruction memorandum at this time and will not have to prepare a programmatic environmental assessment because a Black Rock Desert – High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan decision requires foot or horseback access only to 14 small game and bird guzzlers for the purpose of inspection, maintenance and repair. There are no big game water developments within the ten wilderness areas in the Black Rock Desert – High Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

**Page 3, Second Paragraph, Second Sentence –**

Change the date in this sentence from November 1, 2011 to January 13, 2012. The sentence will now read, “**The NEPA examination together with the requisite DR and FONSI is required to be completed by January 13, 2012.**”

**Page 3, NEPA Compliance Section, First Paragraph, First Sentence –**

Insert the words, “(i.e., foot, horseback, motorized and mechanized ground transportation and the use of helicopters)” between the words “access” and “must” in the fourth line of this sentence. The sentence will now read as follows: “In order to support the inspection, maintenance, and repair of wildlife water developments under a multiple-water development, multiple-year inspection, maintenance and repair authorization, an EA covering this activity and method of access (i.e., foot, horseback, motorized and mechanized ground transportation and the use of helicopters) must be prepared.”

**Page 3, NEPA Compliance Section, First Paragraph, Second Sentence –**

Insert the following new sentence between the first and second sentences in this paragraph, “It is recommended the Ely and Southern Nevada Districts collaboratively prepare a single, consolidated programmatic EA.”

**Page 5, Range of Alternatives Section, Second Paragraph –**

Add the following sentence as the first sentence in this paragraph, “It is suggested that an “all helicopter access” alternative be analyzed to evaluate the influences of helicopter access on the wilderness resource.”

**Page 6, Public Review of Preliminary Draft EA Section, Last Sentence –**

Strike the last sentence in this paragraph which says, “A second State Office review by the Wilderness Coordinator and Environmental Planner should be allowed prior to release of the final EA and issuing a DR and FONSI.”

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