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To: Deputy State Directors, Resources - California, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah

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Subject: Release of the Central Basin and Range Rapid Ecoregional Assessment Information

This IB acknowledges the availability of data related products used in and produced by the Central Basin and Range Rapid Ecoregional Assessment (REA). These REA products are released for internal and external use subject to proprietary data restrictions and the disclaimer described below (see Disclaimer).

REA reports and associated geospatial data represent regional scale information and models about resources and change agents. This information is non-decisional but does provide context for cross-jurisdictional, multi-scale resource discussions, potential future conditions, and the basis to prioritize additional information needs.

Information availability:

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REA Data Related Products: Attachment 1 describes the REA data related products released with this IB and provides a hyperlink to the online REA Data Portal where data products can be accessed. Within the portal, the Data Catalog and Map Catalog list currently available data related products. Additional data related products will be added to the REA Data Portal as they become available for release.

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