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April 15, 2016

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Fillmore and Cedar City Field Offices are seeking public comment on an Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing proposed wild horse removal and research projects that would be conducted on horse behavior and ecology in the Conger and Frisco Herd Management Areas (HMA). The research would look into behavioral effects of gelding, population dynamics, fertility, reproductive rates, recruitment rates, age-specific survival and mortality, habitat selection, movements and habitat range among other things. This would be done at the scale of both the individual and population levels and in coordination with the United States Geological Survey Fort Collins Science Center and Colorado State University.

The Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Population Control Research Wild Horse Gather for the Conger and Frisco Herd Management Areas DOI-BLM-UT-W020-2015-0017-EA is available for review and comment on-line at [http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/wild\\_horse\\_and\\_burro.html](http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro.html) or on the ePlanning at <https://goo.gl/pNlggw>; search for project name "Population Control Research Wild Horse for the Conger and Frisco Herd Management Areas." Hard copies are available from the Fillmore Field Office at the above address.

This document is tiered to the Warm Springs Resource Area Resource Management Plan (1987), Pinyon Management Framework Plan (1983) and multiple previous wild horse gather EAs. If a determination is made that implementation of the Proposed Action would not result in "significant environmental impacts" a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) would be prepared to document that determination and a Decision Record issued providing the rationale for approving the chosen alternative.

The Conger Mountain HMA is approximately 151,506 acres. The HMA is located in Millard County, about 20 miles northeast of Garrison, Utah. The Frisco HMA comprises about 60,367 acres. The HMA is located in Beaver County, about 15 miles northwest of Milford, Utah.

Written comments will be accepted by letter or email until May 16, 2016. Please note that the most useful comments are those that contain new technical or scientific information relevant to the proposed action. Comments should be as specific as possible. Comments which contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response but may be considered in the

BLM decision-making process. Please reference "Population Control Research Wild Horse for the Conger and Frisco Herd Management Areas" when submitting comments.

Written comments may be mailed or emailed using the following:

Mail

BLM Fillmore Field Office  
Attn: Fillmore Field Office Manager  
95 East 500 North  
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Email

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Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comments, be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so. The BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

For additional project-specific information, please contact Fillmore Field Office at: (435) 743-3100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question with the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Gates", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael D. Gates  
Field Manager