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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Cody Field Office (CYFO) has completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed implementation of a fertility control field darting program for the McCullough Peaks Herd Management Area (HMA) located in Park and Big Horn Counties, Wyoming. The EA is available for your review on the website at:

<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/cyfo/mcculloughpeakshma.html>

Copies may be obtained by contacting the CYFO. The EA will be posted on the website by Friday, January 21, 2011.

The purpose of this EA is to assess the impacts associated with the BLM's proposal to treat select mares over one year of age with the fertility drug porcine zona pellucida (PZP) in order to slow the population growth on the range and work towards maintaining the appropriate management level (AML) of 70 – 140 wild horses in the McCullough Peaks HMA. Maintaining the AML will help prevent deterioration of rangelands and balance wild horses with other public rangeland resources and uses. The goal of utilizing field darting to apply the PZP is to reduce the need for large and costly helicopter gather and removal operations in the future.

Reviewers will have 30 (thirty) days to comment. Comments should be addressed to Patricia L. Hatle, BLM-CYFO, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, WY 82414 and postmarked no later than February 22, 2011. Comments can also be e-mailed no later than close of business on February 22, 2011, to:

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Submitted comments are part of the public record and will be available for public review at the CYFO, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. If you wish to withhold your name from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such request will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representative, officials, organizations, or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Stewart
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