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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Wind River/Bighorn Basin District
Cody Field Office
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Cody, Wyoming 82414

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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cody Field Office (CYFO) has completed the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed bait trap removal of 20 horses to aid in maintaining the appropriate management level (AML) in the McCullough Peaks Herd Management Area (HMA) located in Park and Big Horn counties, Wyoming. This EA is available for your review on the website at:

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, October 26, 2012.

The BLM proposes to utilize bait trapping to remove 20 excess wild horses in order to achieve AML beginning in January 2013. Also under consideration is an option to utilize bait trapping to facilitate fertility control administration, if necessary, and to utilize bait trapping in the future to remove wild horses that exceed the upper AML of 140. Bait trapping would occur mainly during the fall and winter months (November 1 to February 28) to avoid issues with foaling and sage-grouse. Bait trap removals would occur in increments of 20 or less in a given year if the population exceeds the 140 adult horses.

Reviewers will have 30 days to comment. Comments may be emailed no later than close of business on November 26, 2012, to:

BLM_WY_McCullough_Peaks_HMA@blm.gov

Comments may also be mailed to Patricia L. Hatle, BLM-Cody Field Office, 1002 Blackburn Street, Cody, WY 82414 and postmarked no later than November 26, 2012. Submitted comments are part of the public record and will be available for public review at the CYFO, 1002 Blackburn Street in Cody, during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sincerely,

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