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Dear Reader:

The Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for Interpretive Tours and Photography Workshops in the McCullough Peaks area is available at the following webpage for your review and comment:

www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/cyfo/srp

This Programmatic EA would be used to consider issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use wild horse interpretive tours and photography workshops.

The location for the tours and workshops is approximately fifteen miles east of Cody, Wyoming, near US Highway 14-16-20 in the McCullough Peaks Wild Horse Herd Management Area.

No decision has been made at this time regarding issuance of Special Recreation Permits. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will accept public comment for 21 days prior to making a decision. After analysis of the comments, the BLM will document its decision in a Decision Record (DR). The BLM's decision will be with respect to the BLM-administered public lands in the permit area.

This Programmatic EA was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other relevant law and regulation, to fully disclose the anticipated impacts of the alternatives. There are three alternatives considered in the EA. Alternative I is the Proposed Action, Alternative II is Continuation of Present Management, and Alternative III is No Action (Do Not Authorize Special Recreation Permits for Interpretive Tours and Photography Workshops). The alternatives include stipulations which avoid, minimize, rectify, reduce, eliminate, or compensate for adverse impacts. These stipulations reflect regulatory requirements, management plan requirements, surface use requirements, protective measures, operating procedures, and best management practices.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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. We will accept comments on the EA until close of business May 10, 2012. Comments should be mailed to:

BLM, Cody Field Office
Attn: Interpretive Tours and Photography Workshops Programmatic EA
1002 Blackburn Street
Cody, WY 82414

You may also e-mail your comments to: cody_wymail@blm.gov

Your participation in the NEPA process for this EA is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael P. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael P. Stewart
Field Manager, Cody