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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca Field Office (WFO) has completed the *Fox & Lake Range Herd Management Area Wild Horse Capture Plan and Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA)* and associated map (Map 1).

This preliminary EA can be reviewed online at <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo.html>, follow the “Information” and “NEPA” links, or in hardcopy at the Winnemucca Field Office. Hardcopies are also available upon request. The purpose of this environmental assessment (EA) is to analyze the impacts associated with the BLM’s proposal to capture about 315, release about 40, and remove approximately 270-275 excess wild horses from the Fox & Lake Range Herd Management Area (HMA). The gather would begin in about July 2008. The proposed gather is needed to achieve and maintain the established appropriate management level (AML) and prevent further range deterioration resulting from the current overpopulation of wild horses within the HMA. The Fox & Lake Range HMA is located 80 miles north of Reno and 100 miles west of Winnemucca, within Washoe County, Nevada. This HMA is approximately 177,724 acres in size and lies between the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation to the south and the small town of Gerlach, NV to the north.

The BLM would appreciate receiving substantive comments on this preliminary EA by the close of business on Thursday, June 19, 2008. Questions and written comments should be directed to:

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Comments may also be submitted by email to wfoweb@nv.blm.gov. Email messages should include “Fox & Lake Range Capture Plan” in the subject line.

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.

After the public review period has ended, comments will be analyzed and considered as part of the decision-making process.

Sincerely,

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