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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely Field Office has completed a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Bradshaw Ranch Grazing Term Permit Reinstatement on the Duckwater Allotment (0701) (EA NV-040-06-040). The EA is posted on the Ely Field Office web page at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html. You are receiving this letter because you expressed interest in the Duckwater Allotment in your reply to the Ely Field Office 2007 or 2006 annual Consultation, Cooperation, and Coordination letter.

The preliminary EA addresses the impacts to the environment and public land resource values from a proposal to fully process the reinstatement of the term grazing permit for Bradshaw Ranch on the Ike Springs/Ike Bench Use Area of the Duckwater Allotment. The former grazing permit for Bradshaw Ranch was cancelled in 1998. Cattle are the authorized kind of livestock. The issuance of the term grazing permit would be for a period of ten years. This term permit would authorize 34 cattle from June 1 to February 28 for 305 cattle AUMs. The grazing permit area occurs entirely within Nye County, and is situated in the west portion of the Ely District BLM, approximately 60 miles west of Ely, Nevada. The permit area occurs within the Railroad Valley (# 156) Watershed. The term permit will be issued in accordance with Title 43 CFR 4130.2(a), "Grazing permits or leases shall be issued to qualified applicants to authorize use on the public lands and other lands under the administration of the Bureau of Land Management that are designated as available for livestock grazing through land use plans."

The legal location of the proposed grazing permit reinstatement is as follows:

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Please review the EA and provide, in writing, any comments or concerns which you may have by close of business on July 9, 2007.

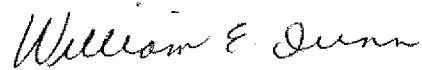
Please address all comments to:

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Please note, 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.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions about this preliminary EA, please contact Mark Lowrie, Rangeland Management Specialist on my staff, at 775 289-1888.

Sincerely,



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