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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Egan Field Office has completed a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Paris Livestock Term Permit Renewal (#2704554) on the Six Mile Allotment (0613) (EA NV-040-08-005). The EA is being sent to you for solicitation of your comments and input. The EA is posted on the Ely Field Office web page at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html for a 15 day public comment period. You are receiving this letter because you expressed interest in grazing management actions on the Six Mile Allotment in your reply to the Ely Field Office 2008 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 renewal of the term grazing permit for Paris Livestock and authorize grazing on the Six Mile Allotment. The current grazing term permit for the Six Mile Allotment will expire on 10/31/2011. The issuance of the new term permit would be for the period of the livestock lease from Barrick Gold of North America to Paris Livestock ending 10/31/2011. Sheep and cattle are the authorized kind of livestock. The current term permit for Paris Livestock on the Six Mile Allotment authorizes 1,209 AUMs of sheep and cattle grazing from 11/01 to 04/15 for sheep on native range and 04/15 to 10/31 for cattle in the Fernando Seedlings. The proposed action is to maintain this authorization. The allotment encompasses approximately 21,335 federal acres of BLM managed lands. The grazing permit area occurs entirely within White Pine County, Nevada. The permit area is situated in the west portion of the Ely District BLM, approximately 50 miles west of Ely, Nevada. The permit area occurs within the Newark Watershed (121).

The proposed action is to renew the grazing permit without any fundamental changes to the current permit.

Please review the EA and provide written comments or concerns **by August 22, 2008**. Please address all comments to:

Mark Lowrie, Rangeland Management Specialist
Bureau of Land Management
HC 33 Box 33500
Ely, Nevada 89301

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 term permit renewal EA, please contact Mark Lowrie, Rangeland Management Specialist at (775) 289-1888.

Sincerely,

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cc:

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