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Dear Nevada State Clearinghouse,

This letter is to notify you of a proposed range improvement project on the Thirty Mile Spring Allotment (00503). The proposed action is to construct approximately 0.2 mile of drift fence and install a cattle guard along the Bothwick Road in Miller Canyon on the Thirty Mile Spring Allotment (see maps). The legal description of the project is as follows: T 19 N, R 61 E, Section 28.

The drift fence will be the standard BLM 4-wire fence (three barbed wire strands and one smooth wire strand) and steel T-posts. The cattle guard will consist of two 14 foot panels, concrete bases, two wings and two cedar wing posts. The permittee proposes to build the fence and the White Pine County road department will install the cattle guard (since the Bothwick Road is a county road.) Construction will be in conformance with standard BLM fence construction specifications.

The need for the proposal is to limit/prevent cattle from drifting from the Marking Corral area of the Thirty Mile Spring Allotment through Miller Canyon and onto the South Butte Allotment in Butte Valley. Restricting livestock movement through the canyon will help reduce unauthorized use (trespass) and allow for better livestock control and enhance range/habitat management. The proposed project would support the BLM and permittee in meeting the standards and guidelines for upland sites, riparian and habitat established by the Nevada Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for the Northeastern Great Basin Area on the Thirty Mile Spring Allotment and adjacent grazing allotments.

If you have any comments on the proposed action please contact Gina Jones, Ecologist, at 289-1881. An environmental assessment will follow this scoping period.

Thanks in advance for your input and participation in the external scoping process of our range improvement project.

Sincerely,

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1 Enclosure: Location of the proposed drift fence

Miller Canyon Drift Fence

BLM

