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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca Field Office (WFO) has completed the *North Stillwater Herd Management Area Wild Horse Capture Plan and Preliminary Environmental Assessment* (EA) and associated maps (Maps 1-3).

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 and remove approximately 250-260 excess wild horses from the Rawhide and South Rochester allotment portions of the North Stillwater Herd Management Area (HMA). The gather would begin in about August 2007. The proposed gather is needed to achieve and maintain the appropriate management level (AML) and prevent further range deterioration resulting from the current overpopulation of wild horses within the affected area. The proposed gather area is located approximately 65 miles south of Winnemucca, within Pershing County, Nevada (T.24-27N. R.34-38E.) and is approximately 76,600 acres in size.

The BLM would appreciate receiving substantive comments on this preliminary EA by the close of business on Monday, July 16, 2007. Questions and written comments should be directed to:

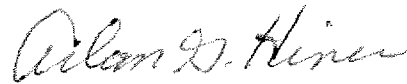
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Comments can also be submitted by email to NV_WFO_Webmail@blm.gov. Email messages should include "North Stillwater HMA Wild Horse Capture Plan" in the subject line.

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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Enclosures

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Churchill County Commissioners
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