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Dear Interested Party:

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely Field Office is proposing integrated management of the wild horse population within the Dry Lake Herd Management Areas Complex. The Dry Lake Complex consists of the Dry Lake, Rattlesnake and Highland Peak Herd Management Areas (HMA). This wild horse herd is being managed as a single population due to the HMAs proximity to one another and past capture, census, field observations and distribution data collected indicate movement among wild horses between these HMAs. For this action, HMAs will be referred to as the Dry Lake Complex. Forty-Six (46) fires were ignited by dry lightning storms and burned approximately 106,697 acres from May 6 to September 18, 2006, on lands managed by the Ely BLM Field Office. Six fires six burned within the Drylake HMA totaling 5,721 acres. In addition to a maintenance gather this action would also serve as a fire rehabilitation treatment. The gather would occur in December 2006, and last approximately two weeks. The action should prevent deterioration of the range, as well as maintain a thriving natural ecological balance and multiple use relationships with other users.

Enclosed is the Dry Lake Complex Wild Horse Gather Plan and Preliminary Environmental Assessment (E.A.) NV-040-07-002. A copy of the gather plan and preliminary environmental assessment is available for a 30 calendar day public scoping/notification period. **If any member of the interested public would like to provide any information, data, or analysis** please send written comments to William E. Dunn, Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources, at Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, HC 33 BOX 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301.

If you have any questions, please contact Jared Bybee, Lead Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, Ely Field Office at (775) 289-1843

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