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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City Field Office is proposing fuels reduction and forest restoration treatments on public land and a small area of County land in Alpine County, CA. The preliminary Alpine Forest Restoration Project Environmental Assessment is enclosed for your review and comment. The proposed project is part of a nation-wide initiative to restore healthy, diverse, and resilient ecosystems to conditions that minimize the potential for uncharacteristically intense fires. Under provisions of the National Fire Plan (2000), governments, communities, and fire professionals have been tasked with identifying communities and high value natural resources at risk and proposing projects to reduce the potential for wildfire damage.

The BLM, United States Forest Service (USFS), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Alpine County and local residents remain concerned that intense wildfire in the current uncharacteristically dense forest vegetation would cause substantial damage to public and private property values and diminish the long-term sustainability of the land. In recent years, BLM has acted in cooperation with the USFS, CAL FIRE and Alpine County to complete several vegetation treatments. Since 1990, the BLM has treated hundreds of acres in Alpine County using prescribed fire and mechanical treatments in strategic locations to reduce the severity of potential wildfires; improve timber stand health, vigor, and resistance to fire, insects, and disease; and enhance wildlife habitat. The treatments completed to date have been a good start but forest restoration treatments are a work in progress in an ever changing environment and additional treatments have been identified.

### **How to Participate**

We are interested in your comments and responses to the project proposal. We will be discussing the proposed treatments on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at the Alpine County Board of Supervisors meeting. We would appreciate any comments you have regarding the preliminary Environmental Assessment. Comments will be accepted during the public review period scheduled to end on May 7, 2008. Submit comments in writing to:

BLM, Carson City Field Office  
Attn: Keith Barker  
5665 Morgan Mill Rd.  
Carson City, NV 89701

Please note that any correspondence relating to the Alpine Forest Restoration Environmental Assessment, including names and street addresses of correspondents, is available for public review. Individual correspondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently in any written correspondence.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For additional information regarding this forest restoration project you may contact the following BLM staff by phone or email:

BLM Fire Ecologist: Keith Barker, phone (775) 885-6120, email [kdbarker@blm.gov](mailto:kdbarker@blm.gov)

BLM Fuels Specialist: Tim Roide, phone (775) 885-6185, email [troide@blm.gov](mailto:troide@blm.gov)

BLM Wildlife Biologist: Rita Suminski, phone (775) 885-6129, email [rsuminsk@blm.gov](mailto:rsuminsk@blm.gov)

Sincerely,

*/s/ Donald T. Hicks*

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