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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District Office, has prepared the Spay Feasibility and On-Range Behavioral Outcomes Assessment and Warm Springs Herd Management Area (HMA) Population Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0016-EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and Decision Record (DR).

After considering the impacts of the proposed action and no action alternatives, as analyzed in the EA, I have selected the following portions of the proposed action:

- The spay feasibility and on-range behavioral outcomes assessment (2018–2022), and,
- The portions of the population management plan that provide direction on gathering and removing excess wild horses in 2018.

Due to escalating conditions related to limited water availability in the HMA and deteriorating conditions of the natural surface roads presently being used for hauling water, implementation of the wild horse gather will begin in early October 2018 followed by the spay study.

You have the right to appeal, within 30 days of receipt of this decision, to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with regulations contained in 43 CFR 4 and Form 1842-1. A detailed explanation of the appeal process is included in the DR. Please note that a notice of appeal and/or request for stay electronically transmitted (e.g., email, facsimile, or social media) will not be accepted. A notice of appeal and/or request for stay must be on paper.

If you need further information, please contact the Spay Study Project Lead at 541-573-4555. Electronic copies of the EA, FONSI, and DR can be found on BLM's planning documents website: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. To search for these documents, click on the "Text Search" tab. In the "Text Search" table select from the drop down menus:

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