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Dear Interested Individuals, Organizations, and Agencies:

The Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District, Sierra Front Field Office (BLM) is seeking public comment on the Proposed Action for the Alpine Fuels Treatment Project. The project proposes up to 1,154 acres of hazardous fuels modification treatments in the areas of Faye Canyon, Indian Creek Recreation Area, Turtle Rock Park, Poor Boy Ridge, Hot Springs Creek and Monitor Pass, in Alpine County, California.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The fuels treatments proposed focus on altering vegetation structure and function to lower fire intensity and severity while increasing the long-term vegetative health of the treatment areas. Tree stands and brush would be thinned to reduce fire intensity potential and increase vigor of residual trees and shrubs.

Small communities, isolated homes, developed recreation sites and other improvements are adjacent to most treatment units. Large wildfires in this fire prone landscape are considered inevitable and Alpine County has a history of large intense and sometimes destructive fires. The proposed project is designed to protect life, property and natural resource values and enhance the fire suppression capabilities of firefighting organizations.

PROPOSED ACTION

The Proposed Action is to implement up to 1,154 acres of fuels treatments in 24 strategically located treatment units. Maintenance treatment to restore treatment effectiveness and new treatment are proposed. Treatment units have been evaluated to determine the most appropriate treatment methods and resource protection measures based on specific site characteristics. It is anticipated that the Project would be implemented over a 7 year period; however, the time to complete the Project would ultimately depend on funding and environmental conditions.

Proposed Action details including detailed project maps are available at <https://go.usa.gov/xp3zS>

HOW TO COMMENT

This scoping notice is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this project with an opportunity to provide input on potentially affected resources, environmental issues to be considered and the agency's planned approach to analysis.

We encourage the participation of interested individuals, organizations, and agencies now and throughout the process. We invite your comments on the proposed action and encourage you to be as specific as possible.

If you have comments you are encouraged to submit them in writing to:

BLM, Carson City District
Attn: Tim Roide
5665 Morgan Mill Rd.
Carson City, NV 89701

or

troide@blm.gov

Comments should be received by December 1, 2019

INFORMATION

For additional information you may contact the following BLM staff by phone or e-mail:

Supervisory Fire Management Specialist: Tim Roide, (775) 885-6185, troide@blm.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Wilkins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Victoria Wilkins
Field Manager (Acting)