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BLM SEEKS COMMENTS ON GEOTHERMAL LEASE APPLICATIONS

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Winnemucca Field Office is seeking public input during its environmental analysis process for five pending geothermal lease applications at different locations. For each application, the environmental analysis will determine whether the lease will be issued, issued in part, or denied. By itself a lease does not authorize on-the-ground activities, but it does convey a right to develop geothermal resources somewhere within a lease after a second, site-specific environmental review is performed. The proposed leases would be located as follows.

<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>General Location</u>
N066270	T34N R26E, Section 31 MDB&M	Near Trego Hot Springs
N073698	T29N R36E, Sections 1,2,11&12 MDB&M	Near Kyle Hot Spring
N077218	T24N R31E, Sections 10,12&14 MDB&M	Near Wild Horse Pass
N080599	T35N R30E, Sections 19,30&31 MDB&M	Near Hycroft Mine
N080602	T35N R29E, Sections 24,25,26,35&36 MDB&M	Near Hycroft Mine

The BLM encourages the public to help identify potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts, issues and concerns associated with the granting of these geothermal leases. Potential issues previously identified include cultural, historic and recreational resources. Written comments are preferred and may be submitted through September 22, 2006. When comments are specific to a particular lease, identify the lease by its serial number. Comments that are not specifically referenced to a particular lease will be considered general comments applicable to all these leases.

Submit comments to: Fred Holzel, BLM Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca NV 89445-2921. Comments may also be submitted by email to NV_WFO_Webmail@blm.gov with “Geothermal Leases” in the subject line.

Commenters wishing to have their names or addresses withheld from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act must request this prominently at the beginning of their comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Anonymity is not allowed for submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses. All comments will be analyzed and considered as part of the decision-making process.

Additional information is available by contacting Holzel at the Winnemucca Field Office at 775-623-1500.