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Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the *Proposed Elko and Wells Resource Management Plans Fire Management Amendment and Environmental Assessment* (EA). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to amend the 1987 Elko RMP and the 1985 Wells RMP to incorporate current direction for responding to wildfires and using fire to achieve resource management objectives. The plan covers public lands in northeastern Nevada that are administered by the Elko Field Office. Public scoping for preparation of this document occurred beginning in May of 2001. In September of 2002, a draft document was circulated for public review and comment. Based on the EA, the document includes my determination that the proposed plan will not result in significant impacts to the human environment.

All parties currently on the distribution list for this planning action are being mailed copies of the document. It may also be viewed or downloaded from the Elko Field Office website at www.nv.blm.gov/elko. Additional copies may be obtained from: BLM, Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, telephone 775-753-0200.

A notice of availability (NOA) for this document is being issued in the *Federal Register* and through regional media. Publication of the NOA will initiate a 30-day public protest period. Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest that may be adversely affected may protest a proposed land use planning action to the Director of the BLM, in accordance with planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.5. Current instructions for filing a protest are being provided with distribution of the document, and are also posted on the Elko Field Office website. A protest must be in writing and filed by December 10, 2003.

The Elko Field Manager would appreciate receipt of a copy of any protest filed. For additional information, please contact Joe Freeland, Fire Management Officer, at 775-753-0200. Thank you for your interest in fire management on public lands in northeastern Nevada.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Abbey
State Director, Nevada

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