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## **DECISION RECORD ISSUED FOR CALIFORNIA TRAIL CENTER PROJECT**

The Decision Record approving construction and operation of the California National Historic Trails Interpretive Center near Elko, Nevada, has been issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Elko Field Office. Installing interpretive signs at four existing Interstate 80 rest stops in northern Nevada was also approved.

BLM completed an Environmental Assessment that analyzed the impacts of constructing the Trail Center and installing the interpretive signs at I-80 rest stops.

“The next step is to drill the test well so that the prime contractor EDAW can complete the Design Development phase of the building and grounds,” said BLM Elko Field Manager Helen Hankins. “The next phase for the project will be developing construction documents (blue prints) which should be completed in late 2004 and we plan to go out for bid in January 2005. Currently the project is nearly 95% complete for the Design Development phase for the interpretive exhibits. The interpretive design is planned to be completed in 2004.”

“The Trail Center project is a partnership,” concluded Hankins. “The City of Elko, Elko County and the State of Nevada joined with BLM to fund the project. BLM will design, construct, maintain, and operate the facility. The three public entities - city, county, and state - have committed a total of \$6 million to match the Congressional authorization of up to \$12 million. The Trail Center has been a grass roots citizens-initiated project since the beginning led by the local Humboldt Highroaders. We want the public to stay involved.”

The Decision Record and Environmental Assessment are available on the BLM Elko Field Office website (<http://www.nv.blm.gov/Elko>). Select “What We Do” and “NEPA” to locate the document. For questions or more information, please contact David Jamiel at (775) 753-0213 or by email [David\\_Jamiel@nv.blm.gov](mailto:David_Jamiel@nv.blm.gov).