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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Cody Field Office (CYFO) has completed the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed McCullough Peaks Wild Horse Gather and Fertility Control Implementation located in Park County, Wyoming. The EA is available for your review on the website at <http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/nepadocs.htm> or copies may be obtained by contacting the CYFO. The EA will be posted on the website by Wednesday, August 11, 2004.

The purpose of this EA is to assess the impacts associated with the BLM's proposal to remove approximately 390 excess wild horses from the McCullough Peaks Herd Management Area (HMA) in October 2004 to restore the range to a thriving natural ecological balance and prevent further deterioration of the range. Also proposed is the implementation of a fertility control treatment on a select portion of mares to be released back to the range in order to slow reproductive growth rates of the herd.

Reviewers will have 30 (thirty) days to comment. Comments should be addressed to Tricia Hatle, BLM-Cody Field Office, P.O. Box 518, Cody, WY 82414 and postmarked no later than September 9, 2004. Comments will be fully considered and evaluated prior to the development and release of a decision record.

Submitted comments are part of the public record and will be available for public review at the Cody Field Office, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. If you wish to withhold your name from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

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