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February 24, 2009

Mr. Edward Monnig *Ed*
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Dear Mr. Monnig:

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) has received many concerned calls from sportsmen regarding proposed road closures in the Mountain City, Jarbidge and Ruby Mountain Ranger District Travel Management Plan. Some of those calls have come from sportsmen in the Reno area who hunt and fish in the area covered by the plan update. NDOW would like to formally request an extension of time for providing comments on the Plan. We would like to request that your agency hold a scoping meeting in the Reno/Sparks area to provide an opportunity for local sportsmen to hear about the changes proposed in the Travel Plan. In addition, we would like you or a representative make a presentation to our Commission meeting scheduled for March 27th outlining the proposed measures of the plan.

Thank you for considering these requests and if you have any questions, please give me a call at 688-1599.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Mayer".

Kenneth E. Mayer
Director

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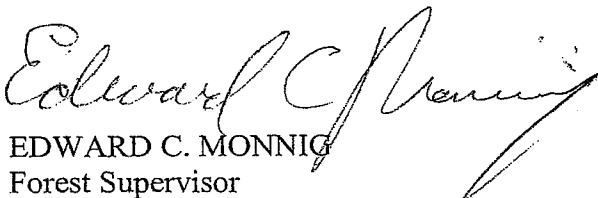
Thank you for your letter of February 24, 2009. I appreciate your interest in this project and that of the concerned sportsmen that have contacted your office. It is important for us to understand the concerns of sportsmen and to work with NDOW to create a Forest transportation system that both protects wildlife habitats and allows continued access.

In your letter you asked that we hold a scoping meeting in the Reno/Sparks Area. We agree that this would be a good opportunity for the people of the Reno Sparks area to learn about travel management on the three Ranger Districts in Elko County. We have already begun the process setting up such a meeting. It will be held at the Forest Supervisors Office at 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks NV on March 19, 2009 between 6:00 and 8:00 PM.

You also asked if a representative or I could come to your Commission Meeting scheduled for March 27th to outline the measures of the Travel Management Plan. I would be happy to attend the commission meeting and provide information regarding this project. Please send me a meeting agenda that would indicate how much time I should plan for and what time your meeting begins.

We have had several requests to extend the scoping period from others at meetings held in Elko County and have agreed to extend the comment period until March 23, 2009. We will also include any comments generated from the March 27th commission meeting. We have asked that the public send comments early in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process so we can use them to refine our proposed action and identify issues. However, we will accept comments from the public or other interested groups any time throughout the process and use them to improve our analysis. In addition there will be a 30 day comment period following the publication of the Notice of Proposed Action in mid-summer.

Thanks again for your interest in this project and sharing the concerns of some of Nevada's sportsmen. I look forward to working with you and your staff on this and other issues regarding Nevada's wildlife and its habitat.


EDWARD C. MONNIG
Forest Supervisor

