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Date: June 6, 2014

Ted Koch  
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Dear Ted:

Enclosed is a summary of the proposed 'regulatory mechanism' for our respective land use management agency's direction for dealing with the threats to the Bi-State Sage-grouse. As you are aware, the Carson City District Bureau of Land Management and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest are in the process of completing a Land Use Plan Amendment for the conservation of the Bi-State Sage-grouse. The information contained in attached document is a summary of the anticipated direction that will be incorporated into our respective Land Use Plans. We expect to finalize the process by issuance of a Record of Decision in December 2014.

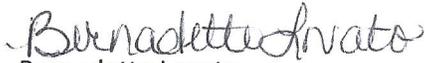
Some of the key elements in the Amendment are:

- 1) Establishment of a Plan Objective to treat over 10,000 acres annually of pinyon-juniper.
- 2) Designating habitat as closed to future fluid mineral leasing, non-energy mineral leasing, and salable mineral development.
- 3) Establishment of Bi-State Sage-grouse habitat objectives which will be used in the design future vegetation treatment projects and incorporated into livestock grazing authorizations.
- 4) Incorporation of 'Resistance and Resiliency' concepts into mechanical vegetation treatments, wild land fire management, and fuels treatments.
- 5) Establishment of 4 miles of buffer around existing leks and identification of seasonal habitat restrictions for anthropogenic activities.

In addition to incorporating language into our land use plans that provide for the conservation of the bi-state sage grouse, we are committing to the implementation of projects, i.e. Bi-State Action Plan, which will be consistent with this direction. To ensure that our decisions provide for sufficient conservation measures, our staffs are working closely with your staff to review the proposed Land Use Plan Amendment and to incorporate your comments and advice into the final Land Use Plan Amendments and Record of Decision.

We are confident that the direction contained in the Bi-State Amendment will clearly describe our commitment to ensuring the amelioration of threats to the Bi-State Sage-grouse. We will keep you apprised of the status of the Amendment and will formally submit to you the Final Land Use Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure