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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management, Caliente Field Office is soliciting public input into the planning and future development of the Ash Springs Recreation Site through the development of the Ash Springs Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP). The BLM is interested in enhancing the site to meet the needs of the visiting public and strongly encourages public participation in this planning process.

The Ash Springs Recreation Site is a 1.2-acre site that is heavily used by local residents and visitors from the Las Vegas, Nevada area. The site has some existing developments including man-made steps to the pool, a picnic table, benches, a fire pit, barbeque, handicap accessible vault toilets, and trash receptacles. Impacts caused by large numbers of people using the spring include numerous unauthorized access points to the natural pools, trampled sensitive vegetation, accelerated stream bank erosion and increased incidences of falling trees, and increased littering and vandalism.

The RAMP will include a development plan for the site describing goals and objectives, conceptual plans for improvements, and a framework for management direction. The BLM has scheduled three public meetings in Nevada, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., to provide information on the planning process and solicit public input in order to clearly identify issues and desired future conditions, which will guide the development of alternatives for the site. Meeting dates and locations are: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 16, November 2008, Ash Springs Recreation Site, U.S. Highway 93 at Ash Springs; 17, November 2008, BLM Las Vegas District Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas; and 18, November 2008, BLM Caliente Field Office, 1400 S. Front Street, Caliente.

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Respectfully,

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