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Dear Potential Cooperator,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Redding Field Office and Arcata Field Office are beginning development of a new Resource Management Plan (RMP) that will cover both Field Offices (FOs), called the Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan (NCIP). A supporting Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is also being prepared. We would like to provide an opportunity for you to become a cooperator as we begin the planning process.

The RMP is being developed to provide future direction for managing approximately 400,000 acres of BLM-administered surface lands and 300,000 acres of BLM-administered minerals (subsurface) lands in northwestern California. The planning area includes Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Trinity, Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, and Butte counties. The public scoping process is tentatively scheduled to start in October 2016.

Developing partnerships between cooperators and BLM will create a stronger, more efficient planning process. This will help lead to sustainable decision making for the lands and resources under our respective jurisdictions, and a healthy economy and environment that will serve all citizens well.

In addition the BLM invites you to share any data or other information to help inform the planning process such as resource inventories, geo-spatial databases, traditional ecological knowledge, or other types of relevant information. Also, please share relevant policies, strategies, or other guidance that would assist the BLM in the planning process. You may provide data and/or other information even if you choose to not become a cooperator.

Data and/or other information may be submitted to the BLM, Redding or Arcata Field Offices at any time during the planning process; however, it will be most useful if provided before December 15, 2016.

Enclosed for your consideration are two documents: 1) an example Memorandum of Understanding to be executed should you accept our invitation to become a cooperator in the NCIP planning process, and 2) a cooperating agency/data response form for ease in responding to our invitation.

If you would like further information or to request a meeting, please contact Lisa Grudzinski, NCIP Project Manager at (530) 224-2140 or lgrudzinski@blm.gov, or David Fuller, NCIP Planning Specialist, at (707) 825-2315 or dfuller@blm.gov. We look forward to working with you on this as well as future cooperative efforts.

Sincerely,

Nancy Haug  
Northern California District Manager

2 Attachments:

- 1 – Example Memorandum of Understanding
- 2 – Cooperating Agency/Data Response Form