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Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology
Attention: Lisa Shevenell
UNR, MS 178
Reno, NV 89509

Dear Dr. Shevenell:

On June 7, 2012, the Bureau of Land Management Black Rock Field Office received your Notice of Intent (NOI) to conduct Geothermal Resource Exploration Operations in the Pinto Hot Springs Area. This NOI proposes an archaeological survey, water sampling, and shallow temperature surveys in the following locations:

T. 40 N., R. 28 E., Section 17;
T. 40 N., R. 28 E., Section 20;

The site specific activities described in your NOI ordinarily lead to no significant disturbance of Federal lands or resources. After reviewing your NOI submittal, this office has determined your project, as described, to be casual use in accordance with 43 CFR 3200.1. Therefore a NOI is not required and you may proceed with the water sampling and shallow temperature surveys as described in your NOI application. However, you must apply for and receive a field work authorization permit from this office before any archaeological survey work is done.

If you have any questions, please contact Philip Lorimer D’Amo, Geologist, at (775) 623-1567.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Ataman
Acting Field Manager
Black Rock Field Office