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Dear Planning Participant:

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the *Draft Amendments to the Shoshone Field Office Land Use Plans and Environmental Assessment*, distributed in June 2002. Prior to preparing the enclosed *Proposed Amendments to Shoshone Field Office Land Use Plans*, our office carefully considered the public comments that were submitted during the 60-day comment period. Many comments supported the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 3) from the Draft Amendments. The Proposed Amendments carry forward the management direction described in Alternative 3, with a few changes that were made in response to public comments.

To help you understand the nature of comments submitted and how they were considered, our office has prepared a summary of public comments and the BLM's responses (see enclosure). The [comment/response summary](http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/shoshone_lupa2/index.htm) has also been posted on our web page (http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/shoshone_lupa2/index.htm), for the information of other planning participants who did not submit written comments on the Draft Amendments/ Environmental Assessment. The comments and responses are organized according to the type of comment made, and keyed to a numbered list of the comment letters and numbered comments within each letter.

I appreciate your participation in the planning process for the Shoshone Land Use Plan Amendments.

Sincerely,

Bill Baker
Field Manager

Enclosures