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To: Polly Quick
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Subject: Communication from BLM Carson City Field Office regarding VRM
classifications

All,

Sorry for the mixup/delay. I will be the VRM contact for this project.

With respect to the specific questions that were originally sent to Arthur

on November 7th I can offer the following information:

There are no GIS layers showing current VRM information/classifications

for the project area. This is because...

When the original RMP was done (1986) for these lands, VRM was not considered by management to be an issue. Therefore a VRM inventory for

those public lands generally east of the Pine Nut Mountains was never completed.

None of the CCFO public lands within the project area currently have VRM

inventory or classifications done.

Per the VRM handbook, "Interim visual management classes are established

where a project is proposed and there are no RMP approved VRM objectives." It has been long-standing Field Office policy that if and

when projects are proposed on lands with no VRM classifications the project(s) will be evaluated as though the entire project area had a VRM

Class III Objective. So, in a nutshell, the Mina Corridor (the Caliente

Corridor does not cross lands administered by CCFO) should be evaluated

against a Class III objective for its entire length within the boundaries of the CCFO.

I hope this helps. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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