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Comments Requested Proposed Native Bonneville Cutthroat Trout Restoration in Snake Creek

Great Basin National Park is currently seeking issues and comments for the proposed project: Native Bonneville Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki utah*) (BCT) Restoration in Snake Creek. Your issues and comments will help in conducting an environmental analysis consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The proposed action consists of 1) moving existing BCT in cooperation with the Nevada Division of Wildlife for placement into Silver Creek and other suitable stream habitats 2) removing all non-native trout through stream renovation treatments and 3) restoring native BCT to the stream. This project would return native BCT to 5.7 miles of historic habitat and provide the longest contiguous habitat in the South Snake Range. Like most streams in the South Snake Range, more aggressive non-native fish were introduced in the late nineteenth century, and they eventually eliminated the BCT and other native non-salmonids. The proposed project is consistent with: the 2006 National Park Service Management Policies, the park's 1992 General Management plan, and the 2006 Conservation Agreement and Conservation Strategy for Bonneville Cutthroat Trout in the State of Nevada. This is the last stream slated for BCT reintroduction in Great Basin National Park as the project will fulfill the Park Service's commitment under the 2006 Conservation Strategy.

Information is also available on the National Park Service Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BCTrout>. This website provides access to current National Park Service plans, environmental impact analyses, and related documents on public review. Comments may be submitted through the PEPC website.

Mailed comments will also be accepted. Please submit comments no later than February 21, 2014 to Attn: Planning, 100 Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV, 89311.

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