

# Range of Light Group

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## \*\*\*\*TAKE ACTION

- **Walker River Basin acquisition program DEIS** – U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation: Since 1882, diversions from the Walker River have resulted in a 149-foot drop in Walker Lake's surface elevation, resulting in poor water quality and very high total dissolved solids, threatening the lake and its associated ecosystems. On July 29, the senate approved their version of the 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. The Desert Terminal Lakes portion of the bill would allow the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to implement an Acquisitions Program including water leasing and acquisitions from willing sellers, conservation and stewardship activities, research and evaluations of the programs, support for alternative agricultural crops, and a USGS water monitoring program. Comments due by September 14. More: Caryn Hunt DeCarlo, Bureau of Reclamation, EIS Project Lead, Lahontan Basin Area Office, 705 N. Plaza, Rm 320, Carson City, NV 89701, 775-884-8352, or [chunttdecarlo@usbr.gov](mailto:chunttdecarlo@usbr.gov).
- The Forest Service is seeking **comments on a proposal to change the overnight camping fees** at five campgrounds - Aspen, Boulder, Cattleguard, Moraine, and Lower Lee Vining Campgrounds in Lee Vining Canyon. Comments due by October 31, to Matt Peterson, Inyo National Forest, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514 or [comments-inyo-fee-change@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-inyo-fee-change@fs.fed.us) ; or drop any Inyo National Forest Visitor Center. More: Matt Peterson 873-2494 or [mbpeterson@fs.fed.us](mailto:mbpeterson@fs.fed.us).

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## \*\*\*\*A QUICK MENTION

- **Motorized Travel Management Final EIS and Record of Decision** – Modified Alternative 6 has been selected. This will restrict public motorized use to designated National Forest Transportation System roads, trails, and areas. It will add to the system: 850 miles of high-clearance native surface roads as high-clearance roads open to all vehicles, 122 miles of motorized trails open to all trail vehicles, 20 miles of ATV trails, 15 miles of motorcycle trails. For a CD or more information - Marty Hornick 760-873-2461, Susan Joyce 760-873-2516, or <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/ohvroute5.shtml> . Public meetings to discuss the decision: Sept. 22, Mammoth; Sept. 23, Bishop; Sept 24, Dyer,NV; Sept. 28, Lone Pine. More: Nancy Upham at 760-873-2427.
- **BLM issues right of way for geothermal water pipeline** (BLM-California news release, 8/24/09) - The BLM announced the issuance of a right-of-way grant for a nine mile long pipeline, to Coso Operating Company to deliver 3,000 acre feet per year of water to an injection well located at the Coso geothermal field. The water will be used to replenish evaporated water from the Coso geothermal reservoir, and recapture as much as 70 megawatts of power, enough to supply the needs of 50,000 homes in southern California.  
[http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsroom/2009/august/CDD0965\\_COSO\\_ROW.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsroom/2009/august/CDD0965_COSO_ROW.html)
- **Saturday 9/26, 8:30 am, Inyo Craters/National Public Lands Day** (meet at the Inyo Craters parking area). Lunch and raffle prizes included. Must wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, closed-toe shoes to participate. More: 760-873-6500, [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org).
- **Sweeping Rahall bill would overhaul federal oil and gas leasing, royalties** (Greenwire in New York Times, 9/9/09) - The bill by the House Energy and Natural Resources chairman would create "a new Interior agency to govern oil and gas leasing on federal lands and to overhaul the federal royalty system. The far-reaching bill also includes measures to improve planning for offshore energy development, address wind and solar programs, and boost funding for ocean conservation and land acquisition."  
<http://www.nytimes.com/gwire/2009/09/09/09greenwire-sweeping-rahall-bill-would-overhaul-federal-oi-94254.html>
- **Volunteer opportunity:** Assist with bird banding, data collection, and outreach programs in Devils Postpile National Monument. September 21, 6:30a.m.-12:30p.m. More: Aimee Hanna Park Ranger 760- 934.8170 or [Aimee\\_Hanna@nps.gov](mailto:Aimee_Hanna@nps.gov)
- **3rd annual Living with Wildlife Festival**, Saturday, September 26th, 10:00am to 2pm, Bishop City Park. More: Serena Dennis [serena@eslt.org](mailto:serena@eslt.org) or 760-873-4554.