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SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The fourth meeting of the Nevada Legislature’s Legislative Committee on Public Lands was held on Friday, March 7, 2008, at 9 a.m. in the Caliente Youth Center, U.S. Highway 93, Caliente, Nevada. A copy of this set of “Summary Minutes and Action Report,” including the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature’s website at www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/Interim. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau’s Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman
Senator Mark E. Amodei
Senator Michael A. Schneider (*alternate*)
Assemblyman John C. Carpenter (*alternate*)
Assemblyman Jerry D. Claborn
Tom Fransway, Humboldt County Commissioner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblyman John W. Marvel, Vice Chairman
Senator Terry Care
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division
Matthew S. Nichols, Senior Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Susan M. Gottschalk, Senior Administrative Assistant, Research Division
Ryan Dombrowski, A/V Technical Assistant, Broadcast and Production Services
Aaron Riley, A/V Technical Assistant, Broadcast and Production Services

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Rhoads opened the meeting expressing appreciation to the Town of Caliente for hosting the Legislative Committee on Public Lands.

APPROVAL OF THE “SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT” OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2008, IN BEATTY, NEVADA

- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN CARPENTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE “SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT” OF THE JANUARY 25, 2008, MEETING HELD IN BEATTY, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FRANSWAY AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UPDATE OF PUBLIC LANDS AND RELATED NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES IN EASTERN NEVADA

Introductory Remarks and Review of Public Lands and Related Natural Resource Issues in Lincoln County

- Ronda Hornbeck, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, Lincoln County, provided an update of public lands and related natural resource issues in eastern Nevada, which included: (1) Lincoln County’s Habitat Conservation Plan; (2) the Lincoln County Land Act; (3) the Toquop Power Plant; (4) the Alamo Industrial Park; (5) the Silver State Trail; (6) the Lincoln County Land Act of 2004 in which 90,000 acres of public lands were designated for public auction; and (7) the delay with the Coyote Springs Investments Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. (Please see [Exhibit B.](#))

There was a discussion between Senator Rhoads and Ms. Hornbeck regarding “Section 10” permits of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the benefits land disposal would provide to Lincoln County. Ms. Hornbeck noted a Section 10 permit would assist with development southeast Lincoln County.

A discussion ensued between Senator Schneider and Ms. Hornbeck regarding warehouse development in Mesquite, Nevada. Ms. Hornbeck noted the development of the warehouses is in its early stages. Senator Schneider expressed his concern regarding truck traffic through and around the Las Vegas area due to transportation of materials and goods to and from the warehouses in Mesquite.

Overview of Public Lands and Related Natural Resource Issues in White Pine County

(Due to a conflict in meetings, Brent Eldridge, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, White Pine County, was unable to appear before the Public Lands Committee. Chairman Rhoads indicated Mr. Eldridge would provide a report on this topic at the Committee's July meeting in Eureka, Nevada.)

Update of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Planning Efforts of the Ely Field Office and Discussion of BLM Activities in Eastern Nevada

- John Ruhs, District Manager, Ely Field Office, BLM, United States Department of the Interior (DOI), provided an update and discussion on major Fiscal Year 2008 priorities of the Ely Field Office, which included: (1) land use and planning; (2) environmental impact statements; (3) land health, including term permit renewals, wild horse and burro programs, and watershed analyses and project implementation; (4) natural resources protection; (5) the national landscape conservation system, including wilderness plans; (6) special legislation; (7) energy, renewable energy, and minerals development; and (8) other priorities of importance to the Ely Field Office. (Please see [Exhibit C.](#))

Assemblyman Carpenter queried about the difference between the Ely Energy Center and the White Pine Energy Station. Mr. Ruhs noted that the main differences were ownership and the amount of megawatts generated. He informed Mr. Carpenter that he could provide him with a detailed list of the differences between the Ely Energy Center and the White Pine Energy Station regarding ownership and the amount of power generated.

Update of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Activities and Planning Efforts in Eastern Nevada

- Patricia Irwin, District Ranger, Ely Ranger District, USFS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, provided an update of the District's activities and planning efforts in eastern Nevada, which included: (1) progress of the range analysis; (2) the Ely Ranger District's travel management analysis; (3) wilderness plans; (4) a mining update; (5) an oil and gas update; and (6) the restoration and fuels reduction program. (Please see [Exhibit D.](#))

There was a discussion between Assemblyman Carpenter and Ms. Irwin regarding the number of miles of available trails for motorized routes. Ms. Irwin noted there are two sides to the issue with the public: (1) those concerned over the available trails; and (2) those demanding complete closure to motorized traffic.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Fransway and Ms. Irwin regarding the Record of Decision with the Martin Basin Environmental Impact Study. Ms. Irwin noted there have been two records of decision but those decisions were appealed by the Western Watersheds Project. This issue is currently a top priority of the USFS.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE MOAPA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND THE PAHRANAGAT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- Kevin DesRoberts, Deputy Complex Manager, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI, discussed programs and activities of the Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge and the Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Boundary changes, water management, and invasive species were issues addressed pertaining to the Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge. Public use facilities, habitat restoration, comprehensive conservation planning and its major components were discussed regarding the Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge. (Please see [Exhibit E-1](#), [Exhibit E-2](#), [Exhibit E-3](#), [Exhibit E-4](#), and [Exhibit E-5](#).)

DISCUSSION OF THE IMPACTS ON PUBLIC LANDS USERS OF THE CALIENTE RAIL ALIGNMENT AND OTHER RAILROAD CORRIDORS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) AND REVIEW OF OPTIONS FOR MITIGATING THESE IMPACTS

- Chairman Rhoads noted there would be a public comment period for this agenda item following the testimony of posted speakers.
- Ronda Hornbeck, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, Lincoln County, offered a brief introduction to the discussion of the impacts on public lands users of the Caliente Rail Alignment and other review options for mitigating the impacts.
- Connie Simkins, Coordinator, Lincoln County Nuclear Oversight Programs, discussed the impacts of the proposed Caliente Rail Alignment and other railroad corridors by the DOE on public lands users, mainly the local ranchers and cowboys, including the N-4 Grazing Board, which included: (1) the Adaptive Management Program with specialized knowledge of the rancher in all phases of mitigation; (2) involvement with the life cycle plan and costs, et cetera; (3) the threat of imminent domain; (4) Nevada constitutional issues and public access; and (5) the BLM right-of-way grant adding compelling conditions to assure mitigation. (Please see [Exhibit F](#).)
- Jeremy Drew, Engineering Intern/Resource Specialist, Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI), offered a briefing on the impacts and issues evaluated by RCI studies, which included: (1) vegetation, forage, and the Animal Unit Month, which is a standardized unit of measurement of the amount of forage necessary for the complete sustenance of one animal and her suckling calf for one month; (2) grazing allotments; (3) base property

established by the Taylor Grazing Act; (4) water rights, stockwater and associated infrastructure; (5) grazing systems and planning; (6) potential impacts along the proposed Caliente Rail Alignment and suggested mitigation; and (7) right-of-way fencing. (Please see [Exhibit G.](#))

- Mike Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation, discussed the impacts of the proposed Caliente Rail alignment and other railroad corridors on other public land users in Lincoln County, which included: (1) utility corridors, access, wildlife, and lands designated for disposal pursuant to the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004; (2) venues for securing commitments for mitigation of Caliente Rail Alignment impacts, including the DOE, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Surface Transportation Board, and the BLM; (3) mitigation issues, including timing, planning, implementation, and funding; and (4) recommendations for the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to take action on for the mitigation plan. (Please see [Exhibit G.](#))

Dr. Baughman expounded upon his recommendations, which included:

1. Having the Legislative Committee on Public Lands direct the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) staff to research administrative and legal constraints of temporary construction rights to stock or wildlife water and transfer thereof from the DOE to grazing permittees or other pertinent entities, and then report those findings to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands at a future meeting; and
2. Instructing the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to write a letter to the DOE and BLM encouraging their implementation of the recommendations from Dr. Baughman and RCI.

Commissioner Fransway opined that the State of Nevada has a vested interest regarding disposal of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain. He concluded that Dr. Baughman's recommendations are accurate and reasonable. Commissioner Fransway noted that he would entertain a motion to support the recommendations of Dr. Baughman if Chairman Rhoads would consider acting on this matter. Senator Rhoads stated that this topic would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Senator Amodei opined that citizens should be able to participate in the discussion over concerns with nuclear waste and disposal at Yucca Mountain. He too supports the recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(As directed by Chairman Rhoads, this agenda item was taken out of order.)

- Joe Fillini, Twin Springs Ranch, Tonopah, Nevada, discussed issues affecting private interests with the impacts of the Caliente Rail Alignment and other railroad corridors proposed by the DOE, which included: (1) grazing preferences and Nevada grazing rights; (2) range improvements; (3) water rights; (4) the expense to Twins Springs Ranch for conducting two environmental impact studies (EIS); and (5) health risks and consequences of exposure to radioactive material. (Please see [Exhibit H.](#))
- Jan Coal, Licensed Real Estate Broker, Caliente, opined that the two options for the location of the rail alignment will negatively affect the economic value of property and health of the property owners.
- Marge Detraz, a resident of Caliente, commented that the waste transported through the rail line corridor is high-level radioactive nuclear waste, which causes cancer in people. She further opined that the project is a misuse of federal funds because there is no return in investment to the State of Nevada. Ms. Detraz further stressed the negative impacts of an intermodal transfer station in Caliente on the Caliente Youth Center. (Please see [Exhibit I-1](#), [Exhibit I-2](#), [Exhibit I-3](#), and [Exhibit I-4.](#))
- Bevan Lister, Nevada Farm Bureau, Caliente, stressed the issue for the need of solid clarification concerning continued public access to the public lands as the proposed railroad corridors are completed. He opined that there will be a complete lack of public access once the rail line project is finished.
- Louis Benezet, a resident of Pioche, Nevada, remarked that the different alternatives for transporting high-level nuclear waste by either rail or truck are not satisfactory for Caliente.

DISCUSSION OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) USAGE ON PUBLIC LANDS, TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLANNING, AND POSSIBLE FUTURE LEGISLATION REGARDING THE TITLING AND REGISTRATION OF OHVs

Review of Travel Management Planning Efforts and Policies of the BLM

- Leo Drum, State Trails and Travel Management Coordinator, BLM, DOI, discussed the national BLM strategy of OHV usage on public lands, which included: (1) comprehensive travel and transportation management; (2) definitions of all public lands including, open designations, limited designations, and closed designations; (3) other national OHV policies and directives; (4) the travel management overview for BLM in Nevada; (5) planning considerations, including estimated numbers of OHVs in

Nevada and the out-of-state impacts; and (6) the average number of visitors each year to Nevada's public lands. (Please see [Exhibit J.](#))

- Senator Rhoads queried as to who has the authority to issue citations to violators on the public lands.
- Mr. Drum stated that the BLM rangers have the authority.

Update on the Management and Development of the Silver State Trail in Eastern Nevada

- David Jeppesen, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Ely Field Office, BLM, offered highlights of the Silver State Off-Highway Vehicle Trail, which included: (1) background information on and location of the Silver State Off-Highway Vehicle Trail; (2) the application for and securing of funds from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA); (3) the BLM management plan to ensure organized and quality OHV experiences; and (4) the implementation of trail improvements. (Please see [Exhibit K.](#))
- Kalem Lenard, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Ely Field Office, BLM, provided an update on the development and management of the Silver State Trail System in White Pine County, which included: (1) the history of the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006 (WPCCRDA); (2) implementation of the WPCCRDA using SNPLMA funding; and (3) a timeline for completion of the feasibility study for the Silver State Trail System.

Brief Review of Discussions and Materials Received Regarding OHVs During the Legislative Committee on Public Lands' Informational Tour to Washington, D.C.

- Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, discussed the materials received during the Legislative Committee on Public Lands' informational tour to Washington, D.C., which included: (Please see [Exhibit L.](#))
 - A packet of information from the Motorcycle Industry Council, which includes: (1) Nevada OHV statistics; (2) a policy statement; (3) equipment requirements for certain OHVs in other states; (4) a summary of statewide OHV programs; (5) draft model legislation; and (6) a listing of statewide OHV program contacts;
 - A packet of information from the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, which includes: (1) state all-terrain vehicle requirements; and (2) a series of press releases; and
 - A letter submitted on behalf of Clay Thomas, Deputy Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, regarding potential future OHV legislation.

Mr. Stewart suggested that the Committee develop and work on a checklist at each meeting for items to be considered for possible OHV legislation during the 2009 Session, which might include: (1) the method of titling and registration, (2) which State agency would assess and collect fees; (3) details of an OHV trails program; (4) the possible establishment of an OHV Commission; and (5) enforcement of future legislation.

Mr. Stewart, further communicated that a general consensus for OHV legislation is needed from the OHV community and would be welcomed along with inviting other State agencies to offer an overview and opinion on potential future legislation.

- Senator Amodei called attention to the amount of time various State legislative committees have spent on OHV issues. He opined that if the Legislative Committee on Public Lands has legislation that is passed and it is not signed by the Governor of Nevada, then that will provide the Committee with further direction regarding future legislation.

Overview of the Nevada Responsible Trails Alliance and Discussion and Suggestions From the Alliance on Potential Future OHV Legislation in Nevada

- Gene Kolkman, Nevada Responsible Trails Alliance, described the purpose of the Nevada Responsible Trails Alliance. Mr. Kolkman provided an overview of the needs of OHV legislation, which included: (1) registration of OHVs; (2) identifiable license plates or tags; (3) support for land management agencies; (4) additional protection for private lands from vandals riding OHVs; and (5) the need to empower local law enforcement by providing them with the financial resources to effectively enforce laws regarding OHV use in the State. (Please see [Exhibit M.](#))
- Gary Clinard, Dunes and Trails, ATV Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, concurred that a simple program is needed such as the Idaho OHV legislation. Mr. Clinard remarked that he will draft a letter to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands in response to the letter from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

REVIEW OF SELECT WATER ISSUES IN EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN NEVADA

Review of Activities and Planning Efforts of the Lincoln County Water District

- Dylan Frehner, General Manager and Legal Counsel, Lincoln County Water District, offered a brief history of the Lincoln County Water District. Mr. Frehner reviewed the activities and planning efforts of the Lincoln County Water District, which included: (1) the purpose of the Lincoln County Water District to effectively manage the water within Lincoln County under one entity; (2) challenges and pitfalls since the inception of the Water District, which includes lack of funding resources and lack of infrastructure; (3) the potential water issues from land development in Lincoln County; (4) funding and transportation of water in the Toquop area; (5) determining the final purveyor of water in the Toquop area; and (6) determining the role of the Lincoln County Water District.

There was a discussion between Senator Rhoads and Mr. Frehner regarding the possibility of obtaining help from different State agencies. Mr. Frehner opined that the State agencies did not appear to be of much assistance, but he would welcome any support they might offer. He further stated that the next best alternative is to utilize a private company that has the resources to assist the Lincoln County Water District.

Overview and Status of BLM Environmental Impact Statements and Related Studies Regarding Water Importation Projects in Eastern Nevada

- Penny Woods, Project Manager, Nevada Groundwater Projects, BLM, provided an overview of the status of BLM environmental impact statements and related studies regarding three water importation projects in eastern Nevada, which included: (1) an overview of the three projects; (2) the Lincoln County projects; (3) the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) application; (4) the Lincoln County Conservation Recreation and Development Act of 2004; (5) specifics of the SNWA project; (6) status of the projects; (7) cooperation among federal, state, and county agencies; (8) future direction of water importation projects; (9) the removal of water from six hydrologic basins; (10) the anticipation of future facilities requiring subsequent National Environmental Protection Act analysis; (11) SNWA water rights and applications; (12) the stipulated agreement with SNWA; (13) water rights protests; (14) the role of the BLM; and (15) the role of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), DOI. (Please see [Exhibit N-1](#), [Exhibit N-2](#), and [Exhibit N-3](#).)

Update and Findings on the BARCAS (Basin and Range Carbonate-Rock Aquifer System) Study Program

- Daniel Bright, Assistant State Director, Nevada Water Science Center, USGS, DOI, provided an update of the water resources of the Great Basin and BARCAS study program, which included: (1) the Lincoln County Land Act; (2) the scope of the study; (3) summary of the findings; (4) the logistical and scientific limitations of the study; (5) the role of the USGS; and (6) reimbursable funding through intergovernmental order and lack of anticipation of products. (Please see [Exhibit O.](#))

Review of Activities and Planning Efforts of the Moapa Valley Water District

(Brad Huza, General Manager, Moapa Valley Water District, was unable to appear before the Public Lands Committee. It is anticipated he will provide an update concerning the Moapa Valley Water District at a future Committee meeting.)

Update of Activities and Planning Efforts of the Virgin Valley Water District

- Mike Winters, General Manager, Virgin Valley Water District, provided an update of activities and planning efforts in the Virgin Valley Water District, which included: (1) land use and demands on the Virgin River; (2) the Virgin Valley Water District groundwater resources; (3) groundwater rights in Nevada for the Lower Virgin River Basin; (4) population projections for the service area and water production of the Virgin Valley Water District; (5) annual delivery of potable water; (6) water resources conservation; (7) 2005 water use by category in the service area of the Virgin Valley Water District; (8) surface water rights on the Lower Virgin River; and (9) challenges for development in the Lower Virgin River Valley. (Please see [Exhibit P.](#))

Mr. Winters commented that legislation to control the competition for water with Arizona would benefit both states immensely.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Connie Simpkins, previously identified, commented on the adverse impacts of the SNWA pipeline, especially if the pipeline were to extend to Churchill County. Ms. Simpkins, representing the N-4 State Grazing Board, asked the Committee to support two critically important requests with the Office of the State Engineer, Division of Water Resources, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (Please see [Exhibit Q.](#))
- Andy Belanger, Senior Management Analyst, SNWA, noted that SNWA does not have intentions of extending the pipeline to Churchill County.

- Louis Benezet, previously identified, opined that SNWA has taken the water away from Lincoln County. He further commented that the basis for the Lincoln County Water District partnership was to create unification.
- Jan Coal, previously identified, commented that trail fees have continuously been increased in southern Nevada. She opined that the increase in fees will discourage tourism to Nevada. She further opined the partnership that Lincoln County entered into with private enterprise was due to lack of resources and experience, and private enterprise was not represented today.
- Chairman Rhoads directed Michael J. Stewart, previously identified, to follow up on the requests from Dr. Baughman, previously identified, during his testimony and presentation earlier in the meeting regarding mitigation issues with the BLM and DOI relative to the Caliente Rail Alignment impacts and then report to the Committee at its next meeting. (Please see [Exhibit G.](#))

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Gottschalk
Senior Administrative Assistant

Michael J. Stewart
Supervising Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” provided by Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

[Exhibit B](#) is the written testimony of Ronda Hornbeck, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, Lincoln County.

[Exhibit C](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Ely District Office Major FY08 Priorities,” offered by Chris Hanefeld, Public Affairs and Fire Information, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Department of Interior (DOI).

[Exhibit D](#) is the written testimony of Patricia Irwin, District Ranger, Ely Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

[Exhibit E-1](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Desert Wildlife Refuge System,” presented by Kevin DesRoberts, Deputy Complex Manager, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), DOI.

[Exhibit E-2](#) is a document titled “America’s National Wildlife Refuges,” submitted by Kevin DesRoberts, Deputy Complex Manager, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, USFWS, DOI.

[Exhibit E-3](#) is a document titled “Discovering the Wonders of Nature,” offered by Kevin DesRoberts, Deputy Complex Manager, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, USFWS, DOI.

[Exhibit E-4](#) is a pamphlet titled “Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge,” provided by Kevin DesRoberts, Deputy Complex Manager, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, USFWS, DOI.

[Exhibit E-5](#) is a pamphlet titled “Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge,” submitted by Kevin DesRoberts, Deputy Complex Manager, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, USFWS, DOI.

[Exhibit F](#) is the written testimony of Connie Simkins, Coordinator, Lincoln County Nuclear Oversight Programs.

[Exhibit G](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Discussion of the Impacts of the DOE Proposed Caliente Rail Corridor on Public Land Users and Potential Mitigation Options,” offered by Mike Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation.

[Exhibit H](#) is a binder prepared by Joe Fallini, Twin Springs Ranch, Tonopah, which consists of:

1. A letter dated February 24, 2005, to Robin Sweeney, EIS Document Manager, Office of National Transportation, DOE; Mark Veneberg, Office of National Transportation, DOE; John McLain Resource Concepts, Inc.; and Rex Cleary, Resource Concepts, Inc.; and a document titled “Supplemental Scoping Comments by ½ Fallini, ½ Fallini Trust and the Fallini Family of Tonopah, Nevada, as Related to the Reveille Allotment,” which contains the following information:
 - An abstract;
 - Identification of issues pertaining to all railroad routes;
 - Impacts of all railroad routes;
 - Mitigation to impacts of all railroad routes;
 - Map of Reveille Allotment showing Fallini private lands;
 - Map of Reveille Allotment showing Fallini water and facilities along proposed Caliente route;
 - Map of photo locations;
 - Pertinent excerpts of BLM’s Land Use Plan;
 - List of wildlife species;
 - Humboldt Sun news article; and
 - Description of alternate routes.

[Exhibit I-1](#) is an open letter reprint dated January 13, 2000, to Employees of Caliente Youth Center, regarding nuclear waste, submitted by Marge Detraz, a citizen of Caliente.

[Exhibit I-2](#) is a document dated October 31, 2007, and titled “Comments of Dr. Ajun Makhijani on Yucca Mountain and the draft EPA standard submitted for the record of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on the ‘Examination of the Licensing Process for the Yucca Mountain Repository’,” offered by Marge Detraz, a citizen of Caliente.

[Exhibit I-3](#) is a document titled “Radiation Basics,” submitted by Marge Detraz, a citizen of Caliente.

[Exhibit I-4](#) is a copy of a newspaper article from the *Las Vegas Sun*, titled “On Yucca Mountain,” referenced by Marge Detraz, a citizen of Caliente.

[Exhibit J](#) is a document titled “BLM Travel Management Overview,” offered by Leo Drumm, State Trails and Travel Management Coordinator, BLM, DOI.

[Exhibit K](#) is a document titled “Silverstate Off-Highway Vehicle Trail,” and a BLM fact sheet titled “Silver State Off Highway Vehicle Trail,” submitted by Chris Hanefeld, Public Affairs and Fire Information, Ely Field Office, BLM, DOI.

[Exhibit L](#) is a packet of information prepared by Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, which includes:

1. A memorandum dated March 7, 2008, to the Chairman and Members of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands;
2. Documents concerning off-highway vehicles; and
3. A pamphlet regarding Idaho OHV registration and equipment requirements.

[Exhibit M](#) is the written testimony of Gene Kolkman, Nevada Responsible Trails Alliance.

[Exhibit N-1](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Overview of Groundwater Conveyance Rights-of-Way on BLM-managed Lands in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties,” presented by Penny Woods, Project Manager, Nevada Groundwater Projects, BLM.

[Exhibit N-2](#) is a map titled “Hydrologic Basins and Flow Systems,” submitted by Penny Woods, Project Manager, Nevada Groundwater Projects, BLM.

[Exhibit N-3](#) is a document titled “Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development EIS,” offered by Penny Woods, Project Manager, Nevada Groundwater Projects, BLM.

[Exhibit O](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Water Resources of the Basin and Range Carbonate-rock Aquifer System,” given by Daniel Bright, Assistant State Director, Nevada Water Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, DOI.

[Exhibit P](#) is a spiral bound document titled “Water Resources of the Virgin River Basin,” submitted by Mike Winters, General Manager, Virgin Valley Water District.

[Exhibit Q](#) is a letter dated March 7, 2008, to Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman, Legislative Committee on Public Lands, regarding the adverse impacts of the Southern Nevada Water Authority pipeline, given by Connie Simkins, Coordinator, Lincoln County Nuclear Oversight Programs.

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