

## MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Public Lands  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes 218.5363*)

Date and Time of Meeting: Friday, March 7, 2008  
9 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Caliente Youth Center  
U.S. Highway 93  
Caliente, Nevada

<p><b>Note: Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the secretary with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.</b></p>
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### A G E N D A

- I. Opening Remarks and Introductions
- \*II. Approval of the “Summary Minutes and Action Report” of the Meeting Held on January 25, 2008, in Beatty, Nevada
- \*III. Update of Public Lands and Related Natural Resource Issues in Eastern Nevada
  - A. Introductory Remarks and Review of Public Lands and Related Natural Resource Issues in Lincoln County  
Ronda Hornbeck, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, Lincoln County
  - B. Overview of Public Lands and Related Natural Resource Issues in White Pine County  
Brent Eldridge, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, White Pine County
  - C. 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)
  - D. 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
- \*IV. Overview of the Programs and Activities at the Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge and the Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuge  
Kevin DesRoberts, Deputy Complex Manager, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI
- \*V. 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 and Review of Options for Mitigating These Impacts  
Ronda Hornbeck, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, Lincoln County  
Connie Simkins, Coordinator, Lincoln County Nuclear Oversight Programs  
Mike Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation  
Jeremy Drew, Engineering Intern/Resource Specialist, Resource Concepts, Inc., Carson City, Nevada

- \*VI. Discussion of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Usage on Public Lands, Travel Management Planning, and Possible Future Legislation Regarding the Titling and Registration of OHVs
  - A. Review of Travel Management Planning Efforts and Policies of the BLM  
Leo Drum, State Trails and Travel Management Coordinator, BLM, DOI
  - B. Update on the Management and Development of the Silver State Trail in Eastern Nevada  
David Jeppesen, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Ely Field Office, BLM  
Kalen Lenard, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Ely Field Office, BLM
  - C. Brief Review of Discussions and Materials Received Regarding OHVs During the Legislative Committee on Public Lands' Informational Tour to Washington, D.C.  
Michael Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau
  - D. 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
- \*VII. Review of Select Water Issues in Eastern and Southeastern Nevada
  - A. Review of Activities and Planning Efforts of the Lincoln County Water District  
Dylan Frehner, General Manager and Legal Counsel, Lincoln County Water District
  - B. 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
  - C. Update and Findings on the BARCAS (Basin and Range Carbonate-Rock Aquifer System) Study Program  
Daniel Bright, Assistant State Director, Nevada Water Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, DOI
  - D. Review of Activities and Planning Efforts of the Moapa Valley Water District  
Brad Huza, General Manager, Moapa Valley Water District
  - E. Update of Activities and Planning Efforts of the Virgin Valley Water District  
Mike Winters, General Manager, Virgin Valley Water District

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment

\*Denotes items on which the Committee may take action.

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