## MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Public Lands

(Nevada Revised Statutes 218.5363)

Date and Time of Meeting: Friday, April 28, 2006

10 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Battle Mountain Civic Center

625 South Broad Street Battle Mountain, Nevada

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.

## AGENDA

- I. Opening Remarks and Introductions
- \*II. Approval of the "Summary Minutes and Action Report" of the Meeting Held on March 24, 2006, in Hawthorne, Nevada
- \*III. Overview of Public Lands and Natural Resource Issues in North-Central Nevada
  - A. Review of Public Lands and Natural Resource Issues in Lander County Mikey Yarbro, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Lander County Gene Etcheverry, Executive Director, Lander County
  - B. Overview of Public Lands and Natural Resource Issues in Humboldt County
    Dan Cassinelli, Member, Board of County Commissioners, Humboldt County
  - C. Update of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Activities and Planning Efforts in the Battle Mountain and Winnemucca Field Districts

Gerald M. Smith, Field Manager, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM, United States Department of the Interior (DOI)

Gail Givens, Field Manager, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM, DOI

D. Overview of United States Forest Service (USFS) Activities and Planning Efforts in the Santa Rosa Ranger District

Jose Noriega, District Ranger, Santa Rosa Ranger District, USFS, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- \*IV. Overview of Programs and Activities of the Pershing County Water Conservation District and Status Report on the "Humboldt Title Transfer" Project
  - Bennie Hodges, Secretary-Manager, Pershing County Water Conservation District
- \*V. Review of Latest Developments Concerning Threatened and Endangered Species in Nevada

Laurie R. Sada, Assistant Field Supervisor, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), DOI

Terry Crawforth, Director, Nevada's Department of Wildlife (NDOW)

- \*VI. Discussion and Updates Concerning Various Partnership Programs and Cooperative Assistance Opportunities for Landowners, Ranchers, and Other Land Users
  - A. Overview of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners Program

    Bridget Nielsen, Conservation Partnerships Coordinator, Nevada Fish and
    Wildlife Office, USFWS, DOI

B. Review of Incentive and Related Partnership Programs Administered by Nevada's Department of Wildlife

Connie Lee, Wildlife Diversity Staff Specialist and Coordinator, Landowner Incentive Program, NDOW

C. Overview of the Programs and Activities of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Nevada

Richard Orr, Area Conservationist, Owyhee Area, NRCS, USDA

- \*VII. Continued Discussion of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Usage on Public Lands in Nevada and Possible OHV Legislation for Consideration by the 2007 Nevada Legislature
  - A. Overview of the Newly-Formed Nevada Powersport Dealers Association (NPDA) and Discussion of NPDA's Perspective on Possible OHV Registration Legislation Susan Fisher, Executive Director, NPDA
  - B. Consideration of Possible OHV Registration Program Using Nevada's Boat Registration Model

Terry Crawforth, Director, NDOW

C. Overview of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) Off-Highway Vehicle Program

David Claycomb, OHV Program Manager, IDPR

\*VIII. General Review and Discussion of Mining Issues in Nevada: Economic Overview, Exploration, Permitting, Bonding, Reclamation, Federal Legislation, Abandoned Mine Lands, Millsite Issues, Water Usage, and Other Mining Topics

Jonathan Brown, Director of Regulatory and Environmental Affairs, Nevada Mining Association

Alan R. Coyner, Administrator, Division of Minerals, Nevada's Commission on Mineral Resources

Gail Givens, Field Manager, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM, DOI

Steve Williams, District Ranger, Austin-Tonopah Ranger District, USFS, USDA

Dave Gaskin, Chief, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation, Nevada's Division of Environmental Protection, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

\*IX. Update and Overview of Public Lands Grazing in Nevada

Gerald M. Smith, Field Manager, Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM, DOI

Steve Williams, District Ranger, Austin-Tonopah Ranger District, USFS, USDA

Jon Hutchings, Natural Resource Manager, Eureka County

John Falen, Chairman, Public Lands Committee, Nevada Cattlemen's Association, and Member, Public Lands Council

Gary McCuin, Rangeland Specialist, State Department of Agriculture

\*X. Overview of the Activities and Programs of the N-6 Grazing Board

Mikey Yarbro, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Lander County Jim Baumann, Nevada Grazing Board of District No. 6 (N-6 Grazing Board) Joe Fallini, Nevada Grazing Board of District No. 6 (N-6 Grazing Board)

- XI. Public Comments
- \*XII. Possible Work Session on Preceding Agenda Items and Discussion of Future Meeting and Informational Tour Dates and Activities
- XIII. Adjournment

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

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