

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2004
10 a.m.

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

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 December 17, 2003, in Winnemucca, Nevada
- *III. Reports to Committee:
 - *A. Update of Public Lands Issues in Lincoln County and Southeast Nevada:
 - 1. Review of Public Lands and Natural Resource Issues in Lincoln County
Tim Perkins, Member, Board of County of Commissioners,
Lincoln County
Shelley Hartmann, Planning Coordinator, Lincoln County
 - 2. Update of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Planning Efforts in the Ely Field District
Rick Orr, Assistant Field Manager for Caliente, Ely Field Office,
BLM, United States Department of the Interior (DOI)
Jeff Weeks, Assistant Field Manager for Non-Renewable Resources,
Ely Field Office, BLM, DOI
 - 3. Update of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Activities in the Ely Ranger District
Patricia Irwin, District Ranger, Ely Ranger District, USFS,
United States Department of Agriculture
 - *B. Overview of Activities and Recreational Opportunities at Great Basin National Park (GBNP)
Kathy Billings, Superintendent, GBNP
Todd Williams, Director, Cultural and Natural Resources Division, GBNP
 - *C. Update of Activities of the Lincoln County Trails Coalition (LCTC)
Jim Potts, Chairman, LCTC
Don Shanks, Secretary, LCTC
Bruce Winslow, Member, LCTC
Gary Clinard, President, Dunes and Trails ATV Club, Las Vegas
 - *D. Preliminary Discussion of Nevada’s Noxious and Invasive Weed Program and Update of Cooperative Weed Management Groups Formed in Nevada
Dawn Rafferty, Noxious Weed Program Coordinator, State Department of Agriculture (SDA)

*E. Review and Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Federal Regulations Concerning Livestock Grazing on Public Lands

Meg Jensen, Deputy State Director for Natural Resources, Lands and Planning, BLM, DOI
Gary McCuin, Range Specialist, SDA

*F. Overview of Eastern and Southern Nevada Water Issues:

1. General Overview of Water Issues and Role of the State Engineer in Lincoln County and Eastern and Southern Nevada

Hugh Ricci, State Engineer, Division of Water Resources, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

2. Overview of Activities and Planning Efforts of the Virgin Valley Water District

Mike Winters, General Manager, Virgin Valley Water District
Michael Johnson, Chief Hydrologist, Virgin Valley Water District

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

Van Robinson, General Manager, Moapa Valley Water District

4. Overview of the Establishment and Activities of the Lincoln County Water District

Tim Perkins, Member, Board of County Commissioners, Lincoln County

*G. Review of Natural Resources Development in Lincoln County and Southeast Nevada

1. Discussion of Activities and Proposed Development Plans by Vidler Water Company, Inc.

Steve Hartman, Corporate Counsel and Vice President for Development, Vidler Water Company, Inc.
Don Pattalock, Chief Geologist, Vidler Water Company, Inc.

2. Pinion Juniper Harvest and Related Research Projects in Eastern Nevada:

a. Overview of Restoration Work and Research Projects on Public Lands in Lincoln County

Rick Orr, Assistant Field Manager for Caliente, Ely Field Office, BLM, DOI
Shane Deforest, Wildlife Management Biologist, BLM, DOI
John McLain, Principal Resource Specialist, Resource Concepts, Inc.

b. Discussion of Possible Economic Uses and Benefits of Harvested Pinion Juniper

Shelley Hartmann, Planning Coordinator, Lincoln County
Stan Radon, President, Grower's Energy, Inc.

*H. Discussion of Marys River Complex Allotment Evaluation

Vaughn, Varlin, and Ken Higbee, Ranchers, Elko and Lincoln Counties
Helen Hankins, Field Manager, Elko Field Office, BLM, DOI

IV. Public Comments

*V. Possible Work Session on Preceding Agenda Items

VI. Adjournment

*Denotes items on which the committee may take action.

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Note to Members of the Audience

Due to the length of the agenda, the Committee will work through lunch.

Members of the audience who wish to attend the entire meeting are encouraged to bring a sack lunch.