

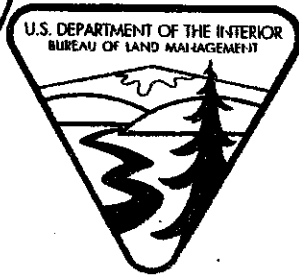
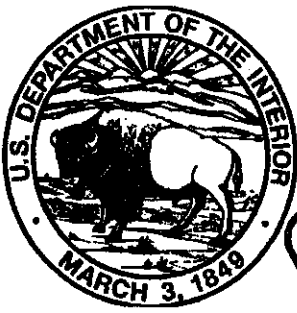
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Welcome to the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada



With responsibility for more than two-thirds of the land within the borders of the State of Nevada, BLM is an important partner in the progress of this state. The informal, introductory articles in this booklet are designed to give you a quick overview of where BLM came from as an agency, and a look at some of the diverse programs that have helped to make BLM the premier land managing agency.



Message from Bob Abbey, Nevada State Director

Welcome to the BLM in Nevada

The history of BLM is a proud history, dating back to the earliest days of the nation.

From the time the first federal surveyors began work in Nevada, in 1861, and the General Land Office (GLO) opened in 1864 to provide settlers with title to their land, we have been part of Nevada.



Abbey

In 1946, the GLO and the Grazing Services were pulled together to form the Bureau of Land Management. In 1876 Congress gave us specific direction on how to accomplish that management.

Now you are bringing your skills to join the dedicated men and women of the BLM in carrying out the instructions of Congress and the Administration.

We are tasked not just with maintaining the land, but with improving it, where possible. It is a monumental task, but one which together we can accomplish. I have made my firm com-

mitment to employees that I will identify and focus our resources on what is important for Nevada. Five years ago, in consultation with resource advisory council members, employees and others, we developed a vision for the BLM in Nevada. I read that vision almost every day and use it as a guide in making decisions about how Nevada's public lands should be managed. As an implementation tool for that vision, I have, together with my senior managers, developed what I am calling a Five-Year Legacy Plan. The plan focuses on achievable goals that will make a difference in the future condition of the public lands in Nevada. I invite you to take a look at this legacy plan on page 6.

The Five-Year Legacy Plan includes numerous priorities. Our managers in Nevada are charged with defining these priorities, and identifying resources needed to meet them.

Your good work will enable us to achieve the legacy. Each of us must seek innovative ways to do our jobs, and identify any roadblocks we perceive as slowing us down.

Each of us is a public servant. We hold positions of honor in the government of the greatest nation in the world. The public expects us to conduct business in the most efficient manner possible, to respect everyone with whom we deal, and to follow the law.

With that approach, the magnificent land we manage in Nevada will continue to be treasured by Americans for many generations to come.

Welcome aboard! Enjoy your job, and do your best each day. And let me say in advance: Thank you for your efforts to help BLM accomplish its mission.



MARYS RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN NEVADA has been returning to a healthy status after re-acquisition by the federal government through a land exchange in the 1980s. Today the river is becoming a prime spawning ground for Lahontan cutthroat trout. The river basin land was exchanged for land that today provides sites for homes and businesses in Las Vegas Valley.

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BLM Nevada Vision Statement

"Nevada is beautiful in her wildness" --

John Muir

The future of Nevada will to a large part be shaped by the future of public land management. BLM has a responsibility to the American people and the citizens of Nevada to consciously and conscientiously chart the future of public lands and resources. To that end, BLM Nevada has undertaken an effort to describe a desired common future for the state based on citizen input, predictions of the future, and known state and national trends. Since the future of public lands is inextricably tied to the future of the people, economy, and environment of Nevada and the western United States, the following description may in some cases go beyond what is perceived as BLM's mission. However, this Vision for the future is intended to paint a picture that provides a context within which BLM can set specific management objectives, identify measurable performance goals and prioritize workloads. It is a future that BLM employees will strive to achieve together with our neighbors in Nevada and with the American people.

The Character of the Landscape

We envision a Nevada where there are large open spaces, providing the characteristic landscape for which the state is famous. We see some areas of Nevada that remain in their natural state for the enjoyment of future generations. We envision manmade structures concentrated in orderly corridors, rather than spread across the landscape. We see remote public lands as a place where silence has value. We see a place where agricultural and ranch lands remain a characteristic of the landscape. We envision public lands that are free of trash, litter and man-made hazards, and a population that values such lands. We also see the public lands in a consolidated manageable land pattern.

The Character of our Communities

We envision a Nevada where communities are healthy and safe, and the quality of life is good. We would like to see a Nevada where 100 percent of our refuse is recycled, reducing the need for landfills and the spread of hazardous materials. We want to see economies that are healthy and sustainable for many generations to come. We want to see communities where multiple employment and entrepreneurial opportunities exist. We see a future that includes sufficient quantity and quality of water to sustain communities and natural

resources. We see a Nevada where public lands will help to sustain communities and economies. We envision schools and educational opportunities that foster a land stewardship ethic among our citizens. We see a population that values the diversity of Nevada's communities, from the remote flavor of our ghost towns to the urban complexity of Las Vegas.

The Cultural Heritage and Social Values of Nevadans

We see a future that maintains the opportunity to pursue the western, rural lifestyle, and values agriculture and ranching as a way of life. We envision a future where historical, cultural, and scientific resources are valued and preserved so that all of us may experience them. We see environmental education as a key to helping our children value conservation in an era of rapid growth. We see a Nevada that encourages Native Americans to embrace their traditional cultural values. We see Nevada leading the nation in opportunities to view and experience healthy, wild, free-roaming horses and burros. And we see a strengthened environmental and conservation ethic among public land users.

The Condition of Natural Systems

We envision a future where all ecosystems function properly to provide clean air, clean water and a healthy environment for plants, animals, and humans. We see a future where fire is recognized as a natural ecological process. We envision the BLM managing for healthy, productive, sustainable ecosystems. We see a focus on assuring that the riparian areas that are critical to life in Nevada are in a natural functioning condition. We see a proliferation of healthy, desired plant communities and a diversity of wildlife across the landscape, with a minimum of plants and animals on the list of threatened or endangered species.

The Use and Development of Natural Resources

We envision a future for Nevada where human activities have no irreversible impact on ecosystems and create no health or safety hazards. We expect all temporary adverse impacts to be remediated in a timely manner, and all surface disturbances minimized and reclaimed. We see an increased reliance on renewable resources that provide a source of food, energy, and raw materials on a sustainable basis. We see a future where recreation opportunities abound, and where people have

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PUBLIC LAND RESOURCES are not all on the surface. Nevada geothermal power plants produce 1.2 million megawatts each year. More than a million barrels of oil are drawn from beneath Nevada annually.

RACs Advise BLM in Nevada

Three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) were established in Nevada in 1995, to provide counsel and advice to the BLM on public land management and planning. Each of the councils is made of 15 members, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Appointments are made for three-year terms, with one-third of each council members being appointed each September.

Members must live in the state. Membership on each council represents a broad spectrum of interests. Meetings are announced in the *Federal Register*, and through press releases. They are open to the public, and public comment is invited during each meeting.

In Nevada, the RACs include the Northeastern Great Basin, the Mojave-Southern Great Basin, and the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin councils. A joint meeting of all three RACs is conducted in the fall, after the Secretary has announced new appointment or re-appointment of members.

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multiple, diverse, and affordable recreation in close proximity to their homes. We see public lands that are kept open to multiple uses and that access to those lands is assured.

The Business Practices of BLM

We envision a future where employees and the public have easy access to a vast array of technology to synthesize raw data into meaningful information that can then be applied. We want to see BLM industry operate efficiently with high productivity and minimal waste. We expect partnerships with other agencies, groups and individuals in managing the public lands to be part of everyday business. We see reduced duplication of effort among agencies and levels of government that ultimately leads to blurred administrative boundaries. We want to see BLM fully integrate technology into our business practices with computer skills universal in the work force. We see BLM providing the best customer services to public land users, stakeholders and the walk-in public. We see land management decisions based on the best scientific data available. We see BLM using all our employees effectively, bringing out the best in them as individuals, and providing the employees with a productive work environment.

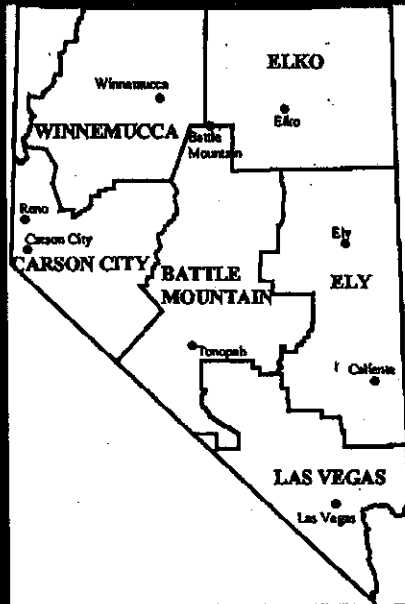


NEVADA'S LAND has been used by Native Americans for centuries. Today BLM works to protect and interpret the cultural resources that remain from those early days, as well as the first years of modern settlement.



Public Lands in Nevada

BLM Nevada Organization

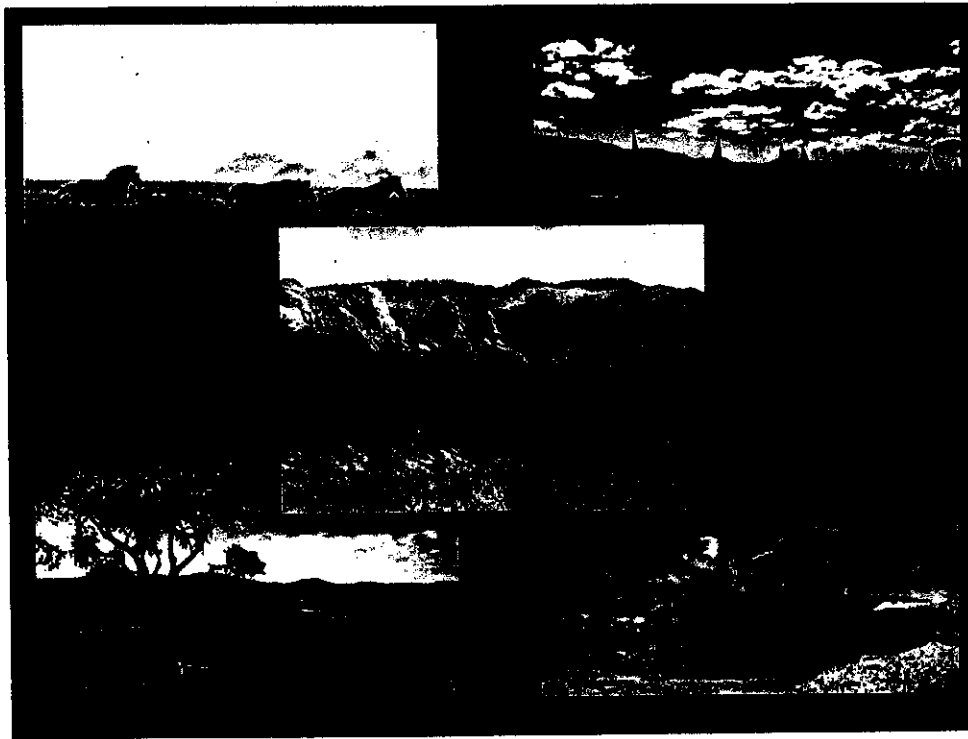


- 48 million acres (68 percent of land in Nevada)
- Headquarters office in Reno
- Six field offices: Elko, Winnemucca, Carson City, Ely, Las Vegas, Battle Mountain
- Two field stations: Caliente, Tonopah
- Three Resource Advisory Councils

We have a headquarters office in Reno. That is where I am located, and where our program leaders are stationed. We have technical leaders in a variety of fields: minerals, range, wildlife, lands, wild horses and burros, engineering, cultural resources -- most are seasoned employees who have had field experience, and often management experience. Reno is also where you would come to file your annual mining claim or to look up land status records. We also have an excellent bookstore there which is run by the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association.

BLM has offices in nine locations in Nevada to make it more convenient for our customers.

We are considering realignment of boundaries to determine if it would be more efficient and more convenient to the users to make Tonopah a field office. Right now Nye County lands are managed by either Ely, Las Vegas or the Carson City field office. After we talk to our customers, we will make a decision as to whether a realignment of boundaries makes sense.



BLM manages your public lands for multiple use.

We should focus our efforts on how the lands are managed, not on who manages them.

I welcome your thoughts on public land management. We have hired Pam Robinson to attend the meetings of your committee and provide reports to me and to Jo Simpson my Chief of Communications on the proceedings that relate to BLM issues. I would encourage you to contact me, Jo or Pam if you have issues that you would like to discuss.

We are available during the legislative session to provide any information you might need, and will be happy to testify on individual issues on request.

I am interested in the work of your committee, and BLM Nevada managers are active participants in the meetings of the permanent committee on public lands during the interim.