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**SENATE BILL 560 GRANTS FOR
PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECTS**

**LIST OF GRANTS AWARDED
1999-2000 Interim**

Project Title	Sponsor	Award	Description
Harvest of Piñon Juniper	John McClain of Resource Concepts for Lincoln County, Nevada	\$10,000	A study to identify and involve interested stakeholders in the development of a comprehensive harvest management plan and related environmental impact statement for the sustainable harvest of Piñon Juniper.
Humboldt River Basin Assessment	State Engineer and US Geological Society	\$40,000	A project to continue the "Humboldt River Basin Assessment" by partially funding "phase two" of the study. The U.S. Geological Society matched the grant award.
Las Vegas Springs Preserve	Las Vegas Valley Water District and Southern Nevada Water Authority	\$18,500	A project to assist in the Las Vegas Springs Preserve Native Habitat Revegetation Effort by preserving and improving native habitats and restoring disturbed areas.
Las Vegas Wash and Wetlands	Las Vegas Valley Water District and Southern Nevada Water Authority	\$18,500	A project to assist in the development of the <i>Watch Our Wetlands Grow</i> project by stabilizing erosion, improving water quality, providing additional wildlife habitat, and increasing public outreach.
Development of Alternative Grazing Fee Structure	William Champney, Associate Professor Emeritus, UNR Department of Applied Economics and Statistics	\$21,000	A project to develop a proposal for a grazing fee formula that can be substituted for the grazing fee formula established by the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978.

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Creating Preferred Grazing Alternative	Joe Guild, Nevada Cattlemen's Association	\$10,000	A project to hire a qualified range scientist to prepare a preferred grazing alternative for presentation to the U.S. Forest Service as an alternative grazing proposal for the Monitor/Hot Creek Mountain Range forest plan.
Appeal of <i>Public Lands v. Babbitt</i>	Joe Guild, Nevada Cattlemen's Association	\$10,000	A project to pay Nevada's share of the money pledged to the Public Lands Council to set forth the arguments of the western states' livestock grazing industry in its appeal of <i>Public Lands v. Babbitt</i> .
Study of Federalism and the Impacts of the Federal Rule Making in Nevada	John Dobra, Natural Resource Industry Institute and UNR Department of Applied Economics and Statistics	\$17,000	A project to prepare a "white paper" that documents the cost of: (a) federal land management to the state's industries that use public lands; (b) federal infringement of the state's rights to manage wildlife and water resources; and (c) federal land disposals for urban development.
Development of a Statewide Public Land Policy Plan	Division of State Lands	\$10,500	A project to fund public involvement in the development of the Nevada Statewide Public Land Policy Plan, including staff travel to workshops statewide and distributing planning documents.
Nevada Land Symposium	Division of State Lands (per request from Assemblywoman de Braga)	\$2,000	A project to maximize attendance and encourage broad participation at the ongoing land symposiums.
Development of a Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Plan	Nevada Cooperative Extension	\$16,000	A project to help conserve and improve diminishing habitat for sage grouse and other sagebrush-dependent species, and to ensure that sage grouse habitat and populations are healthy in order to preclude listing under the Endangered Species Act.
US Highway 95-Bonanza Trail Development	City of Las Vegas	\$20,000	A project to design and establish a 2-mile portion of a regional trail system that will connect with the parks and open spaces in the Las Vegas Valley - specifically a section of the Bonanza Trail extending from Ramsey Street to Las Vegas Boulevard.

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Study of Nevada Mining Industry's Economic Impact on Businesses in Other States	Dana Bennett of Research by Design	\$10,000	A project to compile of data on the purchases made by Nevada's mines and their suppliers in other states, in order to illustrate to various Congressional members the adverse effect of mining restrictions in Nevada on other states.
Publications of Public Lands Handbook	Range Magazine	\$7,000	A project to help fund a "Public Lands Handbook" containing facts and statistics on land use and the potential of federally controlled resources.
Nevada Land Use Summit	Assemblywoman Marcia de Braga	\$2,546	A grant to help reduce the registration expense for the Land Use Summit of April 2000. (Note - the original grant award was \$8,000, of which Mrs. de Braga returned \$5,454 when costs were reduced.)
Nevada Land Use Summit	Assemblywoman Marcia de Braga	\$8,000	A grant to help reduce the registration expense for the Land Use Summit of February 2001.
Sierra Nevada Framework Project	Joe Guild, Nevada Cattlemen's Association	\$3,500	A grant to assist with expenses incurred in the Nevada Cattlemen's Association response to the environmental impact statements for the Sierra Nevada Framework Project.
TOTAL		\$224,546	

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