



NEVADA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS
(Nevada Revised Statutes 218.5363)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The eighth meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Legislative Committee on Public Lands was held on Monday, July 14, 2008, at 9 a.m. in the Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall, 31 South Main Street, Eureka, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/Interim. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman
Senator Mark E. Amodei
Senator Terry Care
Assemblyman Jerry D. Claborn
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea (*alternate*)
Tom Fransway, Humboldt County Commissioner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblyman John W. Marvel, Vice Chairman
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith

OTHER LEGISLATOR PRESENT:

Assemblyman John C. Carpenter

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division
J. Randall Stephenson, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Susan M. Gottschalk, Senior Administrative Assistant, Research Division
Chuck Anderson, A/V Technical Assistant, Broadcast and Production Services
Ryan Dombrowski, A/V Technical Assistant, Broadcast and Production Services

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Rhoads opened the meeting with Committee and staff introductions. Senator Rhoads then expressed appreciation to the Town of Eureka for hosting the Legislative Committee on Public Lands.

APPROVAL OF THE “SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT” OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 6, 2008, ELKO, NEVADA

- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR AMODEI MOVED TO APPROVE THE “SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT” OF THE JUNE 6, 2008, MEETING HELD IN ELKO, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR CARE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UPDATE OF PUBLIC LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES UNDER CONSIDERATION BY EUREKA COUNTY

- Lenny Fiorenzi, Member, Board of County Commissioners, Eureka County, offered a brief introduction to the update of public lands, natural resources, and related planning activities under consideration by Eureka County.
- Jacob Tibbits, Natural Resources Manager, Eureka County, provided an update of public lands, natural resources, and related planning activities under consideration by Eureka County and the Eureka County Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC), which included: (1) range resources and grazing permits; (2) public concern over federal acquisition of water rights; (3) initiation and implementation of a cooperative interagency grazing permittee monitoring plan throughout the State; (4) implementation and completion of fuels management projects; (5) NRAC’s opposition to the release of big horn sheep in the Cortez Mountain Range; (6) NRAC’s opposition to the proposed mandatory National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and premises registration. (Please see [Exhibit B](#) and [Exhibit C](#).)
- Judy Overton, Assistant to the Natural Resources Manager, Eureka County, provided an update of public lands, natural resources, and related planning activities under consideration by Eureka County, which included: (1) additional planning and anticipated growth associated with the Eureka Moly, LLC, Mount Hope Project molybdenum mine; (2) water resources management challenges; and (3) the successful abatement efforts of Mormon crickets and grasshoppers. (Please see [Exhibit B](#).)

Responding to Senator Rhoads’ question regarding molybdenum mines in Eureka County, Ms. Overton responded that the molybdenum mine purveyors are staffing their offices and the mines have begun the permitting process through the Bureau of Land Management

(BLM). Ms. Overton further commented that the mines are also trying to obtain the additional water necessary to mine the molybdenum.

There was a discussion between Chairman Rhoads and Ms. Overton regarding a long-term water management plan. Ms. Overton noted that a long-term water management plan has not been started.

Responding to Senator Care's question regarding clarification of the NAIS, Assemblyman Goicoechea explained that the main basis of the NAIS is for tracking diseases within the animal industry from an animal's birth to death for food safety purposes.

UPDATE OF PUBLIC LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES UNDER CONSIDERATION BY LANDER COUNTY

(Gene Etcheverry, Executive Director, Lander County, and Chuck Chapin, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Lander County, were unable to appear before the Public Lands Committee.)

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC LANDS AND RELATED NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES IN WHITE PINE COUNTY

- Brent Eldridge, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, White Pine County, provided an overview of public lands and related natural resource issues in White Pine County, which included: (1) a brief economic update of White Pine County; (2) a brief update on the status of coal fired power plants and air quality; (3) the status of the Ely District BLM resource management plan; (4) previous and current issues with mining in White Pine County; and (5) drought-related problems for wildlife and livestock.

Responding to Senator Rhoads' query regarding the number of ranches in White Pine County that have been purchased by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), Mr. Eldridge responded that there have been approximately six or seven ranches purchased by SNWA.

There was a discussion between Assemblyman Goicoechea and Mr. Eldridge regarding the ability of a government entity to hold a grazing permit if that government entity owns livestock. Mr. Eldridge opined that based upon precedent in White Pine County, a government entity could hold a grazing permit.

UPDATE OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING EFFORTS IN CENTRAL NEVADA

- Gerald M. Smith, District Manager, Battle Mountain District Office, BLM, United States Department of the Interior (DOI), provided an update of BLM activities and planning efforts in central Nevada, which included: (1) the resource management

plan revisions; (2) BLM's reorganization in Nevada; (3) minerals; (4) abandoned mine lands; (5) energy; (6) recreation; (7) lands and realty; (8) rangeland management; (9) the wild horse and burro program; and (10) wildlife. (Please see [Exhibit D.](#))

Responding to Senator Rhoads' query as to BLM's legal authority for direct land sales, Mr. Smith noted BLM has the authority for the land sales because those land sales are modified direct sales and that bordering permit holders are notified of the potential land sales.

UPDATE OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS) ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING EFFORTS IN THE AUSTIN AND TONOPAH RANGER DISTRICTS

- Steve Williams, District Ranger, Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts, USFS, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), provided an update of the USFS activities and planning efforts in the Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts, which included: (1) fire and fuels management; (2) wild horse and burro management; (3) travel planning; (4) rangeland management planning; and (5) the minerals exploration program. (Please see [Exhibit E.](#))

There was a discussion between Assemblyman Goicoechea and Mr. Williams regarding the number of "vacant" allotments. Mr. Williams responded that the current number of "vacant" allotments do not have current grazing permits, but those allotments will be considered in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. Mr. Williams noted that the decision will be to authorize or not authorize grazing on those allotments even though they are "vacant."

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Fransway and Mr. Williams regarding the use of a categorical exclusion rather than the use of the NEPA process with respect to the renewal of grazing permits that do not change the impact on the ground. Mr. Williams responded that he believed BLM's authority to use a categorical exclusion had expired. Commissioner Fransway commented that he believed the expiration of the categorical exclusion was not until September 2008.

DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CENTRAL NEVADA REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY (CNRWA) FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS

- Steve Bradhurst, Executive Director, CNRWA, discussed recommendations made by the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority for possible consideration by the Legislative Committee on Public Lands, including: (1) a brief overview of the CNRWA's forms, functions, and missions; and (2) CNRWA's recommendation for possible consideration, which included:

1. A water resources technical support fund for the specific purpose of developing an accessible, current, and maintained hydrologic database for water basins in the State;
 2. Land use planning and water resource planning in rural communities that do not have the requisite resources to prepare these plans; and
 3. Monitoring impacts of water purveyor production wells to improve the public's confidence due to impacts caused by water purveyor production wells. (Please see [Exhibit F.](#))
- Nancy Boland, Member, Board of County Commissioners, Esmeralda County, and Member, CNRWA, elaborated on water data monitoring concerning mining. Ms. Boland noted that the information gathered is sent to Nevada's Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) on a quarterly basis for water quality reporting.

There was a discussion between Senator Amodei and Mr. Bradhurst regarding the use of other possible resources before launching an additional monitoring program. Mr. Bradhurst responded that there is information on wells within various federal and State agencies; however, the purpose of the water resources technical support fund would be to enable the U.S. Geological Survey to gather the necessary information and enter it on maps in the website of Nevada's Division of Water Resources, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR).

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS CONCERNING THE INTERBASIN TRANSFER OF WATER AND EVAPORATION

- Nancy Boland, previously identified, provided a discussion of possible recommendations to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands concerning the interbasin transfer of water and evaporation, which included: (1) a brief background and description of the use of evaporation; (2) an example of extraction of lithium from groundwater brine; and (3) potential benefits concerning the interbasin transfer of water and evaporation. (Please see [Exhibit G.](#))

Responding to questions from Assemblyman Goicoechea regarding the lithium basins, Ms. Boland noted that the lithium basins are lined and that the freshwater is at a higher elevation than the lithium elevations; however, there is a chance for exchange between the lithium and freshwater. Ms. Boland opined that funds would be needed for potential mitigation factors.

OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION (SENATE BILL 487, CHAPTER 531, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 2007*)

- Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), provided a brief explanation as to the purpose of Nevada's Legislative Committee on Public Lands hearing an overview of the activities of the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission (S.B. 487, Chapter 531, *Statutes of Nevada 2007*).
- Senator Mark E. Amodei, Chairman, Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission, offered a brief overview of the activities of the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission, which included: (1) a brief background of S.B. 487; (2) an explanation of and update about the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission, including its membership, duties and powers, planning area, and funding; (3) the "work plan" for the Western Regional Water Commission; (4) the progress and status of the Joint Powers Agreement; and (5) work session topics to be addressed at the Committee's final meeting scheduled for August 11, 2008.

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, AND INITIATIVES OF THE PUBLIC LANDS INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS (UNLV)

- Margaret N. "Peg" Rees, Ph.D., Executive Director, Public Lands Institute, UNLV, provided a review of the activities, programs, and initiatives of the Public Lands Institute, UNLV, which included: (1) environmental issues created by rapid growth on public lands; (2) the Public Lands Institute mission and collaborative partnerships; (3) the growing number of community partners and student involvement; (4) highlights from the spheres of involvement, including community engagement, education, and research projects; (5) the Clark County Cultural Site Stewardship Program; (6) the "Don't Trash Nevada" campaign; and (6) the advocates for public lands. (Please see [Exhibit H-1](#) and [Exhibit H-2](#).)

There was a discussion between Senator Care and Dr. Rees regarding possible protection for the Gold Butte region near Lake Mead. Dr. Rees responded that there are numerous cultural sites throughout the Gold Butte area, and as the population in southern Nevada has increased, there has been an increase in the degradation of the land. She further noted that there are numerous entities that are actively engaged in designating Gold Butte as a conservation area.

Responding to Assemblyman Claborn's and Commissioner Fransway's question regarding funding, Dr. Rees noted that the Public Lands Institute is funded by grants from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OVERVIEW OF MATTERS CONCERNING NOXIOUS WEEDS IN NEVADA

Overview and Status Report of Nevada's Noxious Weed Program

- Scott Marsh, Noxious Weeds Regulatory Specialist, Plant Industry Division, State Department of Agriculture, provided an overview and status report of Nevada's noxious weed program. Mr. Marsh proposed a recommendation to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands concerning intermediate action in the form of an administrative fine that could be levied against the landowner or occupant when noxious weeds are not managed on their lands. (Please see [Exhibit I-1](#), [Exhibit I-2](#), and [Exhibit I-3](#).)

There was a discussion between Assemblyman Claborn and Mr. Marsh regarding the inspection of fields for noxious weeds. Mr. Marsh responded that approximately 95 percent of the regulatory abatement program is based on complaints, and the complaints are substantiated using a noxious weed complaint field verification form. (Please see [Exhibit I-1](#).)

Report on the USFS Role in and Support of Noxious Weed Abatement and Control in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

(As directed by Chairman Rhoads, this agenda item was taken out of order.)

- Brett Glover, Noxious Weed Coordinator, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, USFS, USDA, provided a report on the USFS role in and support of noxious weed abatement and control in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, which included: (1) a brief background of the invasive species management program; (2) a supplement to a manual for weed prevention requiring NEPA documentation; (3) the use of certified weed-free forage; (4) weed mapping data; (5) the percentage of noxious weed species by occurrence; (6) land susceptibility due to aggressive encroaching species; (7) comparison of weed frequency on all vegetative types; (8) Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and local Ranger District priorities; (9) the USDA's State and Private Forestry Programs as an active weed partner and funding source; (10) interagency cooperation; (11) different types of equipment, tools, and activities for management of noxious weeds; and (12) the development of strategies for addressing the invasion of cheatgrass and other invasive species. (Please see [Exhibit J](#).)

Review of BLM Programs and Activities Pertaining to Noxious Weeds in Nevada

- Mike Vermeys, Weed Management Specialist, Battle Mountain District, BLM, DOI, provided a review of BLM programs and activities pertaining to noxious weeds in Nevada and the BLM Battle Mountain District, which included:

(1) a brief description of the noxious weeds management program with the six Nevada BLM Districts; (2) statewide funding levels for the BLM noxious weed programs; (3) cooperation with Community Weed Management Areas to identify and control noxious weed infestations; (4) a brief description of the top four pressing noxious weed concerns; and (5) continued concern with cheatgrass and the use of the Integrated Weed Management methods. (Please see [Exhibit K.](#))

Overview of Noxious Weed Control Efforts and Outreach by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Service (UNCE)

- Earl Creech, Ph.D., State Weed Specialist, UNCE, provided an overview of noxious weed control efforts and outreach by the Nevada Cooperative Extension Service, which included: (1) the mission of the UNCE; (2) a brief description of the duties of an Extension Weed Specialist; and (3) the major programs including a needs assessment, weed prevention, early detection and rapid response, and weed management. (Please see [Exhibit L-1](#) and [Exhibit L-2](#)).

Responding to Senator Care's question regarding the introduction of noxious weeds to Nevada, Dr. Creech responded that the introduction of noxious weeds can be attributed partly to noxious weeds brought into the U.S. from foreign countries and by the treatment of the soil itself.

Update on the Activities of the "Tri-County Weed Group" and Weed Eradication and Control Efforts in Eastern and Central Nevada and Discussion of Possible Bill Draft Recommendation Concerning Noxious Weeds

- Betsy Macfarlan, Executive Director, Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition, provided an update on the activities of the Tri-County Weed Program (TCW) and weed eradication and control efforts in eastern and central Nevada, which included: (1) a brief description of the TCW; (2) a brief description of TCW's cooperative agreements with the BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Nevada's Department of Transportation, and summary of a contract with SNWA; (3) the establishment of eight cooperative weed management areas on a watershed basis; and (4) accomplishments and goals of the TCW. (Please see [Exhibit M-1](#).)

Ms. Macfarlan further testified regarding TCW's possible bill draft recommendation concerning noxious weeds, which included:

1. A request for a word change from "shall" to "may" in *Nevada Revised Statutes* 555.215; and
2. A brief description of the potential for increased flexibility as a result from the word change for establishing weed districts. (Please see [Exhibit M-2](#).)

UPDATE ON THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NEVADA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM

- Jennifer Newmark, Administrator, Nevada Natural Heritage Program, SDCNR, provided an update on the programs and activities of the Nevada Natural Heritage Program, which included: (1) a brief description of the Nevada Natural Heritage Program, including native flora and fauna, the “Scorecard,” data services, wetlands, noxious weeds and invasive species, and vegetation and landscape ecology; (2) Nevada’s ranking among plant, mammal, and total species diversity; (3) a brief description of the distribution of imperiled species by ecoregion; (4) the current number of species tracked; (5) response to State, local, federal, private, and commercial data requests; (6) the highest priority conservation sites within the Nevada Natural Heritage Scorecard 2006; (7) the importance of springs to various species; (8) mapping and planning for isolated springs in Nevada; and (9) weed program goals. (Please see [Exhibit N-1](#), [Exhibit N-2](#), [Exhibit N-3](#), and [Exhibit N-4](#).)
- Senator Amodei queried as to what has attributed to Nevada’s high ranking for biological diversity in the State on many of the species lists. Ms. Newark responded that Nevada’s ranking can be primarily attributed to the way the species are distributed across the landscape and the biogeographic history.

OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF NEVADA’S COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NCED) RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

(Michael E. Skaggs, Executive Director, NCED, and Joe Locurto, Director, Rural Economic Development, NCED, were unable to appear before the Public Lands Committee.)

DISCUSSION CONCERNING RECENT CHALLENGE TO THE HUBBARD VINEYARD ALLOTMENT MULTIPLE USE DECISION

- John C. Carpenter, Nevada State Assemblyman, Assembly District No. 33, provided a brief introduction of the discussion concerning a recent challenge to the Hubbard Vineyard allotment multiple use decision.
- Robin Boies, Boies Ranches, Inc., Elko, presented a video containing background information concerning the recent challenge to the Hubbard Vineyard allotment multiple use decision, which described: (1) a holistic management solution centered around a collaborative approach; (2) the optimization of biodiversity and health of the land in order to achieve ecological, economic, and social goals; (3) creation of one herd and rotation of livestock through use areas on the allotment; (4) development of yearly grazing plans to rotate pasture usage; (5) development of new methods to utilize and protect water resources; and (6) a brief description of the Hubbard Vineyard Allotment Management Group.

- Steve Boies, Boies Ranches, Inc., Elko, provided a discussion concerning the recent challenge to the Hubbard Vineyard allotment multiple use decision, which included: (1) current status of the Hubbard Vineyard allotment multiple use decision; (2) the appeal of a stay of the decision by the Western Watersheds Project; (3) Boies Ranches filing for intervener status of the stay; (4) purpose of the holistic management process due to the number of species and wildlife on the allotment; (5) support from BLM for multiple use; and (6) discussions that took place behind closed doors.

There was a discussion between Assemblyman Goicoechea and Mr. Boies regarding the basis of the appeal by the Western Watersheds Project. Mr. Boies responded that a few of the reasons for the basis of the appeal by the Western Watersheds Project included: (1) a violation of NEPA, the Taylor Grazing Act, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; (2) direct and indirect failure to examine reasonable range of alternatives; and (3) violation of land use plans and safety of protected species. Mr. Boies noted that the Western Watersheds Project has used this rationale in other grazing allotment challenges.

- Assemblyman Carpenter, previously identified, opined that Boies Ranches have conducted their ranching operations in a proper manner. Mr. Carpenter further opined that the Boies' fight against the Western Watersheds Project needs support from Nevada's Legislative Committee on Public Lands in the form of a letter of support for Boies Ranches and their holistic management solution.

A discussion ensued among Chairman Rhoads, Senator Amodei, and Assemblyman Goicoechea regarding the ability of the State to intervene in the process. Senator Amodei suggested that staff of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands invite Nevada's Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto or a representative from the Office of the Attorney General to the meeting in Lovelock to discuss the situation with the Hubbard Vineyard allotment. Chairman Rhoads concurred with the suggestion.

SOLICITATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE TOPICS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE AUGUST 22, 2008, COMMITTEE MEETING AND WORK SESSION

- Michael J. Stewart, previously identified, provided a briefing on the solicitation of recommendations from members of the public regarding public lands and natural resource topics and the Committee discussion of possible recommendations in advance of the August 22, Committee meeting and work session. Mr. Stewart presented a letter received via e-mail from the Coalition for Public Access in response to the proposed wilderness areas within Esmeralda, Lyon, and Mineral Counties ([Exhibit O](#)). Mr. Stewart also briefly discussed possible recommendations concerning the Wildfire Support Group and the possible resubmission of a piece of water legislation

considered in the 2007 Session by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources (without the appropriation), and a possible recommendation concerning endangered species.

- Commissioner Fransway suggested a possible legislative resolution concerning grazing permit renewals and transfers and the NEPA process. Commissioner Fransway also suggested a review of current statute in which those individuals who intentionally or accidentally start a fire are held accountable.
- Senator Amodei suggested a possible recommendation incorporating the Lahontan Audubon Society's position on hollow mine marker removal.
- Assemblyman Goicoechea suggested the Committee consider a request that language be placed on the deed of parcels sold in rural areas in the form of a declaration acknowledging the close proximity of grazing land to the property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(As directed by Chairman Rhoads, this agenda item was taken out of order.)

- Jeremy Drew, Director, Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife, and representative, Nevada's Responsible Trails Alliance, highlighted a letter dated April 10, 2008, from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, that highlights some of the issues those agencies are collectively addressing. Mr. Drew provided information on an off-highway vehicle (OHV) working group formed with various stakeholders regarding consensus in certain areas of possible OHV legislation, which included: (1) titling; (2) annual registration; (3) identifiable tag or sticker; (4) proceeds from registration to a designated OHV fund; and (5) the requirement of an educational component. (Please see [Exhibit P](#) and [Exhibit Q](#).)
- Leah Bradle, Executive Director, Nevada Powersport Dealers Association, provided a briefing on the five areas that the OHV working group has determined warrants additional information prior to reaching a final decision, which included: (1) an OHV program startup; (2) OHV registration; (3) an OHV fund; (4) an OHV board or commission; and (5) an OHV program for education and enforcement. (Please see [Exhibit Q](#).)

- Steve Walker, Rural Representative, Board for Financing Water Projects, NDEP, commented on two proposals, which included: (1) clarification of funding priority from a water grant program; and (2) a water-related bill draft request from Douglas County concerning purveyors handling water dedication and water permits.
- Scott Marsh, expressed support for the “Tri-County Weed Group’s” requested word change in legislation that would enable the “Tri-County Weed Group” to become a district without having to levy a tax within the proposed district.

POSSIBLE WORK SESSION ON PRECEDING AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES AND INFORMATIONAL TOUR DETAILS

- Michael J. Stewart, previously identified, reviewed several topics that will be presented at the Legislative Committee on Public Lands’ final meeting in Lovelock and informed the Committee about the informational tour to Washington, D.C., in September 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senior Administrative Assistant

Michael J. Stewart
Supervising Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” provided by Michael J. Stewart, Supervising Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit B](#) is the written testimony of Lenny Fiorenzi, Member, Board of County Commissioners, Eureka County; Jacob Tibbits, Natural Resources Manager, Eureka County; and Judy Overton, Assistant to the Natural Resources Manager, Eureka County.

[Exhibit C](#) is a publication titled “Great Basin Wildfire Forum, The Search for Solutions,” provided by Jacob Tibbits, Natural Resources Manager, Eureka County.

[Exhibit D](#) is the written testimony of Gerald M. Smith, District Manager, Battle Mountain District Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Department of the Interior (DOI).

[Exhibit E](#) is the written testimony of Steve Williams, District Ranger, Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

[Exhibit F](#) is a document titled “Central Nevada Regional Water Authority,” submitted by Steve Bradhurst, Executive Director, Central Nevada Regional Water Authority (CNRWA).

[Exhibit G](#) is the written testimony of Nancy Boland, Member, Board of County Commissioners, Esmeralda County; and Member, CNRWA.

[Exhibit H-1](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Legislative Committee on Public Lands, July 14, 2008, Eureka, Nevada,” presented by Margaret N. “Peg” Rees, Ph.D., Executive Director, Public Lands Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

[Exhibit H-2](#) is an informational pamphlet titled “Public Lands Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Knowledge Creativity Excellence, Partners in Cooperative Conservation,” referenced by Margaret N. “Peg” Rees, Ph.D., Executive Director, Public Lands Institute, UNLV.

[Exhibit I-1](#) is the written testimony of Scott Marsh, Noxious Weeds Regulatory Specialist, Plant Industry Division, State Department of Agriculture (SDA).

[Exhibit I-2](#) is a pamphlet titled “Nevada’s Weed-Free Forage Certification Program,” submitted by Scott Marsh, Noxious Weeds Regulatory Specialist, Plant Industry Division, SDA.

[Exhibit I-3](#) is a pamphlet titled “Noxious Weeds, How Do They Affect You?” provided by Scott Marsh, Noxious Weeds Regulatory Specialist, Plant Industry Division, SDA.

[Exhibit J](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Invasive Species Management Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest,” offered by Brett Glover, Noxious Weed Coordinator, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, USFS, USDA.

[Exhibit K](#) is the written testimony of Mike Vermeys, Weed Management Specialist, Battle Mountain District, BLM, DOI.

[Exhibit L-1](#) is a document dated July 14, 2008, titled “Overview of Noxious Weed Research and Education Efforts by University of Nevada Cooperative Extension,” provided by Earl Creech, Ph.D., State Weed Specialist, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE).

[Exhibit L-2](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Overview of Noxious Weed Research and Education Efforts by UNCE,” provided by Earl Creech, Ph.D., State Weed Specialist, UNCE.

[Exhibit M-1](#) is a document titled “Tri-County Weed Program Presented to Nevada’s Legislative Committee on Public Lands Eureka, Nevada July 14, 2008,” offered by Betsy Macfarlan, Executive Director, Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC).

[Exhibit M-2](#) is a document titled “Tri County Weed Program 2009 Legislative Recommendation,” referenced by Betsy Macfarlan, Executive Director, ENLC.

[Exhibit N-1](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Nevada Natural Heritage Program,” presented by Jennifer Newmark, Administrator, Nevada Natural Heritage Program, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR).

[Exhibit N-2](#) is a map titled “Nevada Weeds,” submitted by Jennifer Newmark, Administrator, Nevada Natural Heritage Program, SDCNR.

[Exhibit N-3](#) is an informational flier titled “Natural Heritage Program,” provided by Jennifer Newmark, Administrator, Nevada Natural Heritage Program, SDCNR.

[Exhibit N-4](#) is a booklet titled “Scorecard 2006 Nevada Natural Heritage Program Highest Priority Conservation Sites,” offered by Jennifer Newmark, Administrator, Nevada Natural Heritage Program, SDCNR.

[Exhibit O](#) is a letter dated July 11, 2008, to Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman, Legislative Committee on Public Lands, and Committee Members, from the Coalition for Public Access, regarding proposed wilderness areas in Esmeralda, Lyon, and Mineral Counties, submitted by Sue Silver, Secretary, Coalition for Public Access.

[Exhibit P](#) is a letter dated April 10, 2008, to Cal Groen, Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and Robert Meinen, Director, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, from Cameron Wheeler, Chairman, Idaho Fish and Game Commission, regarding addressing issues of mutual importance to both agencies, provided by Jeremy Drew, Director, Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife, and representative, Nevada's Responsible Trails Alliance.

[Exhibit Q](#) is a document dated July 14, 2008, titled "Off-Highway Vehicle Working Group," submitted by Jeremy Drew, Director, Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife, and representative, Nevada's Responsible Trails Alliance.

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