

Status of Great Basin National Park Public Lands Committee Meeting, Ely July 30, 2010

The latest and greatest in the park:

- * 11 species of cave critters unknown to science – charismatic micro fauna
- * 6 new species of flies assoc w/ caves
- * A terrestrial snail unknown to science
- * The deepest cave in Nevada, the highest rock art in Nevada
- * Sediment in mountain lakes from Crater Lake explosion
- * Biggest silver poplar known in Nevada
- * Largest cliffrose in state
- * 8 rattle snakes with implanted transmitters
- * 5,000 acres of beetle kill of pines from mountain pine bark beetle
- * Lion kill in Lehman Campground in June
- * First King Snake found in park – Lincoln Mine (may be elevation record)

Projects:

Hazard tree removal program in Lehman Campgrounds
SNOTEL station this July
NOAA weather – storm ready station in park
Strawberry Creek development - hardening roads, defining camp sites, toilet, corral,
trail with SNPLMA funding
Bioblitz II – grasshoppers and crickets (includes earwigs) conducted in June
Mather Overlook development with accessible platform, vault toilet, recovered Stephen
Mather plaque restoration and spotting scopes
U of I Moscow Cave Visitation study
Heritage Area Management Plan draft in August.
Concession Contract in draft form for next year.
New roofs for Ranger Station and park quarters.
Painting the Lehman Cave VC.
Mile post markers and restriping Scenic Drive

Most recent news:

Hired new Chief Ranger July 29th – Greg Moore out of Yosemite