

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Public Lands' Subcommittee to Study Wilderness Areas and Wilderness Study Areas (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 [File No. 63, *Statutes of Nevada 2003*])

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, December 18, 2003
8:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Winnemucca Convention Center
West Hall
50 West Winnemucca Boulevard
Winnemucca, Nevada

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A G E N D A

- I. Opening Remarks and Introductions by Chairman Dean A. Rhoads
- *II. Review of Subcommittee Proposed Work Plan and Discussion of Subcommittee Activities and Meetings During the 2003-2004 Legislative Interim
Scott Young, Committee Analyst, Wilderness Areas and Wilderness Study Areas Subcommittee
- *III. Remarks by Representatives of Humboldt County Commission
- IV. Brief Slide Presentation on Wilderness Study Areas in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Department of the Interior (USDO), Winnemucca Field Office Area
Brian Beffort, Nevada Representative, Friends of Nevada Wilderness
- *V. Reports to Committee:
 - A. Overview of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and Federal Lands Policy Management Act of 1976
Steve Smith, Nevada Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, USDO
 - B. Update of Current Status of Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas in Nevada
Meg Jensen, Deputy State Director for Natural Resources, Lands and Planning, BLM, USDO
 - C. Discussion of Criteria and Guidelines Used to Study and Recommend Lands to Congress for Designation as Wilderness Area
Meg Jensen, Deputy State Director, Natural Resources, Lands and Planning, BLM, USDO
Pamela B. Wilcox, Administrator, Division of State Lands, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Shaaron Netherton, Executive Director, Friends of Nevada Wilderness
 - D. Discussion of Wilderness Management and Interim Management of Wilderness Study Areas:
 - Access to Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas
 - Fire Suppression
 - Response to Emergencies
 - Allowable Activities

- Permitted Activities (Livestock Grazing, Permitted Recreation, and Wildlife Improvements)
- Mining Claims
- Access to Private Lands
Meg Jensen, Deputy State Director, Natural Resources, Lands and Planning, BLM, USDOJ

E. Discussion of Wilderness Designation Process:

- Working with Stakeholders
- Working with Congressional Delegation
- Mapping of Proposed Boundaries
- Introduction of Bills in United States Congress
Jo Simpson, Chief, Office of Communications, Nevada Office, BLM, USDOJ

F. Discussion of Post-Designation Actions:

- Planning Process
- Signing Boundaries
- Changes in Management
- Public Information
Terry Reed, Winnemucca Field Manager, BLM, USDOJ

VI. Public Comment

*Denotes items on which the subcommittee may take action.

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