



**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*])

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The fifth meeting and Work Session of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands' Subcommittee to Study Wilderness Areas and Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) for the 2003-2004 interim was held on Friday, June 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the Legislative Building, Room 2135, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, 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 Web site at www.leg.state.nv.us/72nd/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).

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman
Assemblyman Jerry D. Claborn, Vice Chairman
Senator Mike McGinness
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Senator Bob Coffin

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Young, Principal Policy and Special Projects Analyst, Research Division
R. René Yeckley, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Gayle Nadeau, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division

OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Rhoads opened the meeting with Subcommittee and staff introductions. He provided background information on the Legislative Committee on Public Lands' Subcommittee to Study Wilderness Areas and Wilderness Study Areas. In addition, Senator Rhoads offered information on wilderness statistics and the process of designating wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, as well as the Subcommittee's role in conducting its study of WSAs in the State.

Senator Rhoads introduced five letters (four received via electronic mail and one through the United States Postal Service) from individuals expressing concerns on WSAs. Please see [Exhibit B](#).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 25, 2004, MEETING IN RENO, NEVADA

- The Subcommittee APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

ASSEMBLYMAN CLABORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE "SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT" OF THE MARCH 25, 2004, MEETING HELD IN RENO, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE MILITARY'S PERSPECTIVE ON NEVADA'S WILDERNESS PROPOSALS

- Captain W. Scott Ryder, Commanding Officer, Fallon Naval Air Station, United States Navy, Fallon, Nevada, highlighted the history of the Fallon Naval Air Station (NAS). He then provided a detailed presentation regarding the interrelation of wilderness areas with military operations and the vital need for the military to maintain the ability to have access to and through wilderness areas for its ongoing training purposes and potential search and rescue operations. The following areas were addressed by Captain Ryder during his presentation (please see [Exhibit C](#)):
 - Missions of the Fallon NAS and the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center;
 - Fallon Range Training Complex and the wilderness study areas as designated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and
 - Wilderness Initiative—Military participation in WSAs is critical to continue to train naval aviators for real-world preparedness, such as having access to TIS (telemetry) sites in the wilderness areas that allow for triangulation tracking of airplanes to within a meter or two.

Captain Ryder pointed out that current military training in Fallon consists of both air and ground operations, and special operations personnel from the Army and Navy Seals

are training predominantly in Fallon because the areas that underline the Fallon Range Training Air Complex are a perfect replication of what the military is experiencing in Afghanistan and Iraq. Therefore, to continue this type of training, the military must have forces and vehicles on the ground, as well as in the air. Captain Ryder offered the following conceptual language to incorporate in any proposed wilderness legislation in addressing the military's need to access WSAs: "maximize the benefits and minimize the impact." Please see [Exhibit D](#) and [Exhibit E](#).

- Amy Lueders, Associate State Director, BLM, Reno, Nevada, responded to Captain Ryder's concern that the military have access to wilderness areas for emergency search and rescue operations. Ms. Lueders noted that for emergency or any life-threatening situation, helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft, or any action deemed necessary to prevent the loss of property or life can be taken, even if it impairs the wilderness.
- Chip Kramer, Natural Resource Director, Fallon Naval Air Station, United States Navy, Fallon, noted that the Fallon NAS welcomes the opportunity to work with the BLM on boundary adjustments prior to any designation of WSAs.
- Colonel Anthony Joseph Wendel III, Program Officer, Western Regional Environmental Coordination Officer, United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, California, focused his extensive presentation on training and readiness. He also cited concern over the increasing trend to restrict current and future access to multiple-use public lands that would impact the Marine Corps' preparedness for war time. Colonel Wendel noted that access to public lands is becoming even more important for the Marine Corps missions and functions in states like Arizona, California, and Nevada where the natural terrain extends from the sea to the desert to the mountains, and has the diversity of climate necessary to simulate the conditions of combat in preparing marines for global conflict.

In conclusion, Colonel Wendel noted that the Marine Corps is not opposed to wilderness designations and is not seeking an exemption from natural resource conservation laws. Instead, the Marine Corps is asking to maintain its current ability to conduct environmentally-benign, but vital, military training on federal lands that are not withdrawn from military use. Please see [Exhibit F](#).

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gary McCuin, Agriculturist, State Department of Agriculture, addressed three areas of concern for consideration when wilderness areas are designated: (1) encourage grazing language in wilderness designations allowing for continued multiple use; (2) allow the Department to handle abatement efforts of noxious weeds and other invasive species in wilderness areas; and (3) work toward reducing the risk of wildland fire in wilderness areas such as the encroachment of pinion-juniper in the Desatoya WSA.

- Amy Lueders, identified earlier, responded to Assemblyman Goicoechea's question regarding fire suppression in wilderness areas noting that the BLM would have the full range of options to deal with fires in wilderness areas and would identify the approach most appropriate for the resources.
- Les Thrasher, resident, Las Vegas, expressed his appreciation to the Subcommittee for its efforts during the interim and the courtesy shown to him and other members of the public.
- Ronda Hornbeck, Lincoln County Commissioner, Pioche, Nevada, thanked the Subcommittee for its diligent efforts during the 2003-2004 interim and also provided an update on the status of the Lincoln County lands bill. (The Lincoln County lands bill was introduced in the United States Congress on June 16, 2004.)
- Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004.

WORK SESSION

Discussion of Work Session Document and Adoption of Recommendations

- Chairman Rhoads referred to the Subcommittee's "Work Session Document," which appears as [Exhibit G](#). Senator Rhoads asked Scott Young, Principal Policy and Special Projects Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), Carson City, to proceed in conducting the work session for the Subcommittee.
- Scott Young explained that the recommendations in the document are arranged by topic and that he would provide a general overview of each topic as he progressed through the work session.

WORK SESSION DOCUMENT

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

June 11, 2004

The following "Work Session Document" has been prepared by the Chairman and staff of Nevada's Legislative Committee on Public Lands' Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) Subcommittee. Each item in this document may be the subject of further discussion, refinement, or action. The source of each recommendation is noted in parentheses. Please note that specific details of Subcommittee statements may need to be clarified by Subcommittee staff prior to drafting. All place names referred to in this document are in Nevada unless otherwise noted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Native American Input

Draft statements of support in the Subcommittee report for the following State of Nevada Indian Commission recommendations:

1. Provide a state process and procedure for consultation and collaboration with tribes and Native Americans for Nevada in relation to study wilderness areas and wilderness study areas provided by S.C.R. 7.
2. Congress should consider federal law and executive orders specific to Sacred Sites Protection, Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation (NAGPRA), and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) in any future Wilderness designations.
3. Provide a forum on wilderness areas/study specifically for tribal participation, including the Great Basin Inter-Tribal NAGPRA Coalition, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada and the Nevada Indian Commission, DOI/Bureau of Land Management, DOI/Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the State of Nevada.
4. Ensure a position on all planning boards, teams, and review committees related to wilderness issues has at least one position for specific tribal representation.
5. Provide informational and educational media on cultural, ceremonial, and traditions specific to Native Americans in Nevada, including information on the history of federal Indian policy.
6. In Nevada's Policy Plan for Public Lands, tribal and Native American cultural perspectives need to be included in addition to other State public land policies. Currently no references are included.

(Richard Harjo, Chairman, Nevada Indian Commission, Reno, March 25, 2004.)

- Scott Young (previously identified) explained that Mr. Harjo, Chairman of the Nevada Indian Commission, proposed the above six recommendations to ensure that Native American interests would be represented and considered in wilderness discussions. Therefore, Mr. Young proposed that the six recommendations be incorporated into one that would be similar in language to two recommendations from the 2001-2002 legislative interim study on WSAs, but the new recommendation would specifically reference Native Americans.
- Chairman Rhoads asked if the Subcommittee had any concerns with Mr. Young's suggestion to modify the language of two recommendations from the 2001-2002 interim study by specifically making reference to Native Americans in the new recommendation to address the six recommendations in the *Native American Input* category.

- At the call of the Chairman, **THE SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED TO:**

INCLUDE A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR ADOPTION IN A RESOLUTION BY THE 73RD SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE TO ENSURE THAT NATIVE AMERICAN INTERESTS WOULD BE REPRESENTED AND CONSIDERED IN WILDERNESS DISCUSSIONS.

Allocation of State Funds for Mineral Assessment

Send a letter to the Nevada Legislature to encourage allocation of funds to complete a statewide comprehensive mineral assessment that identifies the state's mineral resource potential in wilderness areas prior to any additional wilderness designation. (*Ann S. Carpenter, Reno, March 25, 2004.*)

- Scott Young, previously identified, conveyed that the mining industry has detailed reviews on the mineral potential for various wilderness areas in the State and also stated that he understands there are federal funds allocated for such a study. Therefore, Mr. Young suggested, as an alternative to Ms. Carpenter's recommendation, that the Subcommittee could encourage the mining industry and those involved in the process of designating wilderness areas to access all available State and federal information on mineral potential in proposed wilderness areas.
- Senator Rhoads noted that in discussions with staff, he is convinced the mining industry has thoroughly assessed where the mineral deposits are in the State of Nevada, and that the industry updates its review on an annual basis. Therefore, Chairman Rhoads suggested such a mineral assessment would not be necessary.
- Assemblyman Goicoechea concurred with Senator Rhoads, but inquired as to which Nevada agency might be charged with compiling the mineral assessment information from the Nevada mining industry. Mr. Goicoechea asserted that it might be appropriate for a State agency to document this information so that it does not appear that the mining industry is in charge of Nevada's wilderness lands.
- Chairman Rhoads responded that it would probably be Nevada's Division of Minerals, Commission on Mineral Resources. Senator Rhoads noted that the Subcommittee may suggest, via transmission of a letter, to the Division that it update mineral resources information in the State on a regular basis and provide a report to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands.
- Senator McGinness agreed there should be a source in the State that compiles this type of information and that the Division of Minerals would be the proper agency.

- Chairman Rhoads noted that the Legislative Committee on Public Lands may already be receiving an annual report from the Nevada Mining Association, so a letter may not be necessary.
- Assemblyman Claborn expressed agreement regarding discussion of the issue.
- Assemblyman Goicoechea concluded the discussion on Ms. Carpenter's recommendation for the *Allocation of State Funds for Mineral Assessment* by noting his preference that an agency be identified as the resource for mineral data and that the public be made aware of where such information may be found.

NO SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION WAS TAKEN on *Allocation of State Funds for Mineral Assessment*.

Roads

Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to support “cherry-stem” roads on existing roads (dead-end roads extending into wilderness areas but excluded from designation as part of the wilderness by drawing the boundaries of the wilderness area around and just beyond the edges of the road). (*George T. Rowe, Lincoln County Commissioner, Caliente, January 23, 2004.*)

- Scott Young, previously identified, noted that during the Subcommittee's 2001-2003 interim study of wilderness areas, a recommendation was adopted supporting cherry-stemming for ranching purposes; however, information presented before the Subcommittee during the 2003-2004 interim indicated that the United States Congress has expressed reluctance to allow extensive cherry-stemming of roads because the roads defeat the purpose of wilderness designations to provide an isolated experience for the public.
- Assemblyman Goicoechea mentioned that typically in the rural areas that he represents if a road exists, the area does not meet the criteria for wilderness.
- Assemblyman Claborn acknowledged his agreement with Mr. Goicoechea's statement.

NO SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION WAS TAKEN on *Roads*.

Preservation of Stream Flows

Include a statement of support in the Subcommittee report for the idea of preserving adequate instream flow water rights to protect water quantity and quality in wilderness areas. (*Pamela J. White, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Ely, February 6, 2004.*)

- Scott Young pointed out that the 1989 Nevada Wilderness Act contains a general provision that specifies: (1) there will be attempts to secure adequate water flow in

Nevada's wilderness areas; and (2) there is no preference of superior rights for water to wilderness areas over existing water flows.

- Senator Rhoads cautioned that he would be reluctant to accept this recommendation to give wilderness areas a "singled-out" water right.
- Assemblyman Claborn expressed agreement with Senator Rhoads.
- Assemblyman Goicoechea concurred and added that existing water rights need to be protected.
- Senator McGinness voiced agreement with the points raised. He also mentioned that because Mr. Young's statement that the 1989 Nevada Wilderness Act addresses the issue somewhat, the Act should be adequate for the intent of Ms. White's recommendation.

NO SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION WAS TAKEN on *Preservation of Stream Flows*.

Designation of Wilderness

Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to recommend only WSAs identified as suitable for wilderness area designation by the BLM and the Governor's Office be considered for designation. (*Gregg Loptien, Sparks, letter of March 24, 2004.*)

OR

Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to support adoption of the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal for Lincoln and White Pine Counties. (*Shaaron Netherton, Executive Director, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Winnemucca, December 18, 2003.*)

OR

Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to support adoption of the Nevada Mining Association's wilderness proposals for Lincoln and White Pine counties. (*Jonathan Brown, Director of Environmental Affairs, Nevada Mining Association, Caliente, January 23, 2004.*)

- Scott Young, previously identified, explained that these *Designation of Wilderness* recommendations concern general wilderness areas. As a broad overview of the three options, Mr. Young shared that the wilderness area designation by the BLM and the Governor's office encompasses approximately a half-million acres; the proposal for wilderness areas in Lincoln and White Pine Counties covers about a million-and-a-half acres; and the Nevada Mining Association's proposal suggests roughly a quarter million acres for wilderness designation.

Mr. Young offered a fourth option for the Subcommittee's consideration, which would encourage all parties involved to continue to work together on the Lincoln County and White Pine County proposal along with other Nevada counties in the same spirit of cooperation that led to the successful Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002.

- Senator Rhoads acknowledged that the Clark County land act was an excellent example of individuals working together and achieving a successful outcome. He noted that there is interest in other individual counties or regions to work together toward addressing specific land issues.
- Assemblyman Goicoechea expressed support for the fourth option. However, he also voiced his desire that the Subcommittee recommend to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands that those WSAs which have been found unsuitable for wilderness designation should receive priority to be released to the State or private use.
- Assemblyman Claborn confirmed his support for Mr. Young's proposed option.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR MCGINNESS MOVED THAT THE 73RD SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT ENCOURAGES ALL INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS TO WORK COOPERATIVELY TOGETHER ON A COUNTY OR REGIONAL BASIS TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN RECOMMENDATIONS TO NEVADA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND URGE STAKEHOLDERS TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS AS SOON AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE. ASSEMBLYMAN CLABORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recommendations for Specific Areas

Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to designate the North Pahroc Range and the 23,000 acre Big Rocks areas as wilderness. (*John F. Johnson, Chico, California, letter of March 17, 2004.*)

- Scott Young clarified that Mr. Johnson specifically recommended the North Pahroc Range and the Big Rocks areas for designated wilderness areas; however, he noted these areas are included within the Citizen's Wilderness Proposal for Lincoln and White Pine Counties.
- Senator Rhoads corroborated that these areas were already covered.

NO SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION WAS TAKEN on *Recommendations for Specific Areas*.

Lincoln County Recommendations

Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to:

1. Release and return to multiple-use any wilderness study areas that are not included as part of the wilderness designation in Lincoln County currently under way;
2. Cause new maps to be drawn after the wilderness designations are made to show the new boundaries;
3. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision that any lands that receive a wilderness designation are subject to valid and existing rights including rights to access the area, continued grazing, and mining;
4. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision that cherry-stemmed roads and/or trails will continue to allow public motorized access, including a width allowance that will provide adequate pull-outs and camping sites for the public;
5. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision providing for in-holder offsets for any wilderness that surrounds any private property;
6. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision that all prior existing water rights, springs, and improvements remain under the jurisdiction of the water right owner and the State of Nevada;
7. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision that existing water developments (private and wildlife) in wilderness areas will remain and be maintained, monitored, and/or reconstructed, including allowance for occasional and temporary use of motorized equipment, including helicopters, gas and electrical tools to accomplish these tasks;
8. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision that hunting, fishing and trapping be continued uses within the wilderness areas;
9. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision that rights of way be granted for the construction and maintenance of electrical transmission lines, waterlines, utility corridors, and roadways, including a provision that the county be allowed to maintain any of these with the use of motorized equipment;
10. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision that wildfire management activities, including weed control and seeding, can occur in wilderness areas and that county and/or government entity be allowed to accomplish this with the use of motorized equipment;
11. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision designating 80,000 acres of land around existing towns for development.

12. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision that the County be given land for local recreation areas; and
 13. Include as part of its wilderness designations in Lincoln County a provision approve an exchange of lands between the United States and Lincoln County for economic development purposes.
- Scott Young, previously identified, explained that Lincoln County proposed the 13 recommendations noted above and that many of them are already addressed in either the original Wilderness Act of 1964, later land acts, or in subsequent Congressional grazing guidelines. Therefore, Mr. Young suggested incorporating Lincoln County's interests in the previous generic motion for the *Designation of Wilderness* recommendation that encourages interested stakeholders and local representatives to work collaboratively in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect in pursuit of wilderness area designation for Nevada's public lands.
 - At the call of the Chairman, **THE SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED TO** accept staff's suggestion to address Lincoln County's recommendations within the general statement previously acted upon under the category *Designation of Wilderness*. (Please see the Subcommittee action on page 9 of these minutes.)

Military Recommendations

Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to protect current and future military operation on wilderness land and in airspace over wilderness land. (*Cynthia Beiser, United States Navy, e-mail May 12, 2004.*)

- Chairman Rhoads took the final category, *Military Recommendations*, out of order after questioning whether the military should be included in the general statement acted upon under the category *Designation of Wilderness*.
- Scott Young responded that the military had specifically asked the Subcommittee to endorse language urging Congress to protect current and future military operations on wilderness land and in the air space, so their recommendation should be considered separately. Mr. Young also noted the cooperative spirit the military has demonstrated in working with other interested parties on wilderness issues.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN CLABORN MOVED THAT THE 73RD SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT CAREFULLY CONSIDERS THE REQUIREMENT OF EXISTING AND FUTURE MILITARY OPERATIONS ON WILDERNESS LAND AND IN THE AIRSPACE OVER WILDERNESS LAND AND MAKE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS THEREFORE. SENATOR MCGINNESS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Conversion of Undesignated Land

Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to allow some federal lands to be released for conversion to State or private land as wilderness areas are established on a county-by-county basis. (*Preston Wright, Nevada Cattlemen's Association, Reno, March 25, 2004.*)

- Scott Young, previously identified, stated that the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002 addressed land exchanges. Mr. Young noted that this approach is the goal of each county or region working toward their own land act and has also been incorporated in the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act [which passed in 2004, before the finalization and approval of these minutes]. Based on this approach, Mr. Young suggested that the Subcommittee approve a general statement urging Congress to continue releasing lands to the State or private use.
- At the call of the Chairman, **THE SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED TO APPROVE** a general statement for the 2005 Nevada Legislature to adopt by resolution that would:

URGE CONGRESS TO CONTINUE THE POLICY OF RELEASING
FEDERAL LANDS FOR CONVERSION TO STATE OR PRIVATE LANDS
AS WILDERNESS AREAS ARE DESIGNATED OR RELEASED TO
GENERAL USE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STAKEHOLDER
AGREEMENTS.

Sunset on WSAs

Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to adopt a “sunset clause” establishing a termination date by which WSAs must either be designated as wilderness areas or released to general use. (*Tom Fransway, Humboldt County Commissioner, Winnemucca, December 18, 2003.*)

- Scott Young noted that the *Sunset on WSAs* was a recommendation presented during the 2001-2002 interim study of wilderness areas, but during discussions on this recommendation the opposition noted that having a sunset clause may interfere with diligent efforts to resolve wilderness issues because it could enable someone who is opposed to wilderness areas to wait out the sunset time frame instead of working with other parties toward settling specific issues in a manner of cooperative collaboration and mutual respect.
- Senator Rhoads acknowledged the issue raised by Mr. Young and drew attention to the successful resolution of some of the wilderness study areas since the passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964.

- Assemblyman Goicoechea expressed concern that wilderness designations and the release of wilderness study areas that do not meet the criteria of a wilderness area involve too lengthy of a process. He voiced strong support for communicating to Congress that time limits need to be established for decisions and the timely release of lands into State or private use.
- Chairman Rhoads mentioned that Clark County was successful through its land act in having several hundred thousand acres released back to the county. Mr. Young noted the land released in Clark County was at least 224,000 acres.
- Scott Young proposed an alternate recommendation to a “sunset clause” as was done during the 2001-2002 interim study on wilderness areas, which would request that Congress support the adoption of a schedule for the timely consideration of a plan to release lands not designated as wilderness areas.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN CLABORN MOVED THAT THE 73RD SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT URGES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT ADOPTION OF A SCHEDULE FOR TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF A PLAN TO RELEASE LANDS NOT DESIGNATED AS WILDERNESS AREAS. SENATOR MCGINNESS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senior Research Secretary

Scott Young
Principal Policy and Special Projects
Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda.”

[Exhibit B](#) consists of five letters (four received via electronic mail and one through the United States Postal Service) from the following individuals expressing concerns on WSAs: (1) Terri Robertson, resident, Las Vegas; (2) Bruce Holloway, resident, Las Vegas; (3) Nancy Hall, resident, Mesquite, Nevada; (4) Jack and Elaine Holmes, residents, Mesquite; and (5) Wilfred P. Johansson, resident, Stockton, California.

[Exhibit C](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Wilderness Navy Perspective,” provided by Captain W. Scott Ryder, Commanding Officer, Fallon Naval Air Station, United States Navy, Fallon.

[Exhibit D](#) is a map titled “Special Use Airspace and Military Lands with Designated Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas,” provided by Captain W. Scott Ryder, Commanding Officer, Fallon Naval Air Station, United States Navy, Fallon.

[Exhibit E](#) is a document titled “Nevada Wilderness Proposals, Military Considerations,” provided by Cynthia Beiser, Department of Defense Regional Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Department, United States Navy,

[Exhibit F](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “USMC Wilderness Briefing,” provided by Colonel Anthony Joseph Wendel III, Program Officer, Western Regional Environmental Coordination Officer, United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton.

[Exhibit G](#) is a four-page document titled “Work Session Document,” provided by Scott Young, Principal Policy and Special Projects Analyst, Research Division, Research Division, LCB.

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