

PERSHING COUNTY CHECKERBOARD LAND CONSOLIDATION

Nearly four years ago, Nevada Land and Resource Company, LLC (NLRC) began working with the people of Pershing County to arrive at solutions for the checkerboard lands of NLRC located within Pershing County. After wrestling with a myriad of issues, we believe that we have a framework for a consensus on an approach to consolidating the checkerboard lands and stimulating economic activity within Pershing County.

The Pershing County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution dealing with the consolidation, forwarded it to Senator Dean Rhoads and the Nevada legislature joined Pershing County in endorsing the concept of consolidation as outlined in their attached resolution. The 2003 Nevada Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 10 *"Expressing support for the plan to consolidate certain public and private lands in Pershing County and urging the members of the Nevada Congressional Delegation to introduce and support legislation providing for such consolidation of lands in Pershing County."*

The following are the specifics of the checkerboard land consolidation which are, for the most part, premised in local control and retaining the multiple use theory of public lands management as overriding considerations.

The specifics of the Pershing County checkerboard land consolidation need to include the following:

- 1) The conveyance from NLRC to BLM of approximately 330,000 acres of checkerboard land in Pershing County.
- 2) The conveyance from NLRC and BLM to Pershing County of approximately 2,000 acres of checkerboard lands for immediate County economic development needs.
- 3) The conveyance from BLM to Lovelock Meadows Water District of approximately 2,000 acres of checkerboard lands for wellhead protection and tank locations.
- 4) Crediting NLRC with the fair market value of the lands conveyed pursuant to items 1 and 2 above in the form of a ledger account or by cash payment from the BLM (the ledger account could be for use only at public auctions of federal lands in the state of Nevada).
- 5) NLRC shall provide Pershing County with twenty years of ad-valorem taxes attributable to the items 1 and 2 properties to allow Pershing County the time to transition auction lands into private ownership, encourage development and expand the county tax rolls and employment base.
- 6) Provide for the expansion of existing utility corridors within Pershing County to facilitate utility upgrades through the County and northern Nevada.
- 7) Insure that certain designated sensitive lands and lands providing public recreational benefits are set aside and not subject to auction.

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- 8) Provide that, not less frequently than every 24 to 36 months, there be an auction of federally managed public lands within Pershing County in accordance with the Pershing County master plan in the areas and priority determined by Pershing County.
- 9) Provide that existing preferential rights including access on the public lands shall be maintained and there will be no impairment of recreational access to the public lands.
- 10) Provide that the concept of "multiple use" and its principles be maintained for the public lands in Pershing County and that it constitute the overriding policy of public lands management.
- 11) Provide that all grazing preferences and permits shall be maintained in accordance with the numbers of permitted livestock, periods of use and horse free management practices for the affected allotments and management areas and that there be no suspension of grazing rights on the consolidated lands solely because of the acquisition of the checkerboard lands.
- 12) Provide that there shall be a fair and equitable sharing of the public lands auction proceeds between Pershing County and the Bureau of Land Management from the auction of designated federal lands in Pershing County.
- 13) Insure that not less than 50,000 to 100,000 acres, and potentially as many acres as are conveyed to the BLM, are ultimately auctioned from federally managed lands within Pershing County to insure that the county is made "whole" from a taxation and development perspective, knowing that such a process could take in excess of 20 years.
- 14) Insure that existing land owners be afforded modified competitive sale opportunities to protect their holdings and operations.

The county has appointed a working committee of approximately seven individuals, although there are rarely fewer than 12 to 15 participants, to review the county master plan and the areas designated as growth areas within the County in order to provide a rationale schedule and plan for the future auction of federal lands as the community grows and expands.

A congressional bill draft will be requested for the next congressional session which will hopefully find its way through the legislative process before the end of session in 2004. Senator Rhoads and Pershing County officials and residents have indicated their willingness to travel to Washington to meet with all members of Nevada's congressional delegation if that is the delegation's pleasure.

With the limitation relating to land exchanges and the immediate needs to create rural economic opportunity and provide protection to recreational, biological and cultural lands, coupled with the willingness of Nevada's largest land owner to assist in a solution we believe that we can act in a responsible manner to create a positive resolution for Pershing County, BLM, NLRC and Nevada residents.