

# Public Land Legislation



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# Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

- Provides for orderly disposal of certain federal lands in Clark County, Nevada
- Provides for acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada



# SNPLMA

- 49,000 acres designated for disposal
- 5,635 acres sold for \$690 million since 1998 at 15 public auctions:
  - Nine oral auctions
  - Six online auctions
- Local government selects timing of lands offered for sale



The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing & Urban Development, may make public lands in Nevada available for disposal for affordable housing purposes at less than fair market value.



# Allocation of SNPLMA Proceeds

- Five percent to State School Trust Fund, \$29 million
- Ten percent to Southern Nevada Water Authority, \$53 million
- 85 percent deposited in special account, \$473 million
  - \$207 million approved for acquisitions of environmentally sensitive lands
  - \$155 million for capital improvements
  - \$155 million for parks, trails and natural areas
  - \$36 million for conservation initiatives
  - \$ 44 million for Santini-Burton acquisitions
  - \$20 million for multi-species habitat conservation plans
  - New funding category added for restoration projects to restore and preserve water clarity at Lake Tahoe

As of March 4, 2004

# Lincoln County Land Act of 2000

- Directs Secretary of the Interior to sell certain public land in Nevada through competitive process
- Mandates that BLM offer 13,500 acres for sale by 2005
- 5 percent of proceeds to State School Trust Fund
- 10 percent to Lincoln County for budgeting purposes, with emphasis on schools
- 85 percent for:
  - Acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, priority to lands outside Clark County
  - Development of a multi-species habitat conservation plan in Lincoln County
  - Protection and management of archaeological resources (as defined in Section 3 of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979)



# Lincoln County Land Act of 2000

- Western Land Exchange Project, Committee for Idaho's High Desert, and the Center for Biological Diversity sued BLM, stating that an EIS was necessary instead of the EA.
- Court ruled March 15, 2004, that an EIS was necessary.
- Land sale on hold pending development of an EIS.



# Clark County Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002

Designed to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land and provide for high quality development in Clark County, Nevada, and other purposes



- Establishes 451,915 acres of designated wilderness (BLM, NPS, FS)
- 224,564 acres released from WSA status
- Establishes new 48,438-acre Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area
- Expands SNPLMA disposal boundary by 22,000 acres



# Clark County Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002

- Directs BLM to convey public land to City of Las Vegas for development of low-income housing. Three parcels patented.
- BLM completed land exchange with Howard Hughes Corporation in May 2003
  - 998 acres of public lands conveyed
  - 1,082 acres of private lands added to Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
  - 1,172 acres transferred to Clark County for parks, recreation and open space
- November 2003 SNPLMA Auction of 481 acres provides funds for managing Sloan Canyon NCA



# **Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act of 2000 (‘Baca Act’)**

- Affirms Secretary of the Interior disposal (through sale and exchange) and acquisition authority found in the Federal Land Policy & Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) as amended
- Authorizes use of proceeds from land sales to fund:
  - Additional land sales
  - Acquisition of inholdings within federally designated areas, as well as other lands with exceptional resource values
- Has 10-year sunset provision



# **Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act of 2000 (‘Baca Act’)**

- 4 percent of proceeds to State of Nevada, under Reclamation Act of 1902
- 96 percent paid to Federal Land Deposit Account
- 21,200 acres in 13 Nevada counties, outside Clark County, planned for sale during next 3 years



# Other Land Disposal Authorities

- 7,700 acres sold to City of Mesquite under Mesquite Land Act of 1986. 4,500 additional acres to be conveyed
- 6,000 acres planned for disposal to Clark County for proposed airport, under Ivanpah Valley Airport Public Lands Transfer Act of 2002
- 2,880 acres of public lands transferred in November 2003 for use as law enforcement and recreational shooting range, under Clark County Shooting Range P.L. 107-350



# Land for Education and Community Services

- Land conveyed to communities for schools and other facilities through Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP)
- Approximately 7,530 acres in 105 areas throughout Nevada Conveyed under R&PP Act during past 15 years





# BLM Nevada Goals

Balanced disposals and  
acquisitions

