

State Agency: Nevada Department of Wildlife: statistics re: enforcement & regulation:

Source: Tyler Turnipseed, NDOW Chief Warden

NDOW enforcement capability:

When fully staffed: 31 Field level full-time wardens in NV

On-going problem: 15-30% vacancy rates in recent years.

Salaries are less than other enforcement entities. It is hard to keep new young wardens in rural areas.

It is nearly a year process to train a warden to solo capability.

The cost for training is over \$100,000.

As of 7/16, over 1/2 of all field wardens will have less than 2 years experience.

During the 6 years of state furloughs, 19 wardens, with less than 5 years experience, quit to go to other agencies.

Total FS/BLM acres in NV: 53.8 million = **1,735,484 FS/BLM public land acres per warden if fully staffed**

Note: wardens are responsible for all of Nevada, so actual warden per acre is significantly larger than this, but only FS & BLM have designated Wilderness areas.

No state statute allowing NDOW legal enforcement of motor trespass in Wilderness:

Legal enforcement capability is for information only.

They may take identification information and make a report of what they witnessed. That information is then passed on to FS, FWS or BLM.

Federal Agency statistics re: enforcement & regulation:

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada:

Source: Donald E. Harris, Patrol Captain, H-T State Office

H-T enforcement capability:

There are 6 LEO positions slotted for the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF.

Currently, there are only 4 LEO's in those positions for the whole state.

The H-T has 41 Forest protection Officers (FPOs) stationed around the state. FPOS have Law enforcement Authority, including the ability to issue citations or warnings and to take reports. They routinely testify in court as to the citations they have issued.

They do not have the power to arrest, only to give citations for non-violent situations, such as violations related to campfire, unlawful OHV use, wilderness trespass, etc. Felonies such as assault, or resisting, narcotics must be referred to Law Enforcement Officers.

Wilderness Rangers are FPO's, out of the 41 FPO's in NV, about 14 are Rangers . They are usually in Wilderness for many days, then out for days off.

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is the largest National Forest in the Lower 48 states: 6.3 million acres.

1,050,000 acres per LEO if fully staffed; 153,659 acres per FPO if fully staffed.

H-T Wilderness stats: 1,127,848 acres;

Federal register USFS regulation prohibiting motorized use in Wilderness:

36 CFR 261.18 The following are prohibited in Wilderness:

- (a) Possessing or using a motor vehicle, motorboat or motorized equipment except as authorized by federal law or regulation.
- (b) Possessing or using a hang glider or bicycle
- (c) Landing of aircraft, or dropping or picking up of any material, supplies, or person by means of aircraft, including a helicopter

Nevada Bureau of Land Management:

Source: Leo Drumm, Chief LEO, BLM state office

NV BLM enforcement capability:

Full strength, NV BLM has 29 slotted positions.

Currently there 22 BLM Law Enforcement Rangers in NV;

7 positions are vacant. Commonly, there are a few vacancies.

BLM administers 47.5 Million acres = **1,637,931 acres per LEO if fully staffed.**

BLM Wilderness stats: 2,080,871 acres;

Federal register BLM regulation prohibiting motorized use in Wilderness:

43 CFR 6302.20 What is prohibited in wilderness?

Except as specifically provided in the Wilderness Act, the individual statutes designating the particular BLM wilderness area, or the regulations of this part, and subject to valid existing rights, in BLM wilderness areas you must not:

(d) Use motorized equipment; or motor vehicles, motorboats, or other forms of mechanical transport;

(e) Land aircraft, or drop or pick up any material, supplies or person by means of aircraft, including a helicopter, hang-glider, hot air balloon, parasail, or parachute;

Nevada Wilderness statistics:

Total acres in NV: 70,728,900

Total Wilderness in NV: 3,389,665 4.79% of NV

NV BLM Wilderness: 2,080,871 2.94% of NV 4.40% of NV BLM

H-T FS Wilderness: 1,127,848 1.59% of NV 16.61% of H-T