

GLOSSARY

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Abandoned Mine Lands	AML	Generally, land, water, or watershed contaminated or scarred by past or present mineral extraction or processing. May also refer to AML programs of various state and federal agencies, e.g., USEPA.
allotment management plan	AMP	An activity plan that has been or will be implemented for a BLM grazing allotment.
American Antiquities Act of 1906		16 USC 431-433. Authorizes the President, by executive order, to restrict the use of public land managed by the federal government.
American Motorcyclist Association	AMA	Promotes motorsports competition and recreation events. Other member services. Pickerington, OH.
American Wind Energy Association	AWEA	National trade association for the wind power industry. Washington, D.C.
Americans for Responsible Recreation Access	ARRA	Alliance of users of public lands. Washington, D.C.
Animal Unit Month	AUM	The amount of forage required by one animal unit (i.e., mature cow or the equivalent) for one month.
Appropriate Management Level	AML	The number of wild horses and burros that can graze without causing damage to the range. See also Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.
Basin and range carbonate- rock aquifer system	BARCAS	Deep carbonate and alluvial aquifers of White Pine County and groundwater basins located in Lincoln and White Pine Counties and adjacent areas in Utah. See section 131, LCCRDA.

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Big Bend Water District	BBWD	General improvement district (GID) created in 1983 to supply water to residents and businesses in Laughlin. Operated and maintained by LVVWD.
Board for Financing Water Projects, SDCNR		See NRS 349.957.
Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Dept. of Interior	BLM	Federal agency administering about 245 million acres of public lands and about 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estates, primarily in the 12 western states, including Alaska. See also FLPMA.
Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Dept. of Interior	BOR	Federal agency; largest wholesale water distributor in the U.S.; provides water for municipal, industrial, and agricultural use; also second largest producer of hydroelectric power in the U.S.
California Environmental Quality Act	CEQA	California environmental disclosure law similar to NEPA in many respects.
Carson City Vital Community Act of 2008	CCVCA	Sec. 2601, PL 111-11, Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009. Authorizes land exchanges between Carson City and the USFS and the BLM to promote floodplain management, open space, passive recreation, wildlife habitat, and other purposes.
Carson Water Subconservancy District	CWSD	Multi-county bi-state agency to promote cooperative action for the watershed of the Carson River. Originally formed in 1959. See Reviser's Notes at Chapter 541 of NRS.
categorical exemption		Under CEQA, types of projects that California Secretary of Resources has determined do not have a significant effect on the environment.
Central Nevada Regional Water Authority	CNRWA	Governmental authority formed by interlocal agreement under Chapter 277 of NRS by Churchill, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Lander, Nye, Pershing and White Pine Counties to protect the water resources in those counties.
Classification and Multiple Use Act of 1964		43 USC 1411-18. Initial federal act establishing doctrine of multiple use of the public lands. See also FLPMA.

Clean Water Act	CWA	PL 92-500, as amended; 33 USC 1251 et seq. The primary federal law governing water pollution.
<i>Code of Federal Regulations</i>	CFR	Codification of general and permanent rules of federal agencies.
Colorado River Commission	CRC	See Chapter 538 of NRS.
Conservation and Reinvestment Act	CARA	H.R. 701, 106th Congress (2000), did not pass. Would have provided \$3 billion annually for federal land acquisition and conservation programs through permanent appropriation from offshore oil receipts.
Conservation Partnership Initiative	CCPI	Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative of the NRCS, to enhance conservation on agricultural and private forest lands.
Cooperative Weed Management Area	CWMA	Partnership of government agencies, tribes, interested groups, and individuals to manage noxious weeds or invasive plants in a certain geographical area.
dewatering		Removing or draining groundwater or surface water from a surface or underground mine.
Division of Environmental Protection, Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources	NDEP	
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	DEIS	Under NEPA, draft EIS describes proposed action, alternatives, and analysis of impacts; circulated for public comment.
Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition	ENLC	Public/private entity based in Ely; works to reduce threat of catastrophic wildfire and invasion of noxious weeds.
Elko County Water Planning Commission	ECWPC	Commission created by Board of Elko County Commissioners to prepare a water plan. Superseded by Elko County Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee.

Endangered Species Act of 1973	ESA	16 USC 1431 et seq. Comprehensive federal law on endangered species, administered by USFWS and NOAA.
Energy Policy Act of 2005		PL 109-58; 42 USC 13201 et seq. Comprehensive federal law on energy production covering energy efficiency, renewable energy, oil and gas, nuclear energy, coal, vehicles and motor fuels, hydropower, geothermal energy, and other subjects. Many provisions affect the BLM.
Environmental Assessment	EA	Under NEPA, a concise public document prepared to determine whether an EIS is required. Results either in FONSI or EIS.
Environmental Impact Statement	EIS	Under NEPA, public document describing proposed action, alternatives, and analysis of impacts.
Equal Access to Justice Act of 1948	EAJA	28 USC 2412 et seq. Authorizes payment of attorney's fees to prevailing party in an action against the U.S. if the government's position in the litigation is not substantially justified.
estray		See NRS 569.005 through 569.0085.
Eureka County Natural Resources Advisory Committee	NRAC	Advisory board established by Eureka County in 1993. See NRS 244.1945 for general authority.
Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002		PL 107-171. "2002 Farm Bill," addressing agriculture, energy, environment, nutrition, and trade.
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act of 2000	FLTFA	PL 106-248, the "Baca Act," divides revenues from federal land sales between states (4%) for educational purposes or construction of public roads and special account (96%) for acquisition of land and administration by DOI and USDA.

Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976	FLPMA	PL 94-579, 42 USC 1701 et seq., federal law governing how BLM manages land it administers; covers land use planning, administration, range management, rights of way, and designated management areas.
Finding of No Significant Impact	FONSI	Under NEPA, after preparation of an EA, a finding that there will be no significant impact from the proposed action, and therefore no EIS is required.
Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Act of 1974		PL 93-378, as amended. Authorizes long-range planning by the USFS to ensure future supply of forest resources; requires periodic resource assessments and plans.
General Mining Act of 1872		30 USC 29; authorizes successful mining claimant to patent (i.e., acquire absolute title to) mining claims or sites that meet statutory requirements.
grazing allotment		An area where one or more livestock operators graze their livestock. An allotment generally consists of federal land but may include parcels of private or state-owned land.
grazing board		See NRS 568.040. One board for each BLM grazing district, which directs the disposition of the range improvement fund in that district. Elected by grazing permittees in the district.
Healthy Forests Initiative	HFI	See Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.
Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003		PL 108-148. Federal law addressing fuels management, fire fighting, and destructive insects in the National Forests. Also known as "Healthy Forests Initiative (HFI)."
Herd Management Area	HMA	Wild horse and burro herd areas identified pursuant to the WFRHBA for which the BLM has determined there is sufficient food, water, cover, and space to support diverse and healthy long-term populations.

hot season deferment		Deferment of grazing in certain locations to reduce plant stress when temperatures are too high and moisture not available.
Humboldt Project		Irrigation project in northwestern Nevada on the Humboldt River, including Rye Patch Dam and Reservoir and lower flood plain lands in the Lovelock Valley. Operation and maintenance transferred from BOR to PCWCD in 1941.
Humboldt Project Conveyance Act		PL 107-282. Directs Secretary of Interior to convey the right, title, and interest in and to the lands and features of the Humboldt Project, including all water rights for storage and diversion, to the PCWCD.
Humboldt River Basin Water Authority	HRBWA	Governmental authority formed by interlocal agreement under Chapter 277 of NRS by Elko, Eureka, Lander, Humboldt and Pershing Counties.
Interior Board of Land Appeals	IBLA	Within DOI, a board that acts for the Secretary of Interior responding to appeals on the use and disposition of public lands, subject to Secretary's review and judicial review.
Land and Water Conservation Fund	LWCF	Fund established by U.S. Congress in 1964 for funds and matching grants for acquisition of land and water for public benefit. Main source of revenue is offshore oil and gas drilling fees.
Landowner Incentive Program	LIP	USFWS program to provide grants to states to protect and restore wildlife habitat on private lands to benefit at-risk species.
Las Vegas Valley Water District	LVVWD	See LVVWD Act, Chapter 167, <i>Statutes of Nevada 1947</i> , as amended. Responsible for procurement, storage, distribution, and sale of water and water rights from Lake Mead for industrial, irrigation, municipal, and domestic uses.
Law of the River		The collective compacts, contracts, court decisions, federal laws, and regulations under which the Colorado River is managed and operated.

Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004	LCCRDA	PL 108-424. Federal law providing for disposal of up to 90,000 acres of public land in Lincoln County, establishing a special account, designating wilderness areas, amending SNPLMA, and making other changes. See also LCLA.
Lincoln County Land Act of 2000	LCLA	PL 106-298. Federal law providing for disposal of public lands in Lincoln County and establishing a special account.
Lincoln County Trails Coalition	LCTC	Organization formed by Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors events, provides trail heads, improves trails. Pioche, NV.
Lincoln County Water District	LCWD	See Lincoln County Water District Act, Chapter 474, <i>Statutes of Nevada 2003</i> .
Mesquite Lands Act		PL 99-548 as amended by section 121, PL 104-208. Directs City of Mesquite to notify Secretary of the Interior of specified lands it wishes to purchase. Sets forth a schedule for the purchase of specified areas. Makes other changes.
mining claim		Under the General Mining Act, a parcel of land for which the claimant has asserted a right of possession and the right to develop and extract a mineral deposit. See also FLPMA.
Moapa Valley Water District	MVWD	See Moapa Valley Water District Act, Chapter 477, <i>Statutes of Nevada 1983</i> .
Motorcycle Industry Council	MIC	Nonprofit national trade association located in Irvine, CA.
multiple use		Combination of balanced, diverse uses of public lands, including minerals, rangeland, recreation, timber, watershed, and wildlife and cultural, scenic, and scientific values.
Multispecies habitat conservation plan	MSHCP	In Clark County, refers to MSHCP developed in 1995 in response to 1989 listing of the Desert Tortoise as an endangered species. Addresses conservation of 78 animal and plant species.

National Academy of Sciences	NAS	Private nonprofit institution formed by U.S. Congress charter in 1863 to advise the government. Membership consists of over 2000 distinguished scientists elected by the membership itself.
National Cattlemen's Beef Association	NCBA	National trade association representing cattle producers. Denver and Washington, D.C.
National Conservation Area	NCA	Lands designated by Congress to conserve public lands of exceptional value; 16 NCAs and 5 similar areas in 10 states, including 3 in NV (Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon; Red Rock Canyon; Sloan Canyon).
National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition	NESARC	Coalition of agricultural, business, governmental, mining, and other interests promoting improvements to the ESA. Established 1991. Washington, D.C.
National Environmental Policy Act	NEPA	PL 91-190, 42 USC 4321 et seq. Federal environmental disclosure act requiring analysis of proposed federal agency actions.
National Forest Management Act of 1976	NFMA	PL 94-588, 16 USC 1600 et seq. Primary federal law governing administration of the national forests.
National Historic Landmark	NHL	Historic building, site, structure, object, or district representing an outstanding aspect of American history and culture, designated by the Secretary of Interior. There are 7 in NV, including Fort Churchill, Fort Ruby, Hoover Dam, Leonard Rockshelter, Nevada Northern Railway East Ely Yards, Francis G. Newlands home, and Virginia City Historic District.
National Historic Preservation Act		PL 89-665, 16 USC 470 et seq. Federal law enacted in 1966 creating National Register of Historic Places, National Historic Landmarks, and state historic preservation offices. Requires federal agencies to evaluate impacts of projects on historic properties ("106 review").

National Landscape Conservation System	NLCS	Areas of outstanding value administered by the BLM, including national monuments, national conservation areas, wilderness study areas, national scenic and historic trails, wild and scenic rivers, and other areas designated by Congress for conservation purposes. See section 2002, P.L. 111-11, Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009.
National Monument		Under the Antiquities Act, lands designated by the President to protect historic and prehistoric sites on public lands. None in Nevada.
National Recreation Area	NRA	Areas designated by U.S. Congress (since 1963) and managed by BLM, NPS, or USFS. Includes Lake Mead and Spring Mountains NRAs in NV.
National Trails System		Network of historical, recreational, and scenic trails created by the National Trail Systems Act of 1968. Includes Old Spanish, Pony Express, and California national historic trails across Nevada.
National Water Resources Association	NWRA	National federation of state associations and others with interests in municipal and agricultural water supply. Arlington, VA.
Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA	NRCS	Federal agency, part of USDA, formerly the Soil Conservation Service. Works with landowners to provide conservation assistance and planning for air, plants, soil, and water.
Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses	NCPWH	Former commission within SDCNR to preserve viable wild horse herds on public lands. See former NRS 504.430 through 504.490, repealed in 2011.
Nevada Department of Transportation	NDOT	
Nevada Department of Wildlife	NDOW	
Nevada Division of Forestry, SDCNR	NDF	

Nevada Fire Safe Council	NFSC	Nonprofit organization providing technical assistance to communities threatened by wildfire. More than 5,000 members in 125 chapters in Nevada and those California areas within the Tahoe Basin.
Nevada Natural Heritage Program	NNHP	Program within the SDCNR to maintain central inventory of at-risk, endangered, rare, and threatened animals and plants in Nevada.
Nevada Powersports Dealers Association	NPDA	Nonprofit organization representing powersports dealers in Nevada. Office in Reno.
Nevada Rangeland Resources Commission	NRRC	See NRS 563.250 through 563.380.
Nevada State Clearinghouse		Within Division of State Lands, SDCNR, provides single point of contact for State agency comments on actions proposed on public lands.
Nevada State Department of Agriculture	SDA	
Nevada State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	SDCNR	
Nevada Water Resources Association	NWRA	Nonprofit professional association of persons interested in Nevada's water resources. Governed by 17-member volunteer board; State Engineer is ex-officio board member.
Payment In Lieu of Taxes Act		PL 94-565, PL 97-258, 31 USC 6901 et seq.
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	PILT	Federal payments to local governments to help offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable federal lands within their boundaries. Distributed from appropriations by formula. Administered by DOI.
Pershing County Water Conservation District	PCWCD	Irrigation district organized in the 1930s under Chapter 539 of NRS; formerly the Lovelock Irrigation District. See also Humboldt Project.

Population Management Unit	PMU	Basic management unit for risk assessment and mitigation planning related to the Greater Sage Grouse. Developed by NDOW and UNR. 57 PMUs in 8 planning areas.
Public Lands Council	PLC	Organization of national and state cattle, sheep, and grassland associations. Washington, D.C.
R.S. 2477 roads		Roads over public lands to provide access to mining claims and private property, for which rights-of-way were granted under former 43 USC 932, commonly referred to as R.S. 2477, repealed by FLPMA (1976), providing that existing rights and authorizations not terminated. See also NRS 405.191 through 405.204.
Range Improvement Fund		All moneys derived from grazing fees and leases received by the State under the Taylor Grazing Act, allocated to counties and grazing districts. See NRS 568.030.
Rangeland Administration System	RAS	BLM electronic information system providing grazing administrative support and management reports for the BLM and the public.
reclamation		In context of mining, the stabilization, revegetation, and maintenance of previously mined lands. In Nevada, reclamation proceeds under permit from NDEP.
Resource Advisory Committee	RAC	Mechanism for local-federal collaboration related to Title II projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.
Resource Advisory Council	RAC	Advisory body chartered by USDOl to promote healthy rangelands. See section 309 of FLPMA and 43 CFR 1784.
Resource Management Plan	RMP	Major component of BLM land use plans prepared pursuant to sections 201 and 202 of FLPMA.
Roadless Area		USFS lands without existing roads that would be suitable for conservation as wilderness or other protections.

royalties		In context of mining, the portion of the proceeds from extraction of a mineral that is paid for the privilege of extracting the mineral. See NRS 362.105.
Safe Drinking Water Act	SDWA	PL 93-523, 43 USC 300f et seq. Primary federal law related to protection of quality of drinking water, administered by USEPA. Applies to all public water systems.
Santini-Burton Act		PL 96-586. 1980 federal law authorizing the USFS to acquire sensitive lands and perform other functions in the Tahoe Basin, using receipts from sale of federal land in the Las Vegas area, advanced through the LWCF.
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000	SRS	PL 106-393, as amended. Amends USFS county payments program through federal FY 2011. Program provides money for roads and schools (Title I), infrastructure maintenance (Title II), and county projects (Title III). See also RAC.
Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998	SNPLMA	PL 105-263. Authorizes BLM to sell public land within a specific boundary in Clark County; revenues divided among State of Nevada General Education Fund, SNWA, and special account for conservation, park, trail, and other projects.
Southern Nevada Water Authority	SNWA	Governmental authority formed in 1991 by interlocal agreement under Chapter 277 of NRS. Members include Boulder City; cities of Henderson, Las Vegas, and North Las Vegas; BBWD; Clark County Water Reclamation District; and LVVWD.
State Land Use Planning Agency	SLUPA	The Division of State Lands, SDCNR, when carrying out the purposes of NRS 321.700 et seq. Priorities include activities relating to federal lands.
Stock water rights		Right to put water to beneficial use for watering livestock. See <i>United States v. State Engineer</i> (2001) and S.B. 76 (2003).

Taylor Grazing Act of 1934		PL 73-482, 43 USC 315. Provided for orderly development, improvement, and use of public grazing lands. Preempted by FLPMA (1976).
Threatened and Endangered Species		Protected designations under the ESA. "Endangered" means likely to become extinct throughout most or all range; "threatened" means likely to become endangered in the near future.
Total Maximum Daily Load	TMDL	CWA terminology meaning the maximum amount of a pollutant a water body can receive while still meeting water quality standards.
Toxics Release Inventory	TRI	USEPA database of disposal or release of toxic chemicals, primarily to inform communities about toxic releases.
Travel Management Rule		USFS regulations establishing policies related to motor vehicle use, including OHV use, on National Forest System lands. See 36 CFR 212, 251, 261, and 295.
Truckee Meadows Water Authority	TMWA	Publicly-owned water utility in Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County formed in 2001 by interlocal agreement under Chapter 277 of NRS.
Truckee-Carson Irrigation District	TCID	Irrigation district formed in 1918. Organized under Chapter 539 of NRS. Operates and maintains the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project for BOR.
U.S. Department of Agriculture	USDA	
U.S. Department of Energy	DOE	
U.S. Department of Interior	DOI	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	USEPA	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI	USFWS	
U.S. Forest Service, USDA	USFS	

U.S. Geological Survey, DOI	USGS	
University of Nevada Cooperative Extension	UNCE	NSHE department participating in federal-state-county partnership to provide information useful to agriculture and home economics. Established in 1914 under the Smith-Lever Act. See Chapter 549 of NRS.
Virgin Valley Water District	VVWD	See Chapter 100, <i>Statutes of Nevada 1993</i> . Water district serving communities of Bunkerville and Mesquite.
Walker River Irrigation District	WRID	Irrigation district formed in 1919 under Chapter 539 of NRS. Owns and operates Bridgeport and Topaz reservoirs. District includes 246,000 acres in Lyon County.
weed control district		District formed by county commissioners under NRS 555.202 through 555.220 to control weeds in areas outside incorporated cities. Must prepare regulations pursuant to NRS 555.209.
Western Regional Water Commission	WRWC	Chapter 531, <i>Statutes of Nevada 2007</i> , created WRWC to plan for management of water supplies and develop comprehensive regional water plan for a portion of Washoe County; also created Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) and Legislative Committee to oversee the WRWC.
White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006	WPCCRDA	PL 109-432. Sets up account to dispose of BLM lands into private ownership, with proceeds to state education fund, White Pine County, and special account for protection of wilderness areas; designates 12 wilderness areas and expands 2 areas; directs DOI to study route for Silver State OHV Trail; makes other changes.
Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971		PL 92-195, as amended, 16 USC 1331 et seq. Federal law protecting horses and burros on public lands; requires inventory and maintenance of AMLs; establishes conditions of sale; makes other changes.

Wilderness Area		Area designated in or pursuant to Wilderness Act of 1964 (PL 88-577) and administered by BLM, National Park Service, USFS, or USFWS.
Wilderness Study Area	WSA	Roadless area having wilderness characteristics described in the Wilderness Act. Generally maintained as wilderness until Congress decides whether to designate as wilderness. See section 603(a) of FLPMA.
Wildfire Support Group	WSG	Cooperative program between ranchers and Winnemucca BLM office to detect and suppress wildfire.

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