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Date: July 12, 2018

To: Paul Nicks, Acting Director
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From: Matthew Tuma, Executive Branch Budget Officer 
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Subject: INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE **INFORMATION** ITEM

The following describes an information item submitted for placement on the agenda of the next Interim Finance Committee meeting.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RANGELAND RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Agenda Item Write-up:

Pursuant to NRS 563.370, the Nevada Rangeland Resources Commission (NRRC) is required to submit an annual financial statement and the Governor shall proclaim the percentage of fees collected that were refunded pursuant to NRS 563.340 for the immediately preceding calendar year.

Additional Information:

The Nevada Rangeland Resources Commission was created in 1999 to promote responsible public land grazing and provide a better understanding of how Nevada ranchers use and manage our public lands. Each person who grazes cattle or sheep on Bureau of Land Management or U.S. Forest Service lands is required to pay a fee of 10 cents for each animal unit month authorized to be used. A person who pays the

required NRRC fee may apply to the Commission for a refund of the fee paid for the immediately preceding year. NRS 563.250 through NRS 563.380 are required to expire by limitation on December 31 of the first year during which it is proclaimed that the amount of the fees refunded by the NRRC for the immediately preceding calendar year is more than 50 percent of the feed collected.

Statutory Authority:

NRS 563.370

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NRS 563.370 Financial statement of Commission; annual proclamation by Governor of fees refunded by Commission. [Expires by limitation on December 31 of the first year during which the Governor proclaims that the amount of the fees refunded by the Rangeland Resources Commission pursuant to [NRS 563.340](#) for the immediately preceding calendar year is more than 50 percent of the fees collected by the Commission pursuant to that section for that calendar year.]

1. On or before June 1 of each year, the Commission shall submit to the Director of the Office of Finance a financial statement setting forth:

- (a) The assets and obligations of the Commission; and
- (b) The amount of the fees, if any:

(1) Collected by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of [NRS 563.340](#) for the immediately preceding calendar year; and

(2) Refunded by the Commission pursuant to that section for that year.

2. On or before July 1 of each year, the Governor shall proclaim the percentage of the fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 of [NRS 563.340](#) for the immediately preceding calendar year that were refunded by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of [NRS 563.340](#). The Director of the Office of Finance shall transmit a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

(Added to NRS by [1999, 1679](#))

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Office of the Governor

July 1, 2018

Mr. Hank Vogler, Chariman
Nevada Rangeland Resources Commission
4780 E. Idaho Street
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Dear Chairman Vogler:

Per NRS 563.370, the Nevada Rangeland Resources Commission submitted the required annual financial statement to the Governor's Finance Office for the year 2017.

Section 2 of this statute requires that on or before July 1, as Governor, I proclaim the percentage of fees collected that were refunded pursuant to NRS 563.340 for the immediately preceding calendar year. NRS 563.250 through NRS 563.380 are required to expire by limitation on December 31 of the first year during which it is proclaimed that the amount of the fees refunded by the Rangeland Resources Commission pursuant to NRS 563.340 for the immediately preceding calendar year is more than 50 percent of the fees collected by the Commission pursuant to that section for that calendar year. According to the financial report submitted to the Governor's Finance Office on May 30, 2018, 22.42 percent of fees collected for 2017 were refunded.

Please feel free to follow-up with the Governor's Finance Office if you have any questions on this determination.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Sandoval", written over the typed name and title.

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor