



NEVADA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS
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SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The first meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Legislative Committee on Public Lands was held on Friday, November 6, 2009, at 10 a.m. in Room 201 of the Humboldt County Commission Chambers, 50 West Fifth Street, Winnemucca, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's website at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/interim/75th2009/committee/>. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman
Assemblyman Jerry D. Claborn, Vice Chairman
Senator Terry Care
Senator John J. Lee
Senator David R. Parks
Assemblyman Paul Aizley
Assemblyman David P. Bobzien
Assemblyman John C. Carpenter

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Tom Collins, Clark County Commissioner

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Susan E. Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division
Susan M. Young, Senior Administrative Assistant, Research Division
Ryan Dombrowski, A/V Technical Assistant, Broadcast and Production Services
Brian Van Geel, A/V Technical Assistant, Broadcast and Production Services

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Susan E. Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), opened the nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

SENATOR CARE NOMINATED SENATOR RHOADS TO SERVE AS THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN AND ASSEMBLYMAN CLABORN TO SERVE AS THE COMMITTEE'S VICE CHAIRMAN. THE NOMINATION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BOBZIEN.

ASSEMBLYMAN CARPENTER MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN AND ELECT SENATOR RHOADS TO SERVE AS THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN AND ASSEMBLYMAN CLABORN TO SERVE AS THE COMMITTEE'S VICE CHAIRMAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR CARE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Senator Rhoads opened the meeting with Committee and staff introductions.

UPDATE ON BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN NEVADA

- Doran Sanchez, Chief, Office of Communications, BLM, Nevada, offered brief introductory comments on BLM programs and activities in Nevada.
- Gene Seidlitz, District Manager, Winnemucca District Office, BLM, United States Department of the Interior (DOI), provided an overview of the BLM planning efforts in the Winnemucca Field Office and discussed the activities of the BLM in north-central Nevada, which included: (1) energy and geothermal exploration; (2) minerals; (3) cultural lands and realty, including sales, Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act acquisitions, and major rights-of-way projects; (4) recreation; (5) fisheries; (6) wildlife and vegetation; (7) wild horses and burros; (8) range management programs and grazing permit renewal; (9) fire operations, including fuels management, prevention, stabilization, rehabilitation, planning, and the Wildfire Support Group; (10) the Winnemucca Resource Management Plan; and (11) the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area and associated wilderness; (12) the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) activities; and (13) the Winnemucca District stimulus update. (Please see [Exhibit B-1](#), [Exhibit B-2](#), and [Exhibit B-3](#).)

There was a discussion between Senator Lee and Mr. Seidlitz regarding the fluid minerals permitting process. Mr. Seidlitz noted that the fluid minerals permitting process decisions are made at the local district level, and there is a team in place to evaluate the applications for geothermal exploration to expedite the process.

- Senator Care queried as to the four projects funded by federal stimulus money with respect to job creation. Mr. Seidlitz noted that the BLM was able to bring forth a contracting firm to handle that function. He further noted BLM was given permission to hire two park rangers to assist with such activities as groundwork and to hire local residents to build roads and build and install the signs.

There was a discussion between Assemblyman Carpenter and Mr. Seidlitz concerning issues with the Ruby Pipeline Project timeline extension. Mr. Seidlitz noted several reasons why a 45-day extension was needed, which included: (1) the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the NEPA process with other federal agencies; (2) the range of available alternatives; (3) the creation of a biological team with federal, State, and local biologists to create a mile-by-mile assessment of habitat throughout the area; (4) lack of completion of the cultural resource inventories; and (5) the lack of visual resource inventories.

- Assemblyman Bobzien inquired about the process of BLM's acquisition of federal stimulus money for projects. Mr. Sanchez noted that each project has a designated amount of money that has been set through the contracting phase and that all federal agencies interested in receiving funding had submitted a proposal.
- Alan Shepherd, Wild Horse and Burro Program Lead, BLM, Nevada, offered a brief update on the BLM wild horse and burro program in Nevada, which included: (1) the program's background; (2) an estimate of 21,000 wild horses in Nevada with approximately 8,000 over the appropriate management levels (AMLs); (3) an aggressive budget analysis to fund the wild horse gathers; (4) the goal of gathering 6,200 horses from identified herds and herd management areas; (5) wild horse gathers in the other districts; (6) issues and concerns raised by wild horse advocacy groups; and (7) the increase in "on-the-ground" monitoring of wild horses to attain the AMLs across the State.
- Senator Care asked about the causes of the litigation protests concerning the wild horse gathers and repopulation of horses. Mr. Shepherd noted that protests arise over both the gathers and methods of gathering due to the lack of understanding for the reason to manage wild horses on public grounds.

In response to further questioning from Senator Care about wild horses repopulating faster in areas where gathers had taken place, Mr. Shepherd stated he was not aware of any ingrained genetic makeup that would cause wild horses to repopulate faster in such areas. He said there may be an increase in those populations because the condition of the land and vegetation improves with fewer horses to compete for forage and water.

There was a discussion between Senator Lee and Mr. Shepherd regarding the rural adoption program. Mr. Shepherd noted that the animals in the rural adoption program are maintained in the best practices available to the BLM. He further noted that the animals are branded, vaccinated, and given a health inspection in short-term holding facilities to be readied for the adoption program.

There was a discussion among Senator Parks, Assemblyman Carpenter, and Mr. Shepherd concerning the criteria for AMLs and the removal of wild horses to achieve the AMLs. Mr. Shepherd responded that BLM operates and releases numbers according to the high end of the AML range; however, the overall goal is to obtain and maintain AMLs according to the criteria of the Secretary of the Interior.

UPDATE ON U.S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS) ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING EFFORTS IN NORTHEASTERN NEVADA

- Martina Gast, Acting District Ranger, Santa Rosa Ranger District, USFS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, provided an update on USFS activities and planning efforts in northeastern Nevada, which included: (1) a summary of the Santa Rosa Ranger District; (2) the Martin Basin Rangeland Project; (3) issues with cheatgrass invasion; (4) sagebrush and sage grouse management; (5) livestock management and water developments; (6) noxious weed management; (7) fire management Service First Agreement with BLM; (8) unauthorized livestock issues in the District; and (9) a brief summary of the successes in the Santa Rosa Ranger District. (Please see [Exhibit C-1](#) and [Exhibit C-2](#).)
- Senator Lee queried as to the possible listing of the sage grouse as an endangered species. Ms. Gast noted there is more than one type of species of sage grouse and that the sage grouse, if listed, may be listed on a state-by-state basis as either threatened or endangered species.

A discussion ensued between Senator Lee and Ms. Gast regarding RS 2477 right-of-ways and prescriptive rights roads. Ms. Gast noted that there have been issues surrounding public access on RS 2477 right-of-ways and that the majority of the time the roads are not closed by the USFS, but weather can alter the roads necessitating the closure. She further noted that unapproved off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails are causing resource damage in the backcountry.

PRESENTATION ON THE WILDFIRE SUPPORT GROUP (WSG)

- Jan Schade, Coordinator, WSG, provided a brief presentation on the Wildfire Support Group, which included: (1) the purpose and mission of the WSG; (2) wildfire impacts, loss of native habitat, and the infestation of cheatgrass; (3) changing the fire regime with presuppression; (4) fire fuels management and reduction; (5) collaborative efforts in northern Nevada with public and private entities; (6) future planning with goals including, clear-cut fire breaks, vegetation minimalization, scientific-based approaches

for post-fire rehabilitation and stabilization; and (7) a request for support from the Legislative Committee on Public Lands for these efforts.

There was a discussion among Assemblyman Carpenter, Mr. Schade, and Mr. Seidlitz (previously identified) regarding different types of grasses that are able to grow in post-fire rehabilitation areas. Mr. Schade noted that different types of habitable grasses are being tested on private lands. Mr. Seidlitz noted that prescribed fires to remove dead cheatgrass and other noxious vegetation have provided marginal success and opined that the margin of error is small when proper landscaping is used for first time plantings.

- Chairman Rhoads inquired about the different types of post-fire treatments and practices. Mr. Schade offered to provide the Committee a list depicting the different treatment practices.

UPDATE ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RELATING TO WILD HORSES, BURROS, AND ESTRAYS IN NEVADA

Proposal for Wild Horse Sanctuary in Elko County

(As directed by Chairman Rhoads, this agenda item was taken out of order.)

- Gary Weisbart, Ranch Manager, Winecup Gamble Ranch, provided an update on the proposal for a wild horse sanctuary in Elko County, which included: (1) a brief overview of the management plan objectives; (2) a brief description of the proposed operations, including a receiving division, a transitional division, a growing season division, and a dormant season division; (3) perceived cost savings associated with the four divisions within one ranch; (4) public participation in the Winecup Gamble Ranch; (5) potential to maximize an adoption program; (6) protection of public lands; (7) wildlife protection; (8) possible issues affecting the public; (9) economics of the sanctuary; and (10) requirements necessary for a transition from a cattle ranch to the creation of the wild horse sanctuary. (Please see [Exhibit D.](#))

There was a discussion between Senator Rhoads and Mr. Weisbart regarding the Winecup Gamble Ranch transition from a cattle operation to a wild horse sanctuary. Mr. Weisbart noted that the Ranch is not planning on altering the corporate structure to a non-profit operation. Mr. Weisbart further noted that the budget for maintaining the horses would be similar to the budget for maintaining the cattle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(As directed by Chairman Rhoads, this agenda item was taken out of order.)

- Demar Dahl, Commissioner, Elko County Board of Commissioners, expressed reasons for nonsupport and concerns, on behalf of Elko County, regarding the proposed

Winecup Gamble Ranch Wild Horse Sanctuary, which included: (1) the possible requirement for an amendment to the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 to allow for the Sanctuary; (2) perceived negative impacts on range and wildlife resources; (3) difficulties containing the wild horses within the boundary of the Ranch; and (4) the proposal is only a temporary solution to overpopulation of wild horses. (Please see [Exhibit E.](#))

UPDATE ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RELATING TO WILD HORSES, BURROS, AND ESTRAYS IN NEVADA

Review of the Activities of and Issues Monitored by Nevada's Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR)

- Cathy Barcomb, Administrator, Nevada's Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, SDCNR, provided an update on the programs and activities relating to wild horses and burros and a review of the activities and issues monitored by Nevada's Commission for the preservation of wild horses, which included: (1) a brief agency overview; (2) a brief description of the Commission's mission to serve as an advocate for wild horses; (3) funding source solely from the Heil Bequest that was given to the State in the 1970s; (4) a brief description of current BLM horse gathers; (5) overview of letters sent to legislators and Nevada's Congressional Delegation regarding the federal Restore Our American Mustangs Act proposed legislation; (6) the Commission's support for proposals made by the Secretary of the Interior; and (7) the critical crossroads of wild horse management. (Please see [Exhibit F-1](#), [Exhibit F-2](#), and [Exhibit F-3](#).)

There was a discussion between Senator Rhoads and Ms. Barcomb regarding the funding for the wild horse program. Ms. Barcomb noted the funds that have made the program possible will expire around March 2010.

- Assemblyman Carpenter queried as to possible responses the Commission had received from other wild horse advocacy groups concerning the Secretary of the Interior's proposals. Ms. Barcomb noted the advocacy groups have not communicated support or opposition to the proposals.

Review of the Activities of and Issues Monitored by the State Department of Agriculture (SDA)

- Tony Lesperance, Ph.D., Director, SDA, reviewed the activities of, and the issues monitored by, the SDA relating to estrays, which included: (1) a brief definition of stray and feral livestock from the *Nevada Revised Statutes*; (2) the removal of feral livestock groups; (3) remnant populations of feral pigs, cows, and horses in Nevada; (4) issues with stray animals that are considered property of the State; (5) insufficient income produced by the stray program; (6) the stray horse population and management philosophy to reduce the number of horses in the

Virginia Range; (7) responses from activists and activists groups; (8) a complete investigation of the Virginia Range horse program; (9) prior inaccurate record keeping of stray horses; (10) use of a grant to obtain an up-to-date population estimate; (11) accountability maintained by the SDA for all horses existing in the Virginia Range; (12) development of cooperative agreements with Storey and Lyon Counties concerning the Virginia Range; and (13) horse overpopulation on the Range and the future of the animals on the eastern and western portions of the Range. (Please see [Exhibit G](#). This exhibit was received after the meeting and is being included as an exhibit at the request of Chairman Rhoads.)

OVERVIEW OF MINING IN NEVADA

- Alan R. Coyner, Administrator, Division of Minerals, Nevada's Commission on Mineral Resources, provided an overview of Nevada's abandoned mine lands program, bonding, mineral exploration activity and other programs and activities of Nevada's Commission on Mineral Resources, which included: (1) statistics concerning abandoned mine lands (AML); (2) Eagle Scout projects to secure abandoned mines; (3) AML backfill projects and accomplishments in 2007; (4) the need to raise public awareness about the danger of abandoned mines; (5) a brief update on mineral production and exploration activity in Nevada; (6) a review of petroleum and geothermal production; (7) Nevada gold, silver, and copper production; (8) an overview of major mines, oil fields, and geothermal plants; (9) financial security assurance from Nevada mining entities; (10) the status of active claims and gold prices; (11) the escalation in mining fraud; and (12) Nevada's opportunities to explore for and mine gold, silver, and other mineral and energy commodities. (Please see [Exhibit H-1](#), [Exhibit H-2](#), [Exhibit H-3](#), [Exhibit H-4](#), and [Exhibit H-5](#).)
- Senator Lee asked about the number of oils wells in Nye County and what is being done to encourage more drilling and exploration. Mr. Coyner noted that the terrain is difficult to explore geographically, and Nevada is relatively unexplored in terms of oil production.
- Allen Biaggi, Director, SDCNR, provided an overview on mining regulatory activities in the SDCNR and Nevada's Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation within the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), SDCNR, which included: (1) mining exploration in Nevada related to high gold prices; (2) bonding to ensure reclamation of the land after mining; (3) bonding with federal partners; (4) standardization and streamlining of the State permitting and federal NEPA process; (5) delays as a result of archeological issues required by NEPA; (6) concerns with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its involvement in mining; (7) staff furloughs; and (8) the NDEP air and mining programs. (Please see [Exhibit I](#).)
- Tim Crowley, President, Nevada Mining Association (NMA), provided an update of the NMA, which included: (1) a brief overview of mining in Nevada; (2) the economic impact of Nevada's mining industry; (3) mining employment in Nevada; (4) the decline of gold production; (5) the high volatility in the value of gold; (6) the decline in value

of other minerals in Nevada; (7) the mining future in the State; and (8) industry diversity and challenges with permitting, a skilled labor force, cost increases, and mining law reform. (Please see [Exhibit J](#) and [Exhibit K](#).)

There was a discussion between Senator Care and Mr. Crowley regarding the NMA working as part of the solution to industry challenges relative to the price of gold. Mr. Crowley noted that people are using gold as an investment and for security, which creates a supply and demand relative to the price of gold.

PRESENTATION OF WATER POLICIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

- Tony Lesperance, previously identified, provided an overview of the water policy of the SDA, which included: (1) the direction of water policy within the State; (2) the need to monitor and report to the Board any proposed reallocation of water; (3) the development of suitable economic models to predict the environmental and economic effect of any proposed reallocation of agricultural water; (4) preparation of suitable position statements; (5) preparation of annual reports summarizing the agricultural waters; (6) the establishment of groundwater monitoring to protect agricultural producers impacted by water transfers; (7) the potential impact of removal of water from the Smith and Mason Valleys; (8) the potential for 50 percent of current irrigation waters to be transferred to urban locations; (9) a brief description of the SDA's directive passed September 30, 2009; (10) the finite resources of water in the West; (11) the potential harm to agriculture and ecology in the State with the lack of water; and (12) the potential effects of the water decisions on Cave, Delamar, and Lake Valleys. (Please see [Exhibit L-1](#), [Exhibit L-2](#), and [Exhibit L-3](#).)

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER AUTHORITY (HRBWA)

- Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation, and Executive Director, HRBWA, reviewed the activities and programs of the HRBWA, which included: (1) Humboldt River Basin characteristics and the Humboldt River system; (2) the formation of the Authority; (3) major roles and responsibilities of the HRBWA; (4) publications sponsored by the HRBWA; (5) key issues addressed by the HRBWA; and (6) recommendations regarding several key issues for the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to consider. (Please see [Exhibit M-1](#), [Exhibit M-2](#), [Exhibit M-3](#), and [Exhibit M-4](#).)
- Senator Lee queried as to the long-term situation regarding water availability in the Reno/Sparks area. Dr. Baughman opined that as these communities continue to grow, there will be a need to search for water from outside the area to balance the growth with available resources.

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY

- Tom Fransway, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, Humboldt County, provided an overview of public lands and natural resource issues in Humboldt County, which included: (1) federal and State laws and regulations that affect Humboldt County and its citizens; (2) the effect of federal and State public lands decisions on Humboldt County; (3) potential impacts from the proposed legislation to reform the Mining Law of 1872 (H.R. 699, before the 111th Congress); (4) livestock grazing and BLM grazing permits; (5) Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding; (6) the effects of the revisions to the Clean Water Act; (7) the overabundance of wild horses and issues caused by the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971; (8) sage grouse habitat and fire fuels management; (9) the composition of the wilderness in Humboldt County; and (10) the County's cooperation with the WSG, BLM, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to address fire fuels management. (Please see [Exhibit N.](#))

A discussion ensued between Assemblyman Bobzien and Commissioner Fransway regarding the full funding of PILT. Commissioner Fransway remarked that PILT had not been fully funded for 30 years. He opined that Senator Reid (D-Nevada), the National Association of Counties, the Nevada Association of Counties, and the Legislative Committee on Public Lands were very instrumental components of getting PILT fully funded.

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES IN LANDER COUNTY

- Ray Williams, Commissioner, Board of County Commissioners, Lander County, offered a brief introduction to the overview of public lands and natural resource issues in Lander County, which included: (1) mining, drilling, and mineral exploration activity; (2) geothermal projects; and (3) challenges associated with federal compliance in the mine permitting process.
- Gene Etcheverry, Executive Director, Lander County, gave an overview of public lands and natural resource issues in Lander County, which included: (1) a brief update on agriculture and mining in the County; (2) employment and the relatively low unemployment levels; (3) the importance of public land access issues to agriculture and mining; (4) impacts of the USFS travel management plan on residents; (5) inadequate maps of Lander County public lands from the USFS; (6) federal regulations that do not represent the citizens of Lander County; (7) the threat of losing funding to repair water and sewer lines in Austin, Nevada, from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; (8) fire suppression management and the cooperative working relationship with the USFS; (9) the checkerboard lands in Lander County; (10) water issues and membership with Central Nevada Water Authority and the HRBWA; (11) geothermal development challenges; (12) anticipation of the new Secure Rural Schools and

Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007; and (13) OHV recreation and access routes as a key to tourist economic development.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(As directed by Chairman Rhoads, this agenda item was taken out of order.)

- Jim French, a resident of Humboldt County, expressed displeasure with several issues regarding the proposed landfill at the proposed Jungo Disposal Site in Humboldt County, which included:
 1. A brief description of the Jungo flat location and proposed landfill;
 2. Transportation of garbage from California to Nevada;
 3. The magnitude of garbage that would be deposited at the site;
 4. The amount of Class I landfill waste, including asbestos, medical waste, pesticides, and tires; and
 5. Potential for groundwater and aquifer contamination, decrease in air quality, and economic issues if the Jungo landfill is opened.
- Allen Biaggi, previously identified, opined that the SDA's directive as to water policy is: (1) inconsistent with State law; (2) inconsistent with private property water rights; and (3) that water decisions should be public policy brought before the legislative body and the Governor of the State. (Please see [Exhibit O](#).)

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM

- Susan E. Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, offered a brief review of the Committee schedule for the 2009-2010 Legislative Interim. (Please see [Exhibit P](#).)

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC LANDS RELATED LEGISLATION ENACTED IN THE 2009 SESSION AND PERTINENT FEDERAL LEGISLATION UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE 111TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS

- Susan E. Scholley, previously identified, briefed the Committee on related legislation from the 2009 Nevada Legislative Session and also natural resources legislation at the federal level. (Please see [Exhibit Q](#) and [Exhibit R](#).)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Young
Senior Administrative Assistant

Susan E. Scholley
Chief Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” provided by Susan E. Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), Carson City.

[Exhibit B-1](#) is a document dated November 6, 2009, titled “BLM Winnemucca District Program Overview,” submitted by Gene Seidlitz, District Manager, Winnemucca District Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Department of the Interior (DOI).

[Exhibit B-2](#) is a document titled “July 2009 WH&B Population Estimate Winnemucca (LLNVW00000) District Office,” offered by Gene Seidlitz, District Manager, Winnemucca District Office, BLM, DOI.

[Exhibit B-3](#) is a map titled “Winnemucca District Black Rock/Humboldt River Field Office Three-Tier Proposal,” furnished by Gene Seidlitz, District Manager, Winnemucca District Office, BLM, DOI.

[Exhibit C-1](#) is the written testimony Martina Gast, Acting District Ranger, Santa Rosa Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

[Exhibit C-2](#) is a document dated August 15, 2008, titled “USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region Briefing Paper,” provided by Martina Gast, Acting District Ranger, Santa Rosa Ranger District, USFS, USDA.

[Exhibit D](#) is an Executive Summary titled “Winecup Gamble Ranch Wild Horse Sanctuary,” furnished by Gary Weisbart, Ranch Manager, Winecup Gamble Ranch.

[Exhibit E](#) is a letter dated October 27, 2009, to Kenneth Salazar, Secretary of the Interior, DOI, and Robert V. Abbey, Director, BLM, DOI, regarding opposition to the Winecup Gamble Ranch Wild Horse Sanctuary proposal, from Robert K. Stokes, Manager, Elko County, provided by Michele Petty, Executive Assistant, Manager’s Office, Elko County.

[Exhibit F-1](#) is the written testimony of Cathy Barcomb, Administrator, Nevada’s Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR).

[Exhibit F-2](#) is a letter dated October 30, 2009, to Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada), regarding the Restore Our American Mustangs Act and proposals introduced by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, from Michael Kirk, DVM, Chairman, Nevada’s Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, presented by Cathy Barcomb, Administrator, Nevada’s Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, SDCNR.

[Exhibit F-3](#) a pamphlet titled “Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses,” offered by Cathy Barcomb, Administrator, Nevada’s Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, SDCNR.

[Exhibit G](#) is a document dated November 6, 2009, titled “Review of Estray Activities and Issues Monitored by the State Department of Agriculture,” furnished by Tony Lesperance, Ph.D., Director, State Department of Agriculture (SDA). (This exhibit was received after the meeting and is being included as an exhibit at the request of Chairman Rhoads.)

[Exhibit H-1](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation dated November 6, 2009, titled “Overview of Current Mineral Production and Exploration Activity in Nevada,” given by Alan R. Coyner, Administrator, Division of Minerals, Nevada’s Commission on Mineral Resources.

[Exhibit H-2](#) is a booklet titled “Major Mines of Nevada 2008,” furnished by Alan R. Coyner, Administrator, Division of Minerals, Nevada’s Commission on Mineral Resources.

[Exhibit H-3](#) is a booklet titled “Nevada Exploration Survey 2008-2009,” provided by Alan R. Coyner, Administrator, Division of Minerals, Nevada’s Commission on Mineral Resources.

[Exhibit H-4](#) is booklet titled “Nevada Abandoned Mine Lands Report 2008,” offered by Alan R. Coyner, Administrator, Division of Minerals, Nevada’s Commission on Mineral Resources.

[Exhibit H-5](#) is a document titled “Gold From Water (and Other Mining Scams),” furnished by Alan R. Coyner, Administrator, Division of Minerals, Nevada’s Commission on Mineral Resources.

[Exhibit I](#) is the written testimony of Allen Biaggi, Director, SDCNR.

[Exhibit J](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Nevada: ‘The Silver (and gold, copper, molybdenum, geothermal, lithium and more) State’,” given by Tim Crowley, President, Nevada Mining Association (NMA).

[Exhibit K](#) is a document titled “Economic Overview of the Nevada Mining Industry, 2008-2009,” provided by Tim Crowley, President, NMA.

[Exhibit L-1](#) is a document titled “Nevada Board of Agriculture Water Policy Statement,” submitted by Tony Lesperance, Ph.D., Director, SDA.

[Exhibit L-2](#) is a document dated September 30, 2009, titled “Board of Agriculture, Directive Vote,” furnished by Tony Lesperance, Ph.D., Director, SDA.

[Exhibit L-3](#) is a letter dated October 20, 2009, to Jim Gibbons, Governor, State of Nevada, regarding the State Board of Agriculture’s water policy, submitted by Tony Lesperance, Ph.D., Director, SDA.

[Exhibit M-1](#) is a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation dated November 6, 2009, titled “Humboldt River Basin Water Authority Overview of Organization and Key Issues,” given by Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation and Executive Director, Humboldt River Basin Water Authority (HRBWA).

[Exhibit M-2](#) is an agenda dated April 10, 2009, from the HRBWA meeting held in Winnemucca, Nevada, provided by Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation and Executive Director, HRBWA.

[Exhibit M-3](#) is an agenda dated July 10, 2009, from the HRBWA meeting held in Wells, Nevada, submitted by Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation and Executive Director, HRBWA.

[Exhibit M-4](#) is an agenda dated October 9, 2009, from the HRBWA meeting held in Lovelock, Nevada, provided by Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation and Executive Director, HRBWA.

[Exhibit N](#) is the written testimony of Tom Fransway, Chair, Board of County Commissioners, Humboldt County.

[Exhibit O](#) is a letter dated November 3, 2009, to Tony Lesperance, Ph.D., Director, SDA, regarding the State Board of Agriculture’s water directive, referenced by Allen Biaggi, Director, SDCNR,

[Exhibit P](#) is a memorandum dated November 6, 2009, to Nevada’s Legislative Committee on Public Lands, regarding the tentative schedule for upcoming meetings of the Committee, provided by Susan E. Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City.

[Exhibit Q](#) is a memorandum dated November 6, 2009, to Nevada’s Legislative Committee on Public Lands, regarding the overview of public lands related legislation enacted in the 2009 Session and pertinent federal legislation under consideration by the 111th United States Congress, submitted by Susan E. Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City.

[Exhibit R](#) is a memorandum dated November 6, 2009, to Senator Dean A. Rhoads, regarding the Jungo landfill proposal in Humboldt County, furnished by Susan E. Scholley, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City.

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