

CHURCHILL COUNTY

Source: February 4, 1999 letter from Churchill County

Churchill County's list of lands includes a request for all public lands within an approximate 15 mile radius of the city of Fallon. Most of these lands lie within the Lahontan Valley and is either Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) lands or BLM lands withdrawn for the Newlands project. The BOR and BLM completed a study of the withdrawn lands in the early 1990's. This study has been in Washington, D.C. since the early 1990's with no apparent action. A decision by the Interior Department on the land withdrawal issue is needed before the BLM can respond to any significant land disposal proposals. Existing actions are based on a case-by-case review and involve multiple federal agencies from BOR, BLM and in some cases the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Churchill County did not identify specific parcels at this time, but did identify the types of needs and general areas where various county needs could be met. These include:

All those federal lands within a 15-mile radius of the city of Fallon not needed by either TCID or BOR for management of the Newlands project. The types of needs include:

- C Any areas contiguous or surrounded by the city of Fallon.
- C All those areas which sever privately owned property.
- C All those areas which are planned for industrial development.
- C All those areas which are planed for domestic water system utilities.

The following projects have been initiated by Churchill County and should be completed in a timely manner.

- C Complete the withdrawn study and those lands not needed by TCID/BOR should be returned to BLM management.
- C A draft County-wide domestic water system may require acquisition and rights of ways through areas of public lands. Possible alternatives include lands near the bench below the Dead camels and a second alternative in Dixie Valley.
- C Lands needed for local emergency services including a new jail, fire and police substations.
- C Lands and rights of ways for recreational purposes. The County has recently completed a comprehensive trails plan that will require some R-O-W from the BLM/BOR.
- C Lands to expand the municipal airport.
- C Lands for wastewater treatment facilities, county road yard, library satellites, and transfer station.
- C Rights-of-way for the proposed ring road and hazardous material bypass.

MAY 1986 DATA FROM SB 40 PLAN

Table 1: For Public Purpose

Lands Identified for Public Purposes	Priority	Township	Range	Section	Acres
Recreation area near Dixie Valley near Dyer Canyon		T. 21 N. to T. 22 N.	R. 37 E.		5