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To: State Land Use Planning Advisory Council

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RE: State Land Use Planning Agency Update

Since the November 10th meeting the Agency has been working on and tracking various activities, SLUPAC projects, Federal public lands and other legislation, and other issues of interest to the Council. The purpose of this memo and agenda item to provide the Council with an update on the agency and provide an opportunity to answer questions or provide additional information.

- 1) Federal Land Disposal Stats: Since the last Council meeting, staff has come across some interesting statistics from the BLM regarding the amount of Federal land in Nevada that has been disposed of over the past several years. As the Council is well aware nearly 85% of land within Nevada is owned and managed by the Federal Government, about 65% of the Federal land is managed by the BLM. In terms of disposal of Federal land within the State the Federal Government has several mechanisms in which land is disposed.

These options include Nevada specific enabling legislation; Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA), Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act (LCCRDA), Ivanpah Valley Public Lands Transfer Act, Lincoln County Land Act (LCLA), Mesquite Land Act, White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act (WPCCRDA) and others. Other options to dispose of land include the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FMPLA), Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA), and the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (RP&P) allow for transactions to dispose of or transfer Federal lands to increase recreational access to public lands, support economic development, create efficiencies in ownership and help conserve special places.

Over the past several decades the majority of Federal land that has been disposed of in the State has been in Southern Nevada through SNPLMA. Since SNPLMA was approved by Congress in 1998 and 2021 a total of 43,377 acres has been disposed of through the program which has generated a total of \$3,947,012,081 in land sales. For fiscal year 2022, a total of 572.81 acres were disposed which generated \$473,729,512 in land sales.

For the rest of the state, the BLM has provided staff with statistics showing the amount of Federal land that has been disposed of, transferred, or patented from 2009-2019. According to the BLM a total of 21,542 acres of Federal land has been disposed of throughout the state. These statistics do not include any lands disposed through SNPLMA. The BLM was also able to share with staff the preliminary data of Federal land in FY 2022 that has been disposed across the state below.

FY 2022 Land Sales	
Clark County	69 acres sold
Elko County	84 acres sold
Lincoln County	40 acres sold
Total	193 acres sold

The BLM also provided some helpful resources and information that show the amount of Federal Land in Nevada. Annually the BLM releases its Public Lands Statistics report which outlines the amount land managed by the agency throughout the nation and how its being used. A copy of the 2021 report is available [at this link](#). The Department of Interior also maintains a website that tracks the amount of Federal land within in each for the purposes of distributing Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) a copy of the historic and the latest PILT payment information is available [at this link](#).

- 2) 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature: Staff will be monitoring legislation during the session that may of interest to land use planning, zoning, natural resources, and local government. The Agency would like to extend its appreciation to Marco Velotta of the City of Las Vegas and Professional Development Officer for the Nevada Association of the American Planning Association (APA). The Agency is closely coordinating its bill tracking efforts this session with the APA and DCNR leadership to keep a list of bills that are of interest to the Agency. A copy of the Agency's BDR list is attached to this memo.

- 3) Federal Public Lands Bills: The Agency continues to track the progress of several Nevada specific public lands and natural resource Federal bills. As the 118th Congress and the Biden Administration begin their work, the Agency expects new Federal public land bills to move through the process or resurface over the next year. Below is a listing of the bills from the 117th Congress and their final status.

Recap of Legislation from the 117th Congress.

- Southern Nevada Economic Development and Conservation Act (S. 567) (H.R. 1597) – [Did not pass. Committee hearings held in both houses in 2022.](#)
- Ruby Mountains Protection Act (S. 609) – [Did not pass.](#)
- Carson City Public Land Correction Act (S. 1412) – [Did not pass. Senate Committee hearings held in 2022.](#)

- Lander County Land Management and Conservation Act (S. 1411) – Passed. The entire bill was added as an amendment to the FY 23 National Defense and Authorization Act and signed into law.
- Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act (H.R. 3132) (S. 1583) Did not pass. The budget for the Lake Tahoe 108 Program was increased from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in the FY 23 National Defense and Authorization Act that was signed into law.
- Maude Frazier Mountain (H.R. 216) – Did not pass.
- Great Basin National Heritage Area and Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area Extension Act (S. 1004) (H.R. 2882) –The extension of this national heritage area was approved under the National Heritage Area Act that was signed into law.
- Elko National Cemetery Act (S. 726) – Did not pass.
- Northern Nevada Economic Development, Conservation, and Military Modernization Act of 2021 (H.R. 5243) – Lots of components of this act were included in the FY 23 National Defense and Authorization Act that was signed into law.
- Avi Kwa Ame National Monument (H.R.6751) – Did not pass. On November 30, 2022 President Biden announced his intention to designate 450,000 acres in Clark County as a National Monument under the Antiquities Act.
- Apex Area Technical Corrections Act (H.R. 7247) – Did not pass.
- Truckee Meadows Lands Bill – No bill introduced.
- Nye County Lands Bill – No bill introduced.
- Lyon County Lands Bill – No bill introduced.
- Fallon Range Training Complex modernization & withdrawal. – Passed. The withdrawal and related amendments were added as an amendment to the FY 23 National Defense and Authorization Act that was signed into law
- Nevada Test and Training Range modernization & withdrawal – No bill introduced.
- Sunrise Mountain Protections – No bill introduced.

- Numu Newe National Monument – Passed. A 217,845 acre special management area was designated in Mineral and Churchill counties was included in the FY 23 National Defense and Authorization Act that was signed into law.
- Amodei Amendment to National Defense and Authorization Act – No bill introduced. Lots of components of this act were included in the FY 23 National Defense and Authorization Act that was signed into law.