

**City of Carson City  
Agenda Report**

**Date Submitted:** May 6, 2014

**Agenda Date Requested:** May 15, 2014  
**Time Requested:** Consent

**To:** Mayor and Supervisors

**From:** Parks and Recreation Department – Open Space Division

**Subject Title:** **For Possible Action:** To follow the recommendations of the Open Space Advisory Committee to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter directed to Bureau of Land Management conveying concerns related to the management and stewardship of the Silver Saddle Ranch and Prison Hill Recreation Area. (Juan F. Guzman)

**Staff Summary:** On April 21, 2014, the Open Space Advisory Committee approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that a letter be sent to the Carson City District Office, Sierra Front Field Office expressing concerns with deterioration of the facilities and resources at Silver Saddle Ranch and Prison Hill Recreation Area.

**Type of Action Requested:** (check one)

- ☐ Resolution                      ☐ Ordinance  
☒ Formal Action/Motion   ☐ Other (Specify)

**Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement:**   ☐ Yes   ☒ No

**Recommended Board Action:** I move to follow the recommendations of the Open Space Advisory Committee to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter directed to Bureau of Land Management conveying concerns related to the management and stewardship of the Silver Saddle Ranch and Prison Hill Recreation Area.

**Explanation for Recommended Board Action:** The attached draft letter conveys concerns regarding the lack of maintenance at Silver Saddle Ranch and the lack of stewardship at the Prison Hill Recreation Area. The Open Space Advisory Committee received communications from residents about these problems. The manager of the Sierra Front Field Office attended a meeting where these concerns were discussed.

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:**

- Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009
- Carson City Conservation Easement with Bureau of Land Management

**Fiscal Impact:** Unknown.

**Explanation of Impact:** The Bureau of Land Management has current jurisdiction over Silver Saddle Ranch and the Prison Hill Recreational Area. Correction and maintenance of the areas is requested by Carson City prior to the transfer of the lands to the City.

**Funding Source:** Federal source

**Alternatives:**

- Authorize the letter with recommended changes
- Not to authorize the letter

**Supporting Material:**

- Exhibit A – Draft letter to the Bureau of Land Management
- Exhibit B – Open Space Advisory Committee staff report
- Exhibit C – Multiple e-mails written by Ms. Robyn Orloff and staff

Prepared By: Juan F. Guzman Date: 5/6/14  
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

Reviewed By: Roger Moellendorf Date: 5/6/14  
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

Marena Works Date: 5/6/14  
Marena Works, Interim City Manager

District Attorney's Office Date: 5/6/14  
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Finance Department

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Aye/Nay

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(Vote Recorded By)

May 15, 2014

Leon Thomas  
Field Manager Sierra Front Field Office  
Bureau of Land Management  
5655 Morgan Mill Road  
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Management of Prison Hill and Silver Saddle Ranch

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for attending the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting on April 21, 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss communications received by staff expressing concerns related to the deterioration of facilities and resources at Silver Saddle Ranch and the Prison Hill Recreation Area.

At Silver Saddle Ranch, some trails are overgrown by vegetation, the lawn at the red house has all but disappeared, and the impact of the wear and tear continues. The fences around the corrals and the fields appear unkempt and in need of maintenance. The last few years of reduced maintenance have resulted in the overall appearance of a site that is not well maintained.

At Prison Hill Recreation Area, the fence separating parking and motorized use areas from the non-motorized use areas has been broken in numerous places. Most of the existing signs and markers indicating the boundary of the motorized area have either been vandalized, are no longer readable, or no longer exist. Similarly, rocks and berms used near the south summit are worn out and no longer effective barriers. As a consequence, there is frequent trespass by motorized recreationists in the non-motorized areas resulting in new trails, trampling of vegetation, and a degradation of the lands under your stewardship. Also in the motorized area, one specific rock outcropping contains abundant graffiti and broken glass. The enforcement of the ban on shooting and target practice must also be addressed. Additionally, trash receptacles, bathrooms, and signage indicating the allowable activities and uses have been requested.

These problems are a few of the concerns in light of the pending transfer of these lands to Carson City as authorized by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 and the executed conservation easement. The legislation and easement required trust and very hard work from Bureau of Land Management staff, our staff, and residents, which resulted in a great accomplishment. We ask you to facilitate the continuation of a great relationship in order to complete the transfer of lands. Our Parks Department staff and Open Space Division will continue to communicate with you and your staff in seeking resolutions to provide for the continuation of the management of these lands.


Sincerely,

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Robert L. Crowell  
Mayor of Carson City

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Bruce Scott  
Chairman of the Open Space  
Advisory Committee



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Roger Moellendorf  
Carson City Parks and  
Recreation Director

## OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2014

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3A

**STAFF:** Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

**REQUEST:** **Discussion and Possible Action:** To recommend to the Board of Supervisors a letter be sent to the Bureau of Land Management conveying concerns related to management and stewardship of the Prison Hill Recreation Area and Silver Saddle Ranch.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of Robyn Orloff with the concurrence of the Parks & Recreation Director and Chairman Bruce Scott. Robyn is a resident in the southeast area of Carson City who hikes and enjoys the southwest area of Prison Hill. Through a series of e-mails, some attached for the Committee's use (Exhibit A), Robyn has explained to staff that there is a need for better stewardship of Prison Hill. Some of the information has also been forwarded to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). On March 25, 2014, Mr. Leon Thomas, Field Manager for the BLM Sierra Front Field Office, assigned a team to address the damage to the fence used to separate the motorized and non-motorized areas. Robyn has requested additional work consisting of better identification of the motorized and non-motorized areas with signs, rocks (boulders) and/or markers. She suggested the placement of markers along the entire boundary from the rocks to the summit and possibly additional maps. Besides these specific requests, Robyn has raised questions as to the Conservation Easement and how can Carson City be responsible for items and resources that have not been appropriately managed prior to the land transfer from BLM to the City.

Staff anticipates a robust discussion of these items at the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting. Staff is of the opinion that given the advisory capacity of the Committee to the Board of Supervisors, the best course of action is to transmit the concerns discussed to the Board in the form of a letter to the BLM. Please refer to the draft letter, Exhibit B.

Similarly, the deterioration of the Silver Saddle Ranch facilities has been noted by staff. For example, vegetation is overgrown on trails and the facility's overall appearance has deteriorated. Staff is concerned about the improvements and the future cost to the City if they are not properly maintained.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a letter be sent to the Bureau of Land Management conveying concerns related to management and stewardship of the Prison Hill Recreation Area and Silver Saddle Ranch.

## Juan Guzman

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**From:** Juan Guzman  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 4:21 PM  
**To:** 'Cullen & Robyn'  
**Cc:** Scott Fahrenbruch; Roger Moellendorf; Ann Bollinger  
**Subject:** RE: follow up!

These are good ideas Robin. We are currently working on a management plan and there will be a chance to talk about your suggestions. We are thinking on having a discussion with the Committee on February so stay in touch.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cullen & Robyn [<mailto:ajax@gbis.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 9:35 PM  
To: Juan Guzman  
Subject: follow up!

Hi Juan,  
Thank you for your call the other day!

I was surprised to hear that the Prison Hill Motorized Area allows rock crawling, and off trail/road cross country/canyon travel! Was that allowed when the property was owned by the BLM? -- and carried through when the property transferred to Carson City? Is there any restriction, if the canyon has intermittent water flow? (We can discuss that on our walk?).

My husband and I walked the fence line yesterday --- and are thinking that some of the downed areas might be from age/natural causes (and others are definitely rammed).

We noticed that the motorized area just south of the fence line, seems cleaner than it was a year ago. There is less garbage and bike/car parts - it actually looks like maybe there was a clean up effort recently in the past months. Perhaps by the responsible sector of the Motorized Group?

My husband's idea (he is a motorized user!):  
What would you think about putting garbage cans at the staging area off Golden Eagle? and maybe at the Water tower parking area at the end of Koontz (for motorized folks and hikers) --- and maybe at the top of South Prison Hill where the (motorized) road levels out at the granite outcroppings (above the fence line). I will take you up there (or maybe you know where I am talking about - we call it "Graffiti Rock" because there is quite a bit of Graffiti on it). All those areas often sport quite a bit of beer cans/bottles and fast food wrappings etc. I try to bring bags when I am out for my hikes/runs, and pick up what I can along the way (and definitely where I park). We also do some graffiti eradication when we can, and I have spoken with Don Quilici about it as well - a year or so ago - (and donated paint!).

And, what do you think about putting in a porta-potty (like the one at Morgan Mills and Silver Saddle?) at the staging area and maybe even at the parking area by the Water Tower (for the motorized and hikers)?

I know, I am demanding : > ((( and I do understand that budget constraints might limit these resources. I do think the trash cans behind the college (off Murphy/Freedom, near the Observatory) and at Foothill entrance to the Ash Canyon/Timberline Creek area, really help!

Thank you for listening. I look forward to our meeting.  
Robyn Orloff

## Juan Guzman

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**From:** Roger Moellendorf  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 11:28 AM  
**To:** Juan Guzman  
**Subject:** RE: Motorized areas issues.

Thanks.

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**From:** Juan Guzman  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 11:25 AM  
**To:** Ann Bollinger; Roger Moellendorf; Ann Bollinger; Howard Riedl  
**Subject:** FW: Motorized areas issues.

Here is Leon Thomas response to Robyn.

**From:** Thomas Jr, Leon [<mailto:l70thoma@blm.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 9:09 AM  
**To:** Juan Guzman  
**Cc:** Cullen & Robyn; Callan, Arthur ([acallan@blm.gov](mailto:acallan@blm.gov)); Roger Moellendorf; Ann Bollinger; Howard Riedl; Paul Fuselier  
**Subject:** Re: Motorized areas issues.

Robyn,

We have a team assigned to go up and assess the damage to the fence and analyze the cost for repairs. Thank you for your concern and great stewardship of the lands. We will take it from here.

On Thu, Mar 27, 2014 at 3:19 PM, Juan Guzman <[JGuzman@carson.org](mailto:JGuzman@carson.org)> wrote:

Robyn thanks for your recommendations, I have pass then on to BLM for their consideration. Prison Hill has not as yet been transferred to Carson City.

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**From:** Cullen & Robyn [<mailto:ajax@gbis.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:58 PM  
**To:** Juan Guzman; Cullen and Robyn  
**Subject:** Re: when you have a chance

BUT, the official boundary is NOT marked with signs, Juan --- we need signs all along the top from Graffiti

Hill to the Summit!!! and maybe put maps up at Graffiti Rock and along the road (which BTW is NOT the road designated

in the Management Plan but a road to the west of the main road), and at the Summit and at the Staging areas ---- with

the BLM type stakes all along the way.....

BTW, some idiot yahoo OHV people drove over the fence AGAIN at the Snyder access point (the fence that Cullen

and I had repaired --- you can see the tire marks on the sand).

This is getting ridiculous. It was documented MONTHS ago that the fence was in disrepair, the boundaries were not clearly marked -

and NO ONE has done ANYTHING. The land is still BLM I assume????? So, is Carson City going to take on the expense of

the purchase of property that has not been maintained per the BLM's own guidelines????? and then the BLM is going to

hold CC to rules that the BLM itself didn't honor?????

I had my own business for years, and if someone made a suggestion or entered a complaint, I tried to address it immediately. I don't see anything happening, as a result of my suggestions or concerns. Simple, PUT UP BLM

stakes showing the boundary of the OHV use area and showing NO SHOOTING -- and put up maps at ALL access

and boundary areas - and POLICE the area (at least down at the access points on weekends, put a motorized BLM/or CC

officer on the beat) --- start citing and writing tickets, and the word will get around.

I don't see ANYTHING happening.....?????????

On Mar 25, 2014, at 11:22 AM, Juan Guzman wrote:



Robyn:

BLM has adopted the south side of Prison Hill as a motorized use area. **The official boundary was marked on maps and on the ground with signs.** I will find the source of this work and give you the specifics as soon as I can get to it.

Lynn: Do you have the box of documents that we were using for the management plan, I think the Prison Hill Plan may be in that box.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cullen & Robyn [<mailto:ajax@gbis.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 11:04 AM

To: Juan Guzman

Subject: Re: when you have a chance

OK Juan - no problem. Take the weekend off? We can talk next week just as well?  
You deserve a break! You work HARD.

So glad the Board meeting went well yesterday.  
I appreciate all you do.

On Mar 21, 2014, at 10:30 AM, Juan Guzman wrote:

I will call you Sat or Sunday I am out of time this week Robyn. The Board yesterday went very well it is a relief.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cullen & Robyn [<mailto:ajax@gbis.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:44 PM

To: Juan Guzman

Subject: when you have a chance

hi juan,

please call me later in week or next week, OK - re

what we started to speak about today --- and maybe can send

me some past BLM docs that say what part of Prison Hill is open

to OHV?

thanks,

robyn

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### Prison Hill Recreation Area

A High Point for Carson City!



Visible throughout Carson City, the approximately 2,450 acre Prison Hill Recreation Area has been set aside and dedicated as open space for the community of Carson City. This popular open space is available for those who wish to hike, mountain bike, horseback ride, ride off-highway vehicles (south end only), experience great views of the Carson Range and Pine Nut Mountains, enjoy the quiet and take some great pictures. Prison Hill is located on the southeast side of town and has three main community parking areas.

The **northern end**, located off of Fairview Drive, East Fifth Street and Carson River Road, has short loop trails open to foot, bicycle and equestrian use and is closed to motorized vehicles. These trails were established cooperatively by the Bureau of Land Management, State of Nevada, and the Carson City School District to provide for cross country running trails.

The main community parking area and trailhead is located at the east end of Koontz Lane. Trails either connect to other access points or rise in elevation to a loop trail at the top of Prison Hill. This provides excellent views of the Sierra, Eagle Valley and the Carson River, the Pine Nut Range to the south, and an expansive overview of Carson City.

The **southern end** of Prison Hill provides trails for motorized use. A small OHV loop system is adjacent to the staging area, and travel routes are available on sandy trails and washes. Please check map for "Motorized Use" boundary.

Portions of the central part of Prison Hill have become popular for technical rock climbing. Local enthusiasts know a number of technical routes up a variety of crags and pitches. A good description of the resource is found in pages 46-55 of the now out-of print 1991 Climbers Guide East Tahoe Region by Ron Anderson.

Treat our natural heritage with respect. Leave plants, rocks and historical artifacts as you find them. Deposit human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from trails. Cover and disguise hole. Pack everything that you bring in on your excursion out! Stay on designated trails; do not shortcut switchbacks. Learn about the regulations and issues that apply to the area you're visiting.

- \* Pack out trash! As a regular visitor, consider picking up some litter as a community service!
- \* Please, no campfires.
- \* Stay on established trails. Creating new trails on steep hillsides results in erosion during rainstorms.
- \* Dogs love the open space, but must be kept under verbal control or on a leash by their owners.
- \* Shooting is prohibited in the Recreation Area.

### Carson City District - Sierra Front Field Office



Hiker gates provide easy access on the west side of the Prison Hill Recreation Area in Carson City.

### Are Prison Hill and Silver Saddle Ranch Going to Transfer from the BLM to Carson City?

Congress directed transfer of Silver Saddle Ranch and federal public lands along the Carson River, including the existing Prison Hill Recreation Area (approximately 3,604 acres), subject to the reservation of a conservation easement, to Carson City under the authority of the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-11, Section 2601).

BLM, acting through the Secretary of the Interior and in consultation with Carson City and affected local interests, has reserved a perpetual conservation easement to protect, preserve and enhance the conservation values of the property, and to see that Carson City protects the Carson River, floodplain and surrounding uplands and wildlife habitat. The conservation easement was signed on December 22, 2010.

Development of the conservation easement was guided by the results of a planning and design charrette completed in December 2008, entitled *Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River*.

Though the actual transfer of these lands is not anticipated until sometime in 2011, when the transfer does occur Carson City may use the property for undeveloped open space, passive recreation, customary agricultural practices and wildlife protection. Carson City may construct and maintain trails and trailhead facilities, conduct fuels reduction projects, maintain or reconstruct any improvements on the property that were in existence on March 31, 2009, and allow the use of motorized vehicles on designated roads, trails and areas in the south end of Prison Hill.

BLM and Carson City have mutually agreed that the conservation values also include protection of natural resources, preservation of the property for solitude and nature observation, maintaining the green irrigated pastures and hay fields of Silver Saddle Ranch, protecting scenic resources including the preservation of dark skies, protecting cultural resources including the historic structures at Silver Saddle Ranch, promoting environmental education and interpretation, allowing public access, promoting the quality of life, and safety and tourism.

More information on the actual transfer of these lands to Carson City will be posted here as it becomes available.

\* Report illegal activity to 775-883-5995 or 800-521-6501.

\* Trail courtesy goes a long way.

PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE - TRAVEL LIGHTLY  
- PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT - PROPERLY  
DISPOSE OF WHAT YOU CAN'T PACK OUT -  
LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND.

Whatever means of travel you choose to explore Prison Hill, be aware of wildlife inhabiting the area. This includes coyotes, rabbits, hawks, ground squirrels, and deer. You may even see golden eagles around the rock outcrops in the upper elevations.

Vegetation throughout the area is representative of "Big Sage" zone plants. This consists of Big Sagebrush, Desert Peach, Bitter brush, Ephedra, Indian Ricegrass, and occasional Juniper and Pinyon trees. A wonderful aroma surrounds the hills during the spring when the brush is in bloom. Since vegetation is predominantly brush, the exposed slopes can endure hot summer temperatures. Always remember to bring water, hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen as you explore.

The geologic make-up of Prison Hill consists of two different rock types. Jurassic aged metamorphosed volcanic rock is exposed at the northern end, and a Cretaceous, medium-grained granitic rock exists at the southern end of the hill. In the northern end, as the larger rock mass disintegrates, pieces of broken outcrop appear that are dark-colored and consist of an andesite mud-flow breccia. Both rock types seem to be popular among local rock climbers and add interesting visual features to the hillsides.

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## Juan Guzman

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**From:** Cullen & Robyn <ajax@gbis.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 9:59 PM  
**To:** Juan Guzman; JschröderA@blm.gov  
**Subject:** Re: ever find the docs?

Curious what the land use was on Prison Hill, PRIOR to the Lands Bill and Conservation Easement?  
i.e. was there a period in time, when the ENTIRE Prison Hill was OHV allowed? (multi use by jeeps/dirtbikes/  
hikers/equestrians etc)???

What was the designated use in the 1980s? what about the 1990s? and early 2000s?  
Thank you,  
Robyn

On Apr 8, 2014, at 4:34 PM, Juan Guzman wrote:

Leon is out of his office but I will ask the person in charge.  
Also the Lands Bill and the Conservation Easement transferring the land to CC is clear as to motorized use and were is  
allowed.  
Jim, could you please address the question posed by Robyn?

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**From:** Cullen & Robyn [<mailto:ajax@gbis.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 4:04 PM  
**To:** Juan Guzman; Ann Bollinger; [Lynn@rci-nv.com](mailto:Lynn@rci-nv.com); Cullen and Robyn  
**Subject:** ever find the docs?

Hi Juan,  
Ever find the docs? (see below post from you, March 25th)

Several of the OHV folks we have met on the hill recently (joy riding down the sand canyons  
from the top) tell us that they were told by BLM that the whole PH is open to OHVs --

... and people I meet who have been living here  
since the 70s are telling me that the whole hill was, and continues to be,  
open to OHVs ---- and that 'all the signs are totally arbitrary, not based on  
any legal proceedings'???

And, someone high up in the BLM also told me that the entire hill is open to OHVs  
(despite what I see written below)  
[www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson\\_city\\_field/blm\\_programs/recreation/prison\\_hill.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_programs/recreation/prison_hill.html)

Can you clarify for me? or ask Leon Thomas?

Thank you!  
Robyn

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Juan Guzman <[JGuzman@carson.org](mailto:JGuzman@carson.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: when you have a chance  
**Date:** March 25, 2014 11:22:06 AM PDT  
**To:** 'Cullen & Robyn' <[ajax@gbis.com](mailto:ajax@gbis.com)>  
**Cc:** Ann Bollinger <[ABollinger@carson.org](mailto:ABollinger@carson.org)>, 'Lynn Zonge' <[lynn@rci-nv.com](mailto:lynn@rci-nv.com)>

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**From:** Cullen & Robyn <[ajax@gbis.com](mailto:ajax@gbis.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 9:53 PM  
**To:** Juan Guzman; Cullen and Robyn  
**Subject:** Re: Motorized areas issues.

Interesting cooperative relationship with BLM for some things (per below: effluent uses, irrigation, growing hay) ---  
but not for others (maintaining boundary fences and stakes, policing use, conservation of the visual and physical attributes of the land that are aesthetic vs social/monetary/utilitarian).....

On Apr 8, 2014, at 4:19 PM, Juan Guzman wrote:

Robyn:

John Barrete is quoting from [the](#) appraisal prepared by Lee Smith. Carson City does not own Silver Saddle Ranch like the quote states. We do have the [right](#) in accordance with the conservation easement to use [effluent](#) for irrigation at Silver Saddle Ranch. We do have an special use permit with BLM that allows Carson City to [irrigate and grow hay and or pasture at a portion of Silver Saddle Ranch](#).

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**From:** Cullen & Robyn [<mailto:ajax@gbis.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 10:18 AM  
**To:** Juan Guzman  
**Subject:** Re: Motorized areas issues.

Juan,  
In today's Nevada Appeal, Empire Ranch article continued on page 5, paragraph 2:  
John Barrette writes, "the city owns the Jarrard/Anderson Ranch and the Silver Saddle Ranch".....

Is he mis-informed?  
Robyn

On Apr 7, 2014, at 3:29 PM, Juan Guzman wrote:

No all of Prison Hill plus Silver Saddle Ranch is BLM.

**From:** Cullen & Robyn <[ajax@gbis.com](mailto:ajax@gbis.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Motorized areas issues.  
**Date:** April 5, 2014 3:39:00 PM PDT  
**To:** Juan Guzman <[JGuzman@carson.org](mailto:JGuzman@carson.org)>

Juan - is Silver Saddle already a Carson City property? separate from the rest of Prison Hill which **is not yet** under Carson City laws and management....

On Mar 27, 2014, at 3:19 PM, Juan Guzman wrote:

Prison Hill has not as yet been transferred to Carson City.



## Juan Guzman

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**From:** Roger Moellendorf  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2014 2:45 PM  
**To:** Juan Guzman  
**Subject:** RE: Prison Hill

Nice.

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**From:** Juan Guzman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2014 2:43 PM  
**To:** 'Cullen & Robyn'; 170thoma@blm.gov; Jason Schroeder  
**Cc:** Roger Moellendorf; Ann Bollinger; Roger Moellendorf  
**Subject:** RE: Prison Hill

Robyn in responding I will follow the order of your questions:

1-You make good points we anticipate using a combination of features to mark the boundaries. As the Open Space Manger for Carson City I will advocate for a more specific study or management plan specifically for Prison Hill to determine what improvements should we make and what priorities should we follow. We applied for a grant from the OHV Commission a month back to fund this type of study and we have not herd as yet if they are going to fund us. At the present time and if we were to place trash cans at areas of Prison Hill, we would not have the man power to pick up the trash from trash cans. We will consider a manner to accomplish maintaining and servicing trash cans such as thru a private contractor.

2-Good for BLM and us. I am not familiar with BLM shooting regulations.

3-Yes BLM and Carson City do manage Ambrose for example cooperatively. BLM has staff to maintain the bathrooms, trash cans, buildings and corrals at SSR.

4- I truly do not know for certain why SSR has better maintenance that Prison Hill. There are more facilities at SSR and it was the subject of a collaborative planning process. Probably thru time it was felt that as a remote motorized site Prison Hill had an adequate level of maintenance and improvements, you are making the case for better stewardship at Prison Hill.

5-Thanks to you for adopting Prison Hill and for your effort in conveying to us and BLM Staff the uniqueness of Prison Hill. Please continue to communicate your ideas to BLM the present manger of these lands and to us.

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**From:** Cullen & Robyn [<mailto:ajax@gbis.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2014 10:51 AM  
**To:** 170thoma@blm.gov; Jason Schroeder; Juan Guzman  
**Subject:** Fwd: Prison Hill

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Cullen & Robyn <[ajax@gbis.com](mailto:ajax@gbis.com)>

**Subject: Re: Prison Hill**

**Date:** April 9, 2014 10:49:49 AM PDT

**To:** Juan Guzman <[JGuzman@carson.org](mailto:JGuzman@carson.org)>, Cullen and Robyn <[ajax@gbis.com](mailto:ajax@gbis.com)>

**Cc:** Ann Bollinger <[ABollinger@carson.org](mailto:ABollinger@carson.org)>, Roger Moellendorf <[RMoellendorf@carson.org](mailto:RMoellendorf@carson.org)>, Howard Riedl <[riedls@sbcglobal.net](mailto:riedls@sbcglobal.net)>

I know that you and BLM are busy with many projects.

I still question, though, why at least, more fiberglass/BLM stakes (No Motorized, No Shooting) can't be put up along the boundary?--- and metal trash cans put up at the access points (by the maps?) --- and a map/trash cans put up at the Staging Area.

One fence repair was made at the Snyder access -- and a few stakes put up at the access points (that do not include No Shooting).

Some of the above might be done by the City (maps/trashcans)? -- in a 'cooperative effort' with BLM? Who empties trash/cleans bathrooms at Silver Saddle Ranch? and why doesn't the west side of Prison Hill receive the same care and amenities???? (since Silver Saddle is Federal Land for the time being also). Or perhaps, the west side IS truly a "Sacrifice"???????

Thank you again for your time - and for posting/crossposting this to any parties that can effect a change.  
Robyn

On Apr 2, 2014, at 10:58 AM, Juan Guzman wrote:

Your welcome Robin:

You are experiencing what we go thru all the time, except we experience the resource damage at all the other open space sites not only at Prison Hill.

I am encouraged that Leon put this Prison Hill team together even if they do not all you suggested it is a start and better than before.

Yes Open Space is the forum for Prison Hill keep in mind that the Committee is advisory to the Board of Supervisors and that Prison Hill is Federal land for the time being.

I can and will invite BLM and the Sheriff.

We will have more bodies available by next summer of course subject to the Board Approval of our budget and the recommendations of the Committee.

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**From:** Cullen & Robyn [<mailto:ajax@gbis.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 7:54 PM

**To:** Juan Guzman; Cullen and Robyn

**Subject:** Re: Prison Hill

Thank you, Juan, for your prompt reply.

Every time I go up on the Hill, there seems to be more damage : > (((

I will send a post with some of the topics I would like to bring up --- if the OS meeting is the forum?? If not, where do I take them?

Will BLM (and maybe the Sheriff) be invited???

Your attention to this is much appreciated. We have been talking about most of these things since we met on PH at the end of December. My frustration (which is coming out more obviously), is because it seems as if my comments/opinions are going into a big black abyss? I know you care about the Open Space -- but we need to get more ears listening (and bodies doing)?

Thank you again,  
Robyn

On Apr 1, 2014, at 5:18 PM, Juan Guzman wrote:

Got your phone message. I will have an item on the OSAC Agenda to discuss Prison Hill-BLM.

**Juan F. Guzman**

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