

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3A

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director
Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator

REQUEST: Discussion only regarding the process and potential project(s) for submittal to the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act's Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas grant program.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

At the March 16, 2015 meeting, staff introduced the discussion regarding a process to select a project(s) for submittal to the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act's Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (SNPLMA) grant program. As a follow-up, the following items have been attached to this report:

- OSAC March 16, 2015 staff report
- SNPLMA Round 15 Nomination Package Requirements for the Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas category
- Samples of successful projects
- SNPLMA Strategic Plan, FY 2015-2019

Carson City has been successful with two grant awards under this category: Bently property acquisition and the Carson River Trail System - Eagle Valley Creek Segment. In the recent past, grant awards have ranged from \$250,000 to \$500,000. While no match is required, non-SNPLMA sources of funding and in-kind contributions are considered favorable in the scoring criteria.

The intent of this staff report is to summarize the grant program and to start brainstorming ideas for a project. In the "Draft Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area," improvements were identified for all of the properties within the plan area. Silver Saddle Ranch and the adjacent areas (Mexican Ditch Trail and Prison Hill) had the longest lists of recommended improvements.

In anticipation of project planning and design, the Committee approved a budget increase for professional services in FY 2015-2016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No formal action can be taken at this time.

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REQUEST: Discussion only regarding a process to select a project(s) for submission to the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act's Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas grant program.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Revenue from BLM land sales are picking up which means funding for Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) grant programs is also increasing. SNPLMA funds outdoor recreation projects including parks and trails through its Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) program. This is one of seven grant programs that SNPLMA manages. PTNA is the program that we have used as a funding source for projects such as the Eagle Valley Creek Bridge Crossing project. This year there is approximately \$30 million dollars available for all SNPLMA categories with approximately \$4.5 million of that amount earmarked for the PTNA. The next round (Round 16) may have \$50 million dollars available with maybe up to seven million dollars available for PTNA projects. The grant application for Round 16 will be due in the fall of 2016 and funding would be available in 2017.

PTNA's highest priorities are projects that meet the following criteria:

1. Serve communities or identified populations within communities that have been traditionally underserved.
2. Promote connectivity that links people to nature and to recreational opportunities, and unites places across the landscape.
3. Protects the integrity of community resources including natural, cultural, historical, educational, environmental, and open spaces.
4. Minimizes future maintenance and replacement costs and shows a high degree of sustainability.

Projects that are typically most successful at obtaining funding are projects that include physical, cultural, and educational connectivity from an urban area to natural landscapes. Thus trail projects usually receive high ratings. Traditional park projects such as neighborhood parks, playgrounds, and sports fields are a low priority unless they can meet the three criteria listed above. PTNA does not fund recreational structures other than minor structures such as picnic shelters and restrooms that are part of a larger project.

Staff feels that Carson City needs to be prepared to submit a least one competitive grant for Round 16. In an effort to do so, staff wants to work closely with the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) to nominate and evaluate potential projects. Evaluation of the projects will employ the same rating/ranking criteria that the SNPLMA program uses. To this end staff will provide the Commission in the coming meetings with information regarding the requirements of the PTNA program, provide PTNA value statements, goals and objectives, and samples of successful projects. Staff will provide suggested projects and receive suggested projects from both the Commission and OSAC. Collaboratively we will run the projects through the rating system in order to determine the strongest possible project or projects to submit for PTNA grant funding.

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VI. ROUND 15 PTNA RANKING CRITERIA

Respond to each of the following criteria in the order provided below. These criteria will be used by the PTNA Subgroup to evaluate, score and rank project nominations. Applicants must respond to each criterion. If a factor does not apply respond with N/A. The total points available for each criterion are shown to the right. Ranking criteria scoring is on a sliding scale.

Point value for assessment questions is provided for information purposes only in order to reinforce the importance of addressing each factor. Nominating entities are not to assign a point value to their responses.

Demand: Provides a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands and changing demographics of residents and visitors.

Factors:

A. The project serves communities or identified populations within communities that have been traditionally and historically underserved in the provision of parks, trails, and natural areas facilities and services.	5
B. The project meets the needs of communities which have faced social/economic barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to healthy natural environments.	5
C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.	5
D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).	5
Total	20

Resources: Protects or improves the integrity of resources (community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational) while addressing the quality of the human experience.

Factors:

A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.	5
B. The project helps protect existing parks, trails, and natural areas, or other	5

natural/cultural resources, particularly where urgent action is required.	
C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.	5
D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the human experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.	5
Total	20

Connectivity: Promotes connectivity that links people to nature and to recreational opportunities, and unites important places across the landscape.

Factors:

A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.	5
B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)	5
C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.	5
D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.	5
Total	20

Cost and Value of Investment: Evaluates, describes and considers the costs and benefits of the project.

Factors:

A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.	5
B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (i.e., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.	5
C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.	5
D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (i.e., financial, volunteerism).	5
Total	20
Grand Total	80

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PARK, TRAIL, AND NATURAL AREA PROJECTS

14-1: KIEL RANCH HISTORIC PARK PHASE III (NL23)

Project Description	Map	Image Gallery
<p>The City of North Las Vegas, Kiel Ranch Historic Park Phase III proposal primarily focuses on providing safe access to the spring habitat portion of the park. Phase III is the link between the park overlook and the historic area of the park. The City would design and construct a boardwalk with overlook(s) protecting the spring habitat while providing an educational opportunity setting. The boardwalk and overlook(s) are intended as a viewing and educational area with opportunities to see the small wetland and associated wildlife. Park amenities include boardwalk, park lighting, granite pathway, and boundary fence and wall.</p>	<p>Google Map</p>	

Managing Entity	Participating Entity(ies)	Currently Allocated Funding	Approval Date	Status
CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS		\$499,000	11/15/2013	IN PROGRESS

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal Year:

Kiel Ranch Historic Park Phase III primarily focuses on providing safe access to the spring habitat portion of the park. Phase III is the link between the park overlook and the historic area of the park. The design and construction of a boardwalk with overlook(s) protecting the spring habitat while providing an educational opportunity setting. The boardwalk and overlook(s) are intended as a viewing and educational area with opportunities to see the small wetland and associated wildlife. Park amenities include boardwalk, park lighting, granite pathway, and boundary fence and wall. This project is in the early stages of design.

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PARK, TRAIL, AND NATURAL AREA PROJECTS

14-2: WHITE PINE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS RENOVATION (WP09)

Project Description	Map	Image Gallery
White Pine County proposes to upgrade and refurbish portions of the White Pine County Fairgrounds located in northeast Ely, Nevada. The proposal includes: fairground grandstand area - replace and/or repair the grandstand seating; park area - vault toilet, pavilion, lighting, landscaping, playground equipment, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, fencing, and an amphitheater. The proposal would improve public safety and enhance recreational opportunities for White Pine County communities.	<p>Google Map</p>	

Managing Entity	Participating Entity(ies)	Currently Allocated Funding	Approval Date	Status
WHITE PINE COUNTY		\$388,405	11/14/2013	IN PROGRESS

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal Year:

The County received the Grant and Cooperative Agreement on August 11, 2014. As soon as the County can begin the project, it will move forward with the upgrade and refurbishing of portions of the White Pine County Fairgrounds to improve public safety and to enhance recreational opportunities for the County residents.

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PARK, TRAIL, AND NATURAL AREA PROJECTS

14-3: GOODSPRINGS TRAIL (CC64)

Project Description	Map	Image Gallery
Clark County proposes to construct the Goodsprings Trail project, including approximately 2.3 miles of unpaved loop hiking trail and a small trailhead (parking area, shade structure and picnic table, interpretive signage, bench, and trash receptacle). This project would provide scarce local recreation facilities, and educational/interpretive signage concerning the area's historic mining, the Old Spanish Trail, and the Mojave Desert landscape and ecosystem.	Google Map	

Managing Entity	Participating Entity(ies)	Currently Allocated Funding	Approval Date	Status
CLARK COUNTY		\$496,400	11/14/2013	IN PROGRESS

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal Year:

Grant and Cooperative Agreement issued to Clark County for the CC64 Goodsprings Trail project on September 24, 2014.

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PARK, TRAIL, AND NATURAL AREA PROJECTS

13-1: FLOYD LAMB PARK AT TULE SPRINGS ACCESS TRAIL (LV38)

Project Description	Map	Image Gallery
<p>The City of Las Vegas will design and construct a connecting trail segment in Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs. The project includes a 0.6-mile, 14-ft wide non-motorized natural surface trail with signage, benches, and trash receptacles. The project may include landscaping depending on coordination with Clark County Regional Flood Control District to assist with the project (\$52,000). The project will improve access and recreational opportunities by increasing the access to the nearly completed Environmental Enhancement Areas and interior park trails.</p>	<p>Google Map</p>	

Managing Entity	Participating Entity(ies)	Currently Allocated Funding	Approval Date	Status
CITY OF LAS VEGAS		\$260,000	09/25/2012	IN PROGRESS

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal Year:

The design contract was approved by City Council for the Floyd Lamb Access Trail (LV38); which is being designed and constructed as part of a regional flood control project (Brent Lane Drainage System.) A kick-off meeting with the consultant as well as coordination meetings with the Historic Preservation Committee occurred. The drawings are currently at the 50% design level.

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PARK, TRAIL, AND NATURAL AREA PROJECTS

13-2: CARSON RIVER TRAIL SYSTEM - EAGLE VALLEY CREEK SEGMENT (CR02)



Project Description	Map	Image Gallery
<p>Carson City will design and construct the Eagle Valley Creek Trail segment near the Carson River between the Empire Ranch and Riverview Park in Carson City, Nevada. The segment will provide a link to existing trails, including the Carson River Trail System, and improve recreational opportunities for Carson City residents and visitors. The project includes specifications to design and construct a 10'x12'x300' non-motorized trail segment with a decomposed granite surface, installation of up to two prefabricated bridges, fencing, and revegetation of disturbed areas. Carson City has received an in-kind contribution for project design in the amount of \$12,000.</p>	<p>Google Map</p>	

Managing Entity	Participating Entity (ies)	Currently Allocated Funding	Approval Date	Status
CARSON CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION		\$252,700	09/25/2012	IN PROGRESS

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal Year:

The accomplishments on the Carson River Trail - Eagle Valley Creek Segment included: numerous field visits; coordination among the Carson City Parks Department, Public Works Department and a local consulting firm who offered volunteer efforts towards the engineering and construction plans; review and update of the bridge specifications and design loads from a previous project; and communication with one bridge manufacturer regarding the process and timelines for design drawing submittal, fabrication and delivery. Data and measurements were collected during the field visits, and the field survey and geotechnical survey were completed.

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PARK, TRAIL, AND NATURAL AREA PROJECTS

13-3: BOULDER CREEK PARK AND TRAILHEAD (HN41)

Project Description	Map	Image Gallery
<p>The City of Henderson will design and construct Boulder Creek Park and Trailhead, which includes open space, park amenities, a trail segment, and a trailhead. The SNPLMA funded portion of the project includes, a parking lot, landscaping, two basketball courts, a tot lot with equipment, up to four lighted shade shelters, a restroom, about four acres of turf, and a 1,500-foot trail within the park. The City and a property development company have contributed funding in the amount of \$2.2 million and \$400,000 respectively for components of the park not being funded by SNPLMA. The project will assist in meeting the needs of nearby residents and trail users by providing park amenities in an area deficient in outdoor recreational opportunities.</p>	<p>Google Map</p>	

Managing Entity	Participating Entity(ies)	Currently Allocated Funding	Approval Date	Status
CITY OF HENDERSON		\$425,000	09/25/2012	IN PROGRESS

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal Year:

Construction is ongoing with sidewalks, fencing, curbing, irrigation, and soil for turf grass being installed. The basketball court concrete has been poured. The restroom, shade structures, and play equipment are anticipated to be installed in early November. The project is on schedule to be completed by the grant end date.

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PARK, TRAIL, AND NATURAL AREA PROJECTS

13-4: GYPSUM RIDGE TRAIL PHASE I (CC62)

Project Description	Map	Image Gallery
<p>Clark County will design and construct the Gypsum Ridge Trail located on a prominent bench on the east side of Gypsum Ridge. The project includes a one-mile long, five to eight foot wide natural surfaced trail with interpretive/educational signage and benches placed along the length of the trail. The project also provides a ramada with interpretation at the trail terminus, and, dependent on funding, a mid-trail interpretive wayside. The trail is intended to address the recreational needs of the community by providing a moderately difficult trail with spectacular views of the Las Vegas Valley from an elevation of 3,400 feet. The County has committed \$1,178,150 to construct a park/trailhead for the trail at the F-1 Flood Basin.</p>	<p>Google Map</p>	

Managing Entity	Participating Entity(ies)	Currently Allocated Funding	Approval Date	Status
CLARK COUNTY		\$473,675	09/25/2012	IN PROGRESS

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal Year:

Completed procurement for design/engineering contract. Design currently 60 percent complete.

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PARK, TRAIL, AND NATURAL AREA PROJECTS

13-5: PIONEER PARK PHASE II (LC14)

Project Description	Map	Image Gallery
<p>Lincoln County will provide renovation design and construction for Pioneer Park located at 5th and Streets in Panaca, Nevada. This Phase II portion of the park renovation will consist of upgrading the inefficient field lighting, adding a shade structure to the playground equipment, making repairs to the announcers booth, adding a public announcer's system, and surfacing the parking lot with compacted road base. Phase I rennovation construction funded under the Round 9 "Lincoln County Park Upgrades" project will be completed in spring of 2012. Renovation of this 40 year old park will provide needed upgrades to outdated park facilities meeting the increasing demands of a growing Panaca population.</p>	<p>Google Map</p>	

Managing Entity	Participating Entity(ies)	Currently Allocated Funding	Approval Date	Status
LINCOLN COUNTY		\$299,514	09/26/2012	CLOSED OUT

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal Year:

Once conceptual drawings and construction designs were completed, this project took a very short time to complete. This second phase added field lighting, a playground shade structure, compacted road base, a public announcer's system for the announcer's booth that was also improved during the project.

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PARK, TRAIL, AND NATURAL AREA PROJECTS

13-6: DESERT INN PARK WATER FEATURE (CC63)

Project Description	Map	Image Gallery
<p>Clark County will design and construct a small to medium sized water spray feature at the Desert Inn Park replacing the obsolete swimming pool. The project will include installation of the water spray feature, landscaping, fencing, and splash area surfacing. The water feature project will assist in meeting the recreational needs of the area residents by replacing a structurally deficient swimming pool. The County received \$211,410 in contributed funds from HUD to demolish the swimming pool.</p>	<p>Google Map</p>	

Managing Entity	Participating Entity(ies)	Currently Allocated Funding	Approval Date	Status
CLARK COUNTY		\$255,388	09/25/2012	IN PROGRESS

ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal Year:

Design/engineering is 95 percent complete.



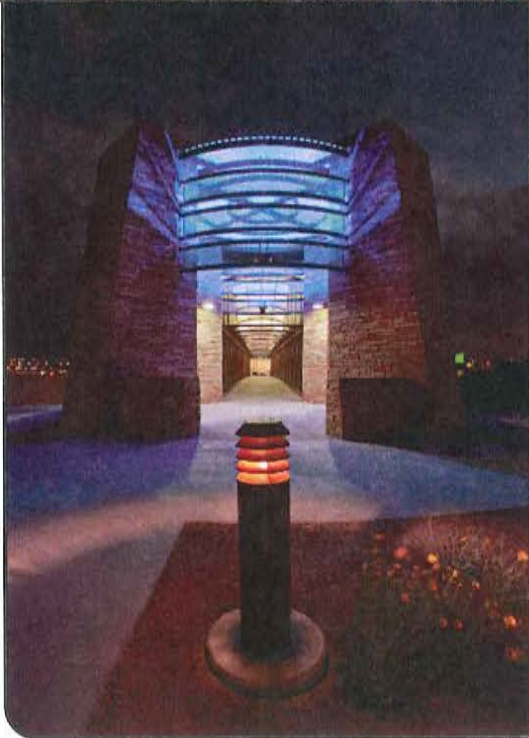
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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

With the passage of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA)(Public Law 105-263) in 1998, the Congress and the President set into motion a program of work that has resulted in an unprecedented level of funding for important projects, crucial economic development, and new employment opportunities through the sale of public land in the Las Vegas Valley. The Act allows for the creation of local parks, trails, and natural areas; the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands; capital improvements on Federal lands; and conservation, restoration, and fuels treatment projects in Nevada and throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin. These projects are implemented by the eligible partner agencies to benefit communities and public lands throughout the State of Nevada.

The Bureau of Land Management and its partners recognize the importance of these funds and continue to be responsible stewards. Collaboration has been a hallmark of the success of both the sale of land in the Las Vegas Valley and the management of the resulting revenue through wise investments in project work across Nevada.

The SNPLMA Executive Committee is pleased to present this strategic plan. The strategic plan was developed with input from our partners and stakeholders and is intended to increase transparency. This plan will guide the SNPLMA Program over the next five years of implementation. The values, mission, and vision identified in this plan focus the efforts of the SNPLMA Program toward public benefit of enduring value and relevance to Nevada's citizens and visitors.



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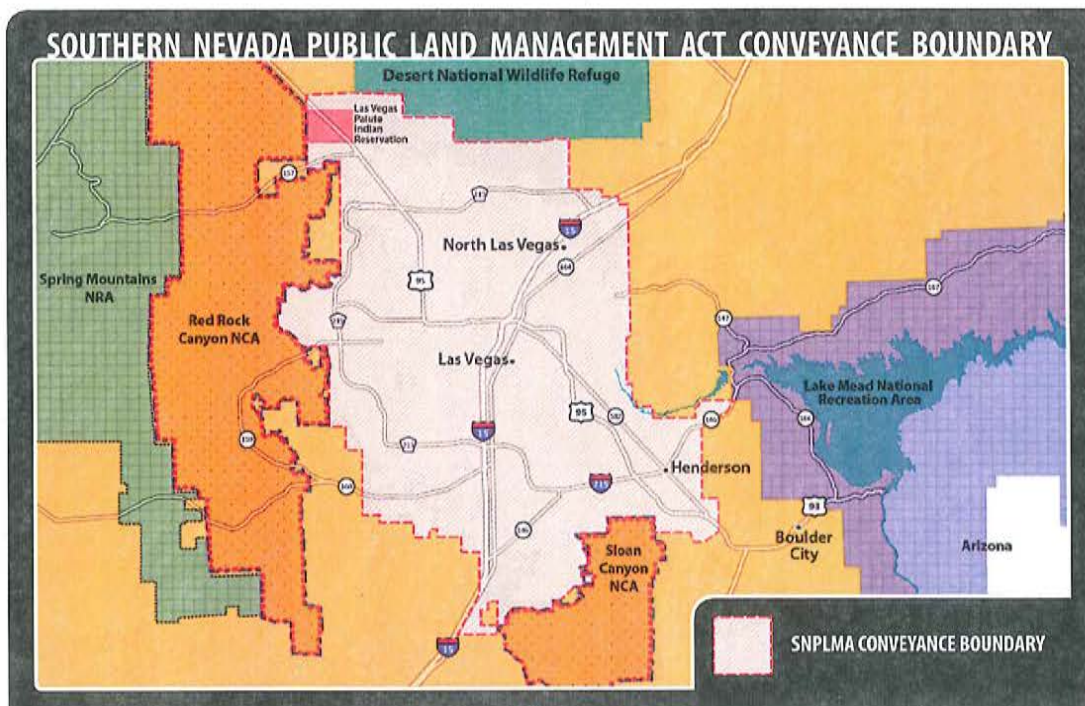
INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

INTRODUCTION

Since 1998, the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Program has significantly improved the quality of life for those who live in and visit the State of Nevada, Lake Tahoe, and Lake Mead. The Program has left an impressive legacy of a healthier environment and enhanced recreational opportunities for current and future generations.

This five-year Strategic Plan, covering fiscal years 2015-2019, provides an opportunity to communicate the vision for the Program, ensure the on-going relevance of the Program, and continue the SNPLMA legacy of on-the-ground improvements and socio-economic benefits to communities. This Plan focuses the implementation of the SNPLMA Program on three values: sustainability, connectivity, and community. The implementation of the SNPLMA Program will contribute to these values through projects that

- restore and protect healthy and resilient landscapes that connect important habitats and protect the integrity of the human and biological communities;
- provide outdoor recreation opportunities that improve the quality of life for the public and encourage interaction with nature; and
- incorporate durability, relevancy, and shared support to ensure benefits in the near and long term.



INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

BACKGROUND

The SNPLMA authorized the conveyance of Federal land in the Las Vegas area within a boundary designated by Congress and directed that the revenue be used in specific ways. Since the SNPLMA was passed into law in 1998, it has generated nearly \$3.4 billion¹ and funded over 1,200 projects in eight categories.

The Bureau of Land Management, the lead Federal agency in implementing the SNPLMA, has joined with State, local, and other Federal agencies to develop a unique partnership. Members of the SNPLMA Executive Committee, Partners Working Group, and Category Subgroups review, rank, and recommend projects for funding approval by the Secretary of the Interior. These partners also work together to facilitate the sale of Federal land as directed by Congress and to allocate and manage the revenue in the public's best interest. The SNPLMA Program partners implement and provide oversight of projects funded through the program. The partners participate to manage the program in a flexible, adaptive, collaborative, and transparent manner.

PROGRAM PARTNERS



¹This number includes the sale of 13,444 acres of land outside the conveyance boundary, as directed by Congress, for the Ivanpah Airport and City of Mesquite in Nevada.

SNPLMA CATEGORIES

The SNPLMA has been amended many times since it was passed into law. The amendments created additional categories for project expenditures and expanded the availability of some category funding to wider geographic areas. The following are descriptions of the eight categories of project expenditures, as amended.

Capital Improvements

Up to 25 percent of the total available funds may be expended for capital improvements at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge [Complex], the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, the Great Basin National Park and other areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties, and the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area.

Conservation Initiatives

Up to 10 percent of the total available funds may be expended for conservation initiatives on Federal land administered by the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture, within Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties, Nevada as well as Federal land in Carson City, Nevada that is adjacent to or within the 100-year floodplain of the Carson River.

Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Projects

The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture may fund projects to support the Great Basin Restoration Initiative through implementation of the Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project, in Lincoln and White Pine Counties, Nevada.

Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions

Funds may be expended to acquire environmentally sensitive land to promote the preservation of natural, scientific, aesthetic, historical, cultural, watershed, wildlife and other values contributing to the public enjoyment and biological diversity; enhance recreational opportunities and public access; provide the opportunity to achieve better management of public land through consolidation of Federal ownership; or otherwise serve the public interest. Priority is given in this category to lands in Clark County, Nevada.

Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention

Funds may be expended for the development and implementation of multijurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention plans for the Lake Tahoe Basin, the Carson Range in Douglas and Washoe Counties and Carson City in the State [Nevada], and the Spring Mountains in the State [Nevada].

Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects

From 2004 through 2011, \$300 million in SNPLMA funds were made available for the Federal portion of the Environmental Improvement Program in the Lake Tahoe Basin².

Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan

Funds may be expended for the development and implementation of a multi-species habitat conservation plan in Clark County, Nevada.

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas

Funds may be expended for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties, and portions of Washoe County³ and Carson City⁴, Nevada, pursuant to a cooperative agreement with a unit of local government or regional governmental entity.

² The full commitment of the Federal portion identified in the enacting legislation has been met. The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act has sunset, therefore this category is no longer eligible for SNPLMA funding.

³ Until December 31, 2015, Washoe County shall be eligible to nominate for expenditure amounts to acquire land (not to exceed 250 acres) and develop one regional park and natural area.

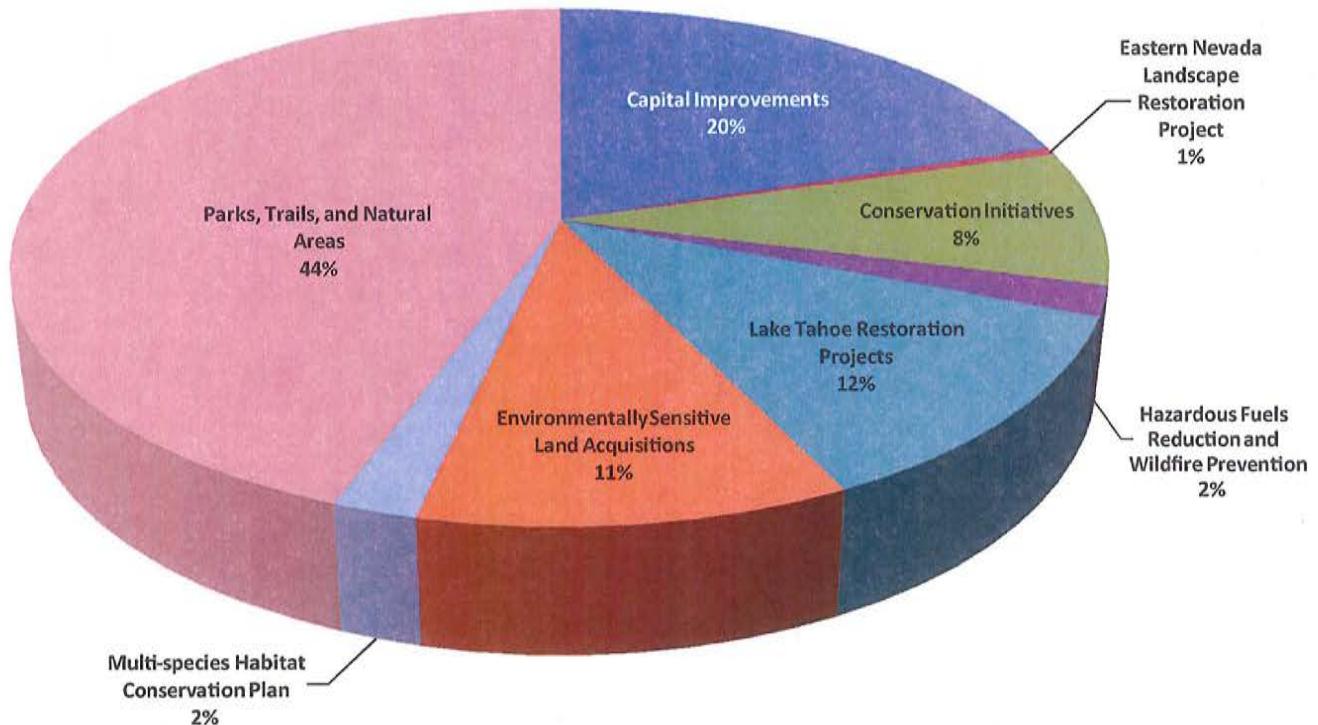
⁴ Carson City shall be eligible to nominate for expenditure amounts to acquire land or an interest in land for parks or natural areas and for conservation initiatives (a) adjacent to the Carson River; or (b) within the floodplain of the Carson River.

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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This chart displays the percentage of approved funding in each category since inception of the program.

SNPLMA Project Funding by Category
Rounds 1-14



The following list is a small sample of the many project accomplishments that the SNPLMA Program has funded.

- Acquired more than 67,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land
- Acquired more than 13,500 acre feet per annum of water rights
- Constructed or improved more than 300 miles of roads and trails for recreational use
- Remediated more than 400 hazardous sites
- Constructed or refurbished more than 90 Federal buildings or facilities
- Constructed or improved more than 8,700 acres of parks or natural areas
- Surveyed and inventoried more than 11,500 acres of cultural or paleontological resources
- Completed more than 20 plans for ecosystem restoration, recreation, or wilderness management
- Treated or restored more than 30,000 acres of invasive plant species
- Made more than 120,000 outreach contacts
- Utilized more than 21,000 volunteers

VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

The SNPLMA Vision, Mission, and Values provide guidance for the management and implementation of the Program. They also provide the context for the Goals and Objectives described in the next section of this document.

VISION

Provide the public with naturally functioning, sustainable landscapes and recreation opportunities for their enjoyment, benefit, and stewardship.



MISSION

Work collaboratively and transparently with program partners to represent the public's best interest in managing resources generated from the transfer of public land out of Federal ownership through projects that connect people with nature and conserve the landscape for the benefit of present and future generations.

VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

VALUES

This five-year Strategic Plan focuses implementation of the SNPLMA Program on three values: sustainability, connectivity, and community.

Encouraging projects that promote sustainability

Projects that promote sustainability provide benefits in the near and long term by emphasizing healthy and resilient landscapes as well as durability, relevancy, and shared support.

These are projects that conserve resources to ensure availability to future generations, or that restore or maintain natural processes. They will remain relevant and continue to provide a benefit beyond the existence of the SNPLMA, even in the face of changing demographics or environmental conditions. They often include a stewardship component to broaden support and share responsibility for operating or maintaining the project. They strive to reduce long-term costs and minimize the human impact on the environment.

Encouraging projects that promote connectivity

Projects that promote connectivity link people to nature and to recreational opportunities, and unite important places across the landscape.

These projects provide recreational opportunities that link population centers, recreation facilities, and natural landscapes. They can focus on outreach and environmental education. They encourage people to meaningfully connect with their natural environment, thus helping them to appreciate and care for the environment. Land acquisition or habitat restoration projects can also promote this value when they connect habitats, migratory corridors, or protected areas.

Encouraging projects that promote community

Projects that promote community are those that improve quality of life for the human community and protect the integrity of biological communities.

These projects provide outdoor recreation opportunities to improve the quality of life, especially for underserved communities. They contribute to economic health of the community or protect the health and safety of the public. They conserve or restore the functionality, resiliency, and integrity of biological communities. They encourage partnerships, which in turn also build community.

GOALS

The SNPLMA Goals are what we strive to accomplish in support of the SNPLMA vision and mission through project implementation. These goals will be achieved through applying the values of sustainability, connectivity, and community to the ranking of project nominations, thereby ensuring alignment of project funding to strategic priorities.

GOAL 1: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources

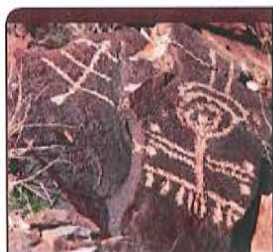
Objectives/Sub-objectives

Conserve and Restore Natural Resources - Maintain or increase the quality of natural resources and protect their ecological integrity and sustainability



- Increase or improve the resource base (e.g., habitat), with a focus on landscape-level habitat restoration
- Protect threatened, endangered, and sensitive species and their habitat
- Promote actions to avoid listing of sensitive species as threatened or endangered (e.g., restoration of Greater sage-grouse habitat)
- Promote the value of science and research in increasing the effectiveness of conserving and restoring natural resources, and promoting resource sustainability

Preserve Cultural Resources - Document, preserve, and interpret cultural resources



- Restore at-risk resources
- Protect the integrity of significant resource values
- Encourage volunteer site stewardship as a way to increase protection and sustainability through promoting public education and understanding of cultural resources

Promote Project Connectivity and Sustainability - Integrate and connect projects across agencies, landscapes, and projects from prior rounds that are sustainable within their environment



- Illustrate integration of projects from prior rounds and/or environs that promote integration at a landscape or regional level
- Create habitat connectivity across local and regional landscapes

GOALS

Protect Communities - Manage resources to improve the safety of communities



- Reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire by removing hazardous fuels
- Support resource protection and public safety through efficient and effective law enforcement programs
- Mitigate and clean-up hazardous sites (e.g., abandoned mine lands, illegal desert dumping/litter)

Promote Education - Provide opportunities to improve the public's connection with natural and cultural resources through education



- Use Federal, local, State, and regional government lands as learning laboratories to help develop the next generation of environmental understanding and advocacy (e.g., increase participation with school districts, local special interest groups, and site stewardship programs)
- Increase resource interpretation (e.g., informational signage, kiosks, and educational programs)

GOAL 2: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment

Objectives/Sub-objectives

Enhance Recreational Opportunities - Provide recreational opportunities and improve access to those opportunities on Federal, local, and regional government lands, increasing the availability and quality of public recreation



- Protect or improve the integrity of environmental, cultural, historical, educational, community, recreational, and open space resources to enhance the quality of the human experience
- Provide new or improve existing parks, trails, or natural areas to meet the demands and changing demographics of residents and visitors and to serve as a bridge to connect people to the outdoors
- Construct parks, trails, and natural areas in a way that forms a more unified and comprehensive system
- Promote projects that are representative of the environment (e.g., designs that are aesthetically cohesive with the surrounding environment)

Promote Education - Provide opportunities to improve the public's connection with natural, cultural, and recreational resources through education



- Use Federal, local, and regional government lands as learning laboratories to help develop the next generation of environmental understanding and advocacy (e.g., increase participation with school districts, local special interest groups, and site stewardship programs)
- Increase resource interpretation (e.g., informational signage, kiosks, and educational programs)

Promote Project Connectivity and Sustainability - Integrate and connect projects across agencies, landscapes, and projects from prior rounds that are sustainable within their environment



- Illustrate integration of projects from prior rounds and/or environs that promote integration at a regional level
- Promote connectivity between new or existing recreation opportunities and other community facilities, accommodations, and services (e.g., community centers, schools, or mass transit)

Encourage Sustainable Development - Promote green sustainable design and construction



- Promote projects that encourage renewable energy construction methods (e.g., designs that are green or meet LEED standards, promote water conservation, and are energy independent)

CATEGORY-SPECIFIC STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

Category-Specific Strategic Guidance

The category strategic guidance has been developed with input from SNPLMA Program partners and stakeholders, the Category Subgroups, Partners Working Group, and Executive Committee. The guidance will provide direction during project nomination and selection. This guidance tiers from the Goals, Objectives, and Sub-objectives in this Strategic Plan.

General Information

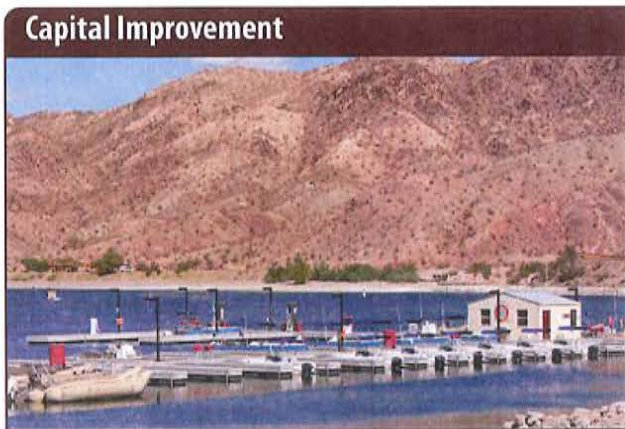
The SNPLMA Program focus under this Strategic Plan is on projects that

- restore and protect healthy and resilient landscapes that connect important habitats and protect the integrity of the human and biological communities;
- provide outdoor recreation opportunities that improve the quality of life for the public and encourage interaction with nature; and
- incorporate durability, relevancy, and shared support to ensure benefits in the near and long term.

All projects should contribute to one or more of the Values of sustainability, connectivity, and community.

Project nominations will include the following: a description of how the project contributes to one or more of the Strategic Plan values; reference the relevant Strategic Plan Objectives and Sub-objectives; and a map to display how the project fits into the broader context relevant for the category.

Projects will be evaluated regardless of category, and the best projects will be recommended for funding.



The **Capital Improvement** category will promote projects that provide opportunities for the public to meaningfully engage in the outdoors, protect the integrity of significant resource values, improve public awareness and engage the public in the conservation and protection of the surrounding natural environment, or improve the quality of the environment. These projects should be designed and scaled so that they do not create unsustainable future operations and maintenance burdens for the implementing agency (i.e., low cost projects with low operations and maintenance expenses).

Some examples of the types of projects that may contribute to the strategic direction of the SNPLMA Program are construction of new recreation sites and expansion or upgrade of existing recreation sites including, day-use, camping areas, picnic areas, trails, and trailheads.

Conservation Initiatives



The **Conservation Initiatives** category will focus on the following priority project types identified by the Executive Committee: habitat enhancement, cultural resources, and public health and safety. Outreach and law enforcement are recognized to be important components for successful implementation of these priority project types. In order to efficiently manage law enforcement components, consolidated project nominations for law enforcement will be considered as long as the project deliverables clearly identify the nexus between law enforcement activities and habitat enhancement, cultural resources protection, and/or public health and safety.

Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project



The **Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project** category provides for activities that promote resilient and healthy ecosystems within the eligible portions of the Great Basin. The focus for this category is integrated landscape restoration with priority applied to sagebrush ecosystems and sensitive species habitat. Projects within the ENLRP category will be prioritized using the best available vegetation, habitat, and risk assessment (likelihood of restoration success) information. The BLM will coordinate with the State of Nevada and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify where available science exists to improve project design and effectiveness, and where high priority information gaps exist. Projects will be

required to demonstrate the appropriate application of best available science and techniques specific to the planning or implementation of restoration projects. Science projects should be focused on informing and improving landscape-level restoration, with the goal of improved restoration effectiveness over time. Research projects must demonstrate a practical application to management of lands in order to be accepted for consideration.

CATEGORY-SPECIFIC STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions



The **Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions** category will maintain flexibility in order to take advantage of opportunities to acquire land that has high value and is at risk of development, even if the cost of such an acquisition exceeds estimated Round funding amounts. Environmentally Sensitive Land is considered to be high value when its acquisition will accomplish the preservation of natural, scientific, aesthetic, historical, cultural, watershed, wildlife and other values contributing to the public enjoyment and biological diversity; enhance recreational opportunities and public access.

The Category Subgroup will continue to rank and evaluate all nominations that meet the criteria of Environmentally Sensitive Land as defined in the SNPLMA.

Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention



The **Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention** category projects will accomplish the objectives of the multijurisdictional fuels plans, as well as accomplish landscape restoration over time. Projects will focus on health and safety, landscape restoration, and habitat connectivity. For this category, landscape restoration includes protecting and enhancing the vegetation, soils, habitat, and watershed processes that provide ecosystem services for human and ecological communities.

Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan



The **Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan** category will emphasize habitat enhancement and outreach projects. Projects in this category will simultaneously implement the goals and objectives of the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and the SNPLMA Strategic Plan.

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas



The Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas category will focus on projects that connect people with the outdoors, fostering an interaction with and increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment. Project nominations will describe how the project will connect people with the outdoors and should consider (1) methods by which the park, trail, or natural area will be accessed by the public (e.g., proximity to public transportation, or walking distance to public facilities such as schools, hospitals, or libraries); (2) how the project will provide connectivity to community facilities; and (3) how the project will create a more unified and comprehensive system of recreation opportunities.

In addition, projects that provide opportunities for underserved communities are high priority. For the purposes of this category, underserved community is defined as follows:

Communities or identified populations in communities that have been traditionally underserved in the provisions of parks, trails, and natural areas facilities and services. This includes communities who have faced social or economic barriers that have limited their access or connection to healthy natural environments. Nominations for projects to address underserved community needs will describe the community served, and how the projects meets the need.

The nominating entity must demonstrate the commitment to be responsible for the future operations and maintenance costs, ensuring the fiscal sustainability of the project into the future.



SNPLMA PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

SNPLMA Program Administration

SNPLMA Program administration includes the conveyance of Federal land within the congressionally established boundary and management of revenue generated and projects funded through the SNPLMA. The BLM strives to administer the SNPLMA Program in a manner that is efficient and effective while remaining collaborative, transparent, accountable, and flexible.

The SNPLMA Program relies on the strength of its collaborative partnerships in order to implement the legislation, including nominating, evaluating, and implementing projects. Maintaining communication and coordination with Program partners is critical to the success of the Program, and we intend to continually work to improve our partnerships at the State, local, and Federal level. The SNPLMA Program also collaborates with local governments to privatize public land within the congressionally designated boundary at fair market value. This is accomplished through a joint-selection process with local governments and coordination with local governments and the State of Nevada to establish Recreation and Public Purposes Act and Affordable Housing reservations. We utilize the best available technology and methodologies for land valuation and land sales to ensure the highest return for public land sold.

The SNPLMA Program continually evaluates processes and business rules to ensure efficiency and accountability. Program flexibility is demonstrated through process refinements and improvements to the Implementation Agreement and operating guidelines. In addition, established processes for project nomination ranking and recommendations have sufficient flexibility to allow the program to respond to changing priorities. The intent of the evaluations and improvements is to enhance efficiency and accountability.

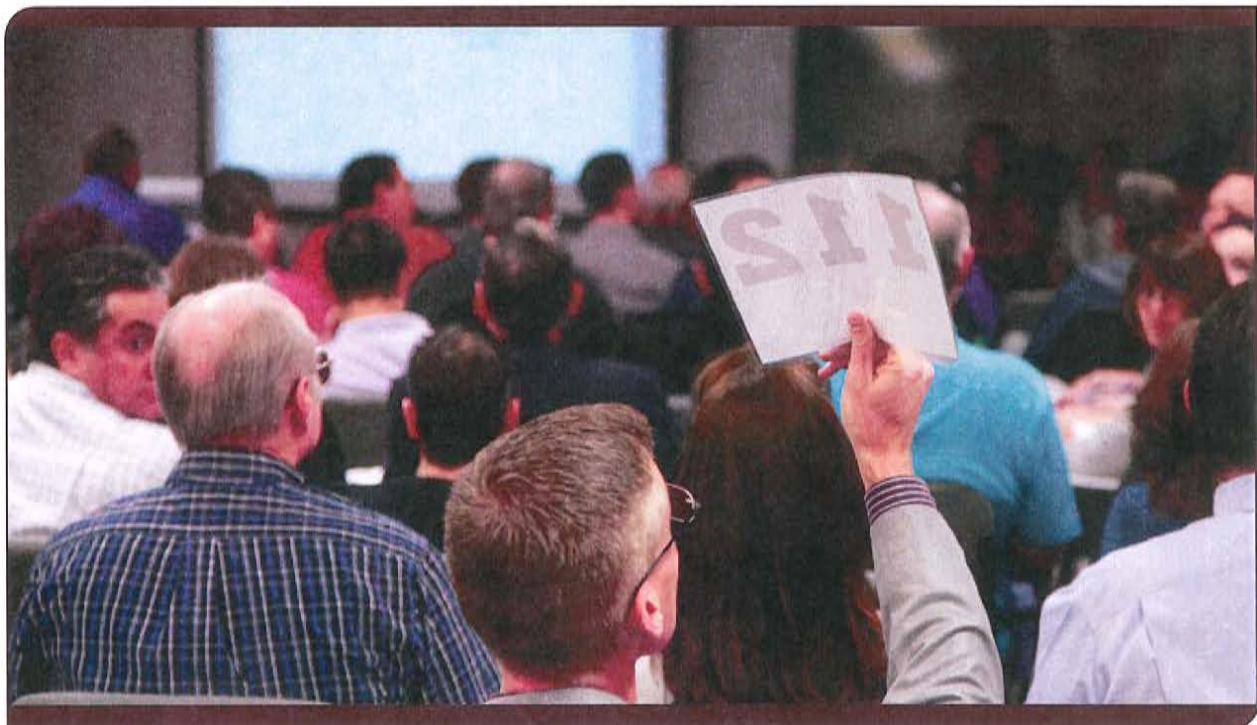
In the interest of transparency, the SNPLMA Program annually reports accomplishments to Congress. We also maintain a website to provide information on the Program to our partners and the public. Training is provided to Program partners to communicate the roles and responsibilities of project managers, and increase the accuracy and efficiency of project reporting.

The following is a sample of some of the recent Program improvements that have been implemented to increase the accountability, transparency, and effective governance of the SNPLMA Program.

- Offered SNPLMA training annually to Program partners and project managers
- Established performance measures to quantify project accomplishment reporting
- Developed an on-line application for work-planning, accomplishment reporting, and financial and project status tracking
- Increased visibility of the SNPLMA program by encouraging the placement of signage at sites that have received SNPLMA funding
- Revised the SNPLMA oversight process to better align with similar grant management programs
- Increased local government representation on the interagency review group
- Established standard project timeframes for project categories
- Developed a Projects of Concern list to focus efforts on resolving outstanding issues with some projects
- Established a Streamlining Committee to provide recommendations on process improvements

We strive for continual improvement in administration of the SNPLMA Program by seeking opportunities for increased collaboration, transparency, efficiency, flexibility, accountability and effectiveness. Progress in program administration improvements will be reported annually to the Executive Committee at the annual meeting open to partners. The tasks we plan to undertake to enhance program administration in the near future include the following:

- Evaluate SNPLMA processes and business rules to ensure consistency, efficiency, effectiveness and accountability; revise the Implementation Agreement and operating guidelines as needed
- Refine procedures to increase timeliness of processing project modification requests and project closeouts while retaining adherence to quality standards
- Publish summaries of all PWG and EC meeting minutes to the SNPLMA website
- Provide SNPLMA orientation for new members of Category Subgroups, the Partners Working Group, and the Executive Committee
- Provide nomination ranking process and closeout package training to all partners
- Review all Cooperative Management Area leases awarded by Clark County to ensure proper return to the Special Account, to the State of Nevada Education Fund, and to the Southern Nevada Water Authority
- Engage local governments in the development of a strategy for disposal of less marketable parcels
- Maintain and improve public and private partnerships at the Federal, State, and local level
- Maintain and improve web-based database for project reporting
- Continue to highlight the SNPLMA Program through attendance at events, increased signage on projects, and increased communication with the public and the media



APPENDIX: SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT (P.L. 105-263), AS AMENDED

PUBLIC LAW 105-263
105th Congress
An Act

To provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998".

SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) **Findings.**-- The Congress finds the following:

- (1) The Bureau of Land Management has extensive land ownership in small and large parcels interspersed with or adjacent to private land in the Las Vegas Valley, Nevada, making many of these parcels difficult to manage and more appropriate for disposal.
- (2) In order to promote responsible and orderly development in the Las Vegas Valley, certain of those Federal lands should be sold by the Federal Government based on recommendations made by local government and the public.
- (3) The Las Vegas metropolitan area is the fastest growing urban area in the United States, which is causing significant impacts upon the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area and the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, which surround the Las Vegas Valley.

(b) **Purpose.** --The purpose of this Act is to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act:

- (1) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.
- (2) The term "unit of local government" means Clark County, the City of Las Vegas, the City of North Las Vegas, or the City of Henderson; all in the State of Nevada.
- (3) The term "Agreement" means the agreement entitled "The Interim Cooperative Management Agreement Between The United States Department of the Interior--Bureau of Land Management and Clark County" dated November 4, 1992.
- (4) The term "special account" means the account in the Treasury of the United States established under section 4(e)(1)(C).

(5) The term "Recreation and Public Purposes Act" means the Act entitled "An Act to authorize acquisition or use of public lands by States, counties, or municipalities for recreational purposes", approved June 14, 1926 (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

(6) The term "regional governmental entity" means the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Regional Flood Control District, and the Clark County Sanitation District.

SECTION 4. DISPOSAL AND EXCHANGE.

(a) Disposal. -- Notwithstanding the land use planning requirements contained in sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1711 and 1712), the Secretary, in accordance with this Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and other applicable law, and subject to valid existing rights, is authorized to dispose of lands within the boundary of the area under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management in Clark County, Nevada, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act", dated October 1, 2002. Such map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Director and the Las Vegas District of the Bureau of Land Management.

(b) Reservation for Local Public Purposes. --

(1) Recreation and public purpose act conveyances. -- Not less than 30 days before the offering of lands for sale or exchange pursuant to subsection (a), the State of Nevada or the unit of local government in whose jurisdiction the lands are located may elect to obtain any such lands for local public purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. Pursuant to any such election, the Secretary shall retain the elected lands for conveyance to the State of Nevada or such unit of the local government in accordance with the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

(2) Rights-of-way. --

(A) Issuance. -- Upon application, by a unit of local government or regional governmental entity, the Secretary, in accordance with this Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and other applicable provisions of law, shall issue right-of-way grants on Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, for all reservoirs, canals, channels, ditches, pipes, pipelines, tunnels, and other facilities and systems needed for--

(i) the impoundment, storage, treatment, transportation, or distribution of water (other than water from the Virgin River) or wastewater; or

(ii) flood control management.

(B) Duration.--Right-of-way grants issued under this paragraph shall be valid in perpetuity.

(C) Waiver of fees.--Right-of-way grants issued under this paragraph shall not require the payment of rental or cost recovery fees.

(3) Youth activity facilities.-- Within 30 days after a request by Clark County, Nevada, the Secretary shall offer to Clark County, Nevada, the land depicted on the map entitled "Vicinity Map Parcel 177-28-101-020 dated August 14, 1996, in accordance with the Recreation and Public Purposes Act for the construction of youth activity facilities.

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(c) **Withdrawal.**--Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal lands identified in subsection (a) for disposal are withdrawn from location and entry, under the mining laws and from operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws until such time as the Secretary terminates the withdrawal or the lands are patented.ⁱⁱⁱ

(d) **Selection.**--

(1) **Joint selection required.**--The Secretary and the unit of local government in whose jurisdiction lands referred to in subsection (a) are located shall jointly select lands to be offered for sale or exchange under this section. The Secretary shall coordinate land disposal activities with the unit of local government in whose jurisdiction such lands are located. Land disposal activities of the Secretary shall be consistent with local land use planning and zoning requirements and recommendations.

(2) **Offering.**--After land has been selected in accordance with this subsection, the Secretary shall make the first offering of land as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(e) **Disposition of Proceeds.**--

(1) **Land sales.**--Of the gross proceeds of sales of land under this subsection in a fiscal year--

(A) 5 percent shall be paid directly to the State of Nevada for use in the general education program of the State;

(B) 10 percent shall be paid directly to the Southern Nevada Water Authority for water treatment and transmission facility infrastructure in Clark County, Nevada; and

(C) the remainder shall be deposited in a special account in the Treasury of the United States for use pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (3). Amounts in the special account shall be available to the Secretary without further appropriation and shall remain available until expended.

(2) **Land exchanges.**--

(A) **Payments.**--In the case of a land exchange under this section, the non-Federal party shall provide direct payments to the State of Nevada and the Southern Nevada Water Authority in accordance with paragraphs (1)(A) and (B). The payments shall be based on the fair market value of the Federal lands to be conveyed in the exchange and shall be considered a cost incurred by the non-Federal party that shall be compensated by the Secretary if so provided by any agreement to initiate exchange.

(B) **Pending exchanges.**--The provisions of this Act, except this subsection and subsections (a) and (b), shall not apply to any land exchange for which an initial agreement to initiate an exchange was signed by an authorized representative of the exchange proponent and an authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to February 29, 1996.

(3) **Availability of special account.**--

(A) **In general.**--Amounts deposited in the special account shall be expended by the Secretary for--

(i) the acquisition of environmentally sensitive land in the State of Nevada in accordance with

subsection (h), with priority given to lands located within Clark County;

(ii) capital improvements at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, the Great Basin National Park and other areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties, and the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area;

(iii) development and implementation of a multi-species habitat conservation plan in Clark County, Nevada;

(iv) development of parks, trails, and natural areas in Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties, and Washoe County (subject to Paragraph (4)) and Carson City (subject to paragraph (5)), Nevada, pursuant to a cooperative agreement with a unit of local government or regional governmental entity;

(v) up to 10 percent of amounts available, to be used for conservation initiatives on Federal land in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties and Carson City (subject to paragraph (5)), Nevada, administered by the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture;

(vi) transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture, or, in the Secretary of Agriculture enters into a cooperative agreement with the head of another Federal agency, the head of the Federal agency, for Federal environmental restoration projects under sections 6 and 7 of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (114 Stat. 2354), environmental improvement payments under section 2(g) of Public Law 96-586 (94 Stat. 3382), and any Federal environmental restoration project included in the environmental improvement program adopted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in February 1998 (as amended), in an amount equal to the cumulative amounts authorized to be appropriated for such projects under those Acts, in accordance with a revision to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 Implementation Agreement to implement this section, which shall include a mechanism to ensure appropriate stakeholders from the States of California and Nevada participate in the process to recommend projects for funding;

(vii) development of a water study for Lincoln and White Pine Counties, Nevada, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000;

(viii) reimbursement of any costs incurred by the Bureau of Land Management to clear debris from and protect land that is--

(I) located in the disposal boundary described in subsection (a); and

(II) reserved for affordable housing;

(ix) development and implementation of comprehensive, cost-effective, multijurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention plans (including sustainable biomass and biofuels energy development and production activities) for the Lake Tahoe Basin (to be developed in conjunction with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency), the Carson Range in Douglas and Washoe Counties and Carson City in the State, and the Spring Mountains in the State, that are--

(I) subject to approval by the Secretary; and

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(II) not more than 10 years in duration.

(x) to Carry out the Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project in White Pine County, Nevada and Lincoln County, Nevada; and

(xi) reimbursement of costs incurred by the local offices of the Bureau of Land Management in arranging sales or exchanges under this act, including costs incurred under paragraph (2)(A).

(B) Procedures.--The Secretary shall coordinate the use of the special account with the Secretary of Agriculture, the State of Nevada, local governments, and other interested persons, to ensure accountability and demonstrated results.

(C) Limitation.--Not more than 25 percent of the amounts available to the Secretary from the special account in any fiscal year (determined without taking into account amounts deposited under subsection (g)(4)) may be used in any fiscal year for the purposes described in subparagraph (A) (iv).

(D) TRANSFER REQUIREMENT- Subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, and notwithstanding any other provision of law--

(i) for amounts that have been authorized for expenditure under subparagraph (A)(iv) but not transferred as of the date of enactment of this subparagraph, the Secretary shall, not later than 60 days after a request for funds from the applicable unit of local government or regional governmental entity, transfer to the applicable unit of local government or regional governmental entity the amount authorized for the expenditure; and

(ii) for expenditures authorized under subparagraph (A)(iv) that are approved by the Secretary, the Secretary shall, not later than 60 days after a request for funds from the applicable unit of local government or regional governmental entity, transfer to the applicable unit of local government or regional governmental entity the amount approved for expenditure.'

(4) LIMITATION FOR WASHOE COUNTY -- Until December 31, 2015, Washoe County shall be eligible to nominate for expenditure amounts to acquire land (not to exceed 250 acres) and develop 1 regional park and natural area.

(5) LIMITATION FOR CARSON CITY -- Carson City shall be eligible to nominate for expenditure amounts to acquire land or an interest in land for parks or natural areas and for conservation initiatives --

(A) adjacent to the Carson River; or

(B) within the floodplain of the Carson River.

(f) **Investment of Special Account.**-- All funds deposited as principal in the special account shall earn interest in the amount determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on the basis of the current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities. Such interest shall be added to the principal of the account and expended according to the provisions of subsection (e)(3).

(g) Airport Environs Overlay District Land Transfer.--Upon request of Clark County, Nevada, the Secretary shall transfer to Clark County, Nevada, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the lands identified in the Agreement, subject to the following:

(1) Valid existing rights.

(2) Clark County agrees to manage such lands in accordance with the Agreement and with section 47504 of title 49, United States Code (relating to airport noise compatibility planning), and regulations promulgated pursuant to that section.

(3) Clark County agrees that if any of such lands are sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed or leased by Clark County, such sale, lease, or other conveyance shall contain a limitation which requires uses compatible with the Agreement and such Airport Noise Compatibility Planning provisions.

(4) Clark County agrees that if any of such lands are sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed by Clark County, such lands shall be sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed for fair market value. Clark County shall contribute 85 percent of the gross proceeds from the sale, lease, or other conveyance of such lands directly to the special account. If any of such lands sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed by Clark County are identified on the map referenced in section 2(a) of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Nevada and for the acquisition of certain other lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and for other purposes", approved December 23, 1980 (94 Stat. 3381; commonly known as the "Santini-Burton Act"), the proceeds contributed to the special account by Clark County from the sale, lease, or other conveyance of such lands shall be used by the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire environmentally sensitive land in the Lake Tahoe Basin pursuant to section 3 of the Santini-Burton Act. Clark County shall contribute 5 percent of the gross proceeds from the sale, lease, or other conveyance of such lands directly to the State of Nevada for use in the general education program of the State, and the remainder shall be available for use by the Clark County Department of Aviation for the benefit of airport development and the Noise Compatibility Program.

SECTION 5. ACQUISITIONS.

(a) Acquisitions.--

(1) Definition.--For purposes of this subsection, the term "environmentally sensitive land" means land or an interest in land, the acquisition of which by the United States would, in the judgment of the Secretary or the Secretary of Agriculture--

(A) promote the preservation of natural, scientific, aesthetic, historical, cultural, watershed, wildlife, and other values contributing to public enjoyment and biological diversity;

(B) enhance recreational opportunities and public access;

(C) provide the opportunity to achieve better management of public land through consolidation of Federal ownership; or

(D) otherwise serve the public interest.

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(2) In general.--After the consultation process has been completed in accordance with paragraph (3), the Secretary may acquire with the proceeds of the special account environmentally sensitive land and interests in environmentally sensitive land. Lands may not be acquired under this section without the consent of the owner thereof. Funds made available from the special account may be used with any other funds made available under any other provision of law.

(3) Consultation.--Before initiating efforts to acquire land under this subsection, the Secretary or the Secretary of Agriculture shall consult with the State of Nevada and with local government within whose jurisdiction the lands are located, including appropriate planning and regulatory agencies, and with other interested persons, concerning the necessity of making the acquisition, the potential impacts on State and local government, and other appropriate aspects of the acquisition. Consultation under this paragraph is in addition to any other consultation required by law.

(b) Administration.--On acceptance of title by the United States, land and interests in land acquired under this section that is within the boundaries of a unit of the National Forest System, National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge System, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System, National Wilderness Preservation System, any other system established by Act of Congress, or any national conservation or national recreation area established by Act of Congress--

(1) shall become part of the unit or area without further action by the Secretary or Secretary of Agriculture; and

(2) shall be managed in accordance with all laws and regulations and land use plans applicable to the unit or area.

(c) Determination of Fair Market Value.-- The fair market value of land or an interest in land to be acquired by the Secretary or the Secretary of Agriculture under this section shall be determined pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and shall be consistent with other applicable requirements and standards. Fair market value shall be determined without regard to the presence of a species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(d) Payments in Lieu of Taxes.--Section 6901(1) of title 31, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) By striking ``or'' at the end of subparagraph (F).

(2) By striking the period at the end of subparagraph (G) and inserting ``; or''.

(3) By adding at the end the following: ``(H) acquired by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture under section 5 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 that is not otherwise described in subparagraphs (A) through (G).''.

SECTION 6. REPORT.

The Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives an annual report on all transactions under this Act.

SECTION 7. RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES ACT.

(a) Transfer of Reversionary Interest.--

(1) In general.-- Upon request by a grantee of lands within Clark County, Nevada, that are subject to a lease or patent issued under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, the Secretary may transfer the reversionary interest in such lands to other non-Federal lands. The transfer of the reversionary interest shall only be made to lands of equal value, except that with respect to the State of Nevada or a unit of local government an amount equal to the excess (if any) of the fair market value of lands received by the unit of local government over the fair market value of lands transferred by the unit of local government shall be paid to the Secretary and shall be treated under subsection (e)(1) of section 4 as proceeds from the sale of land. For purposes of this subsection, the fair market value of lands to be transferred by the State of Nevada or a unit of local government may be based upon a statement of value prepared by a qualified appraiser.

(2) Terms and conditions applicable to lands acquired.--Land selected under this subsection by a grantee described in paragraph (1) shall be subject to the terms and conditions, uses, and acreage limitations of the lease or patent to which the lands transferred by the grantee were subject, including the reverted provisions, under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

(b) Affordable Housing.--The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, may make available, in accordance with section 203 of the Federal Land Planning and Management Act of 1976, land in the State of Nevada at less than fair market value and under other such terms and conditions as he may determine for affordable housing purposes. Such lands shall be made available only to State or local governmental entities, including local public housing authorities. For the purposes of this subsection, housing shall be considered to be affordable housing if the housing serves low-income families as defined in section 104 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12704).

SECTION 8. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION OF RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.

Section 3(a)(2) of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 460ccc-1(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) The conservation area shall consist of approximately 195,780 acres as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Administrative Boundary Modification’, dated August 8, 1996.”