

**Nevada Land Management Task Force
Carson City, Nevada
March 28, 2014 Meeting Summary**

On March 28, 2014, the Nevada Land Management Task Force met in the Nevada Association of Counties office in Carson City.

Dagny Stapleton, Deputy Director for the Nevada Association of Counties, summarized data prepared by Intertech Services, Inc., regarding the economic costs and benefits related to the transfer of public lands from the federal government to the State of Nevada. The data included (1) revenues, expenditures, and employment figures from 2008 through 2012 for five Bureau of Land Management (BLM) states (Nevada, Idaho, New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona); (2) five-year average revenues, expenditures, and employment figures for Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico, and Utah; (3) five-year multi-state observed high, observed low and average figures; and (4) five-year multi-state observed high, observed low and four state average and BLM average figures. After considerable discussion, the Task Force unanimously approved a motion (below) made by Commissioner Virgil Arellano (Lyon County) and seconded by Commissioner Jerrie Tipton (Mineral County).

“In the matter of agenda item #5, move to approve of the data gathered regarding the economic costs and benefits related to the transfer of any public lands from the federal government to the State of Nevada with the findings presented in the report as informational items for consideration”.

In addition, the Task Force discussed and approved the following motions:

Summary of Motions				
Number	Motion	Made By	Seconded	Voting Result
1	<p>Exclude the following lands from consideration for transfer from the federal government to the State of Nevada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current Congressionally designated wilderness areas ○ National Conservation Areas ○ Lands currently administered by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Energy ▪ Department of Defense ▪ Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs ▪ Department of the Interior – U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service ▪ Department of the Interior – National Park Service 	<p>Commissioner JJ Goicoechea (Eureka County)</p>	<p>Commissioner Virgil Arellano (Lyon County)</p>	Passed unanimously
2	<p>The following lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management should be considered for transfer under Phase 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lands within the original railroad corridor; ○ Lands that meet the criteria for disposal and lands previously identified for disposal; ○ Lands under existing Recreation & Public Purposes (R&PP) Act lease; ○ Lands identified for future R&PP lease; ○ Lands authorized under a non-linear Rights-of-Way; ○ Federally held subsurface estate where the surface estate is privately held; ○ Lands designated by the Secretary of the Interior as Solar Energy Zones; ○ Lands designated by BLM as suitable for geothermal leasing but not yet leased; and, ○ Lands authorized for disposal within enacted and introduced federal legislation. 	<p>Commissioner JJ Goicoechea (Eureka County)</p>	<p>Commissioner Jerrie Tipton (Mineral County)</p>	Passed unanimously
3	<p>The following lands should be considered for transfer from the federal government to the State of Nevada in subsequent phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other BLM administered lands; ○ United States Forest Service lands; ○ Bureau of Reclamation lands; and, 	<p>Commissioner JJ Goicoechea (Eureka County)</p>	<p>Commissioner Lorinda Wichman (Nye County)</p>	Passed unanimously

Summary of Motions (continued)				
Number	Motion	Made By	Seconded	Voting Result
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other federally managed and administered lands. <p>The following items will be transferred from the federal government to the State of Nevada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Surface Estate; ○ Subsurface Estate; and, ○ Federally held water rights appurtenant to transferred lands. 	Commissioner JJ Goicoechea (Eureka County)	Commissioner Doug Johnson (Douglas County)	Passed unanimously
5	The transferred lands will be held by the State of Nevada in trust for the select beneficiaries.	Commissioner JJ Goicoechea (Eureka County)	Commissioner Doug Johnson (Douglas County)	Passed unanimously
6	Transferred lands shall be managed for long-term health, function, productivity and sustainability with the exception of those lands identified as suitable for disposal.	Commissioner Jerrie Tipton (Mineral County)	Commissioner Lorinda Wichman (Nye County)	Passed unanimously
7	<p>The transferred lands shall be managed by the State of Nevada in trust for the following beneficiaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public K-12 education; ○ Public higher education; ○ Public specialized education (schools for deaf and blind); ○ Public mental health services; ○ Public medical services; ○ Public programs for candidate and listed threatened or endangered species recovery plan development and implementation; and, ○ Local government to mitigate the loss of PILT, at minimum. 	Commissioner Vaughn Hartung (Washoe County)	Commissioner Lorinda Wichman (Nye County)	Passed unanimously
8	<p>The following principals will guide State management of transferred lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All transferred land subject to applicable State and local statutes, regulations, ordinances, and codes; ○ All transferred land subject to valid existing federal, state, and local permits; land use authorizations; and rights of access; ○ Subsequent disposal of transferred land by the State of Nevada subject to review and approval by the governing board of local government(s) within which land to be disposed of is located; and, ○ Costs incurred by the State of Nevada to administer land transferred to the State to be covered by gross revenue derived from managing said land. 	Commissioner Vaughn Hartung (Washoe County)	Commissioner JJ Goicoechea (Eureka County)	Passed unanimously
9	<p>Net revenues derived from the management of transferred lands will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Held in trust for the benefit of select beneficiaries; and, ○ Deposited into Permanent Fund for express benefit of aforementioned beneficiaries. 	Commissioner Lorinda Wichman (Nye County)	Commissioner Virgil Arellano (Lyon County)	Passed unanimously