

Nevada Land Management Task Force
Carson City, Nevada
April 25, 2014 Meeting Summary

On April 25, 2014, the Nevada Land Management Task Force met in the Nevada Association of Counties office in Carson City.

Jeff Fontaine, Executive Director for the Nevada Association of Counties, summarized a presentation he and Demar Dahl, Chair of the Nevada Land Management Task Force, gave to the Nevada Legislature's Committee on Public Lands on April 24, 2014, in Tonopah, Nevada. In summary, the presentation addressed (1) a general overview of the Task Force and its efforts to date including the Task Force's membership, meetings held to date, and meeting participants, (2) several tables identifying net revenues and disposition of revenue from Trust lands in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Idaho, and (3) a summary of recommendations approved by the Task Force at its March 28, 2014, meeting. Three main questions raised by the Committee on Public Lands addressed (1) if federal laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act would apply to lands transferred to the State, (2) the role of county governments particularly in relation to the sale of transferred lands, and (3) how the federal workforce would be impacted by a transfer of public lands to the State. Overall, the presentation was well received by the Committee.

Chair Dahl reviewed nine recommendations made by the Task Force during its March 28, 2014, meeting to ensure a common understanding and agreement with the recommendations.

Mr. Mike Baughman, President of Intertech Services, Inc., provided an overview of the preliminary draft report titled *Congressional Transfer of Public Lands to the State of Nevada: A Report of the Nevada Land Management Task Force to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands*. In summary, the 25-page document is divided into five major sections as identified below.

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- Section I Introduction
 - Section II Economic Analysis of the Transfer of Public Lands to the State of Nevada
 - A. Estimated Amount of Net Revenues to be Derived by the State of Nevada from Transferred Lands
 - B. Recommended Disposition of Net Revenues
 - C. Land Transfer Costs
 - i. Federal Government
 - ii. State of Nevada
 - iii. County Government
 - D. Revenue Sources for State Management of Transferred Lands
 - E. Land Management Related Revenue Distributed to State and Local Government in Nevada
 - F. Fire Suppression
 - Section III Identification of Public Lands to be Transferred to the State of Nevada
 - A. Land Transfer Should be Completed in Phases
 - B. Land to be Transferred in Phase 1
 - C. Land to be Transferred in Subsequent Phases
 - Section IV Administration, Management and Use of Transferred Lands
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 - B. Uses of Transferred Lands
 - Section V Appendices
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The Task Force also discussed thirty specific pieces of language from the preliminary draft report to ensure a common understanding and concurrence.