

## **Proposed Schedule Nevada Land Management Task Force**

AB 227, passed in the 2013 Session of the Nevada Legislature requires the Nevada Land Management Task Force to undertake a study to address the following: 1) an economic analysis including costs and revenues associated with transferring federal lands to the State; 2) a proposed plan for the administration and management of any lands transferred; and 3) an identification of the lands that Task Force determines would be included in any potential transfer. The Task Force must present their findings in one report to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands on or before September 1, 2014. The Legislative Committee on Public Lands has adopted the following schedule of meetings:

March 24	Winnemucca
April 24	Tonopah
June 12	Elko (presentation of Preliminary Draft Nevada Land Management Task Force Report and Recommendations)
August 1	Ely (presentation of Final Nevada Land Management Task Force Report and Recommendations)
August 28	Carson City (Committee Work Session)

Accordingly, if the Nevada Land Management Task Force is to be prepared to have its recommendations acted upon by the Legislative Committee on Public Lands during the Committee's August 28 Work Session the following actions must be completed by the Task Force at each of the following scheduled Task Force meetings:

- March 28      Adoption of Nevada Land Management Task Force Recommendations
- Shall the transfer of lands be phased?
  - Which lands to be transferred during Phase I?
    - Bureau of Land Management
      - checkerboard lands
      - land previously identified for disposal
      - land under existing R&PP lease
      - land identified for future R&PP lease
      - federally held subsurface estate where surface is privately held
      - land designated by Secretary of Interior as Solar Energy Zone
      - Land designated by BLM as suitable for geothermal leasing but not yet leased
      - Land authorized for disposal within enacted and introduced federal legislation
  - Which lands to be considered for transfer during subsequent phases?
    - Other BLM administered land
    - USFS administered land
    - Bureau of Reclamation
    - Other federal land
  - Which lands to be excluded from transfer?

- Congressionally designated Wilderness other congressionally designated areas (i.e. National Conservation Areas, National Scenic and Historic Trails, National Recreation Areas, etc.)
- Department of Defense
- Department of Energy
- National Park Service
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- What estate to be transferred?
  - Surface
  - Subsurface
  - Federally held water rights appurtenant to transferred land
- Who will initially hold title to transferred land?
  - State of Nevada in trust for select beneficiaries
- For what purpose will transferred lands be managed?
  - Long-term sustainable net revenue maximization
- How will net revenues from land management be managed?
  - Held in trust for benefit of select beneficiaries
  - Net revenue derived from management of transferred land by the State of Nevada to be deposited into Permanent Fund for express benefit of aforementioned beneficiaries
- For which beneficiaries will trust lands be managed by State of Nevada?
  - 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
  - Local government to mitigate loss of PILT
- What principles will guide State management of transferred lands?
  - 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 governing board of local government within which land to be disposed of is located
  - 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

April 25      Discussion and Adoption of Preliminary Draft Nevada Land Management Task Force Report and Recommendations for Presentation to County Commissions

(April 26- May 23 - review and action on Preliminary Draft Nevada Land Management Task Force Report by County Commissions)

- May 30 Discussion and Adoption of Revised Draft Nevada Land Management Task Force Report and Recommendations for Presentation to Legislature's Public Land Committee
- June 27 Discuss Legislative Public Lands Committee Reaction to Draft Nevada Land Management Task Force Report and Action on Proposals to Revise said Report
- (June 28 – July 11 - review and action on proposals to revise Draft Nevada Land Management Task Force Report by County Commissions)
- July 18 Discussion and Adoption of Final Nevada Land Management Task Force Report
- August 22 Preparation for Consideration of Final Nevada Land Management Task Force Reports and Recommendations by Legislature's Public Lands Committee during August 28 Work Session