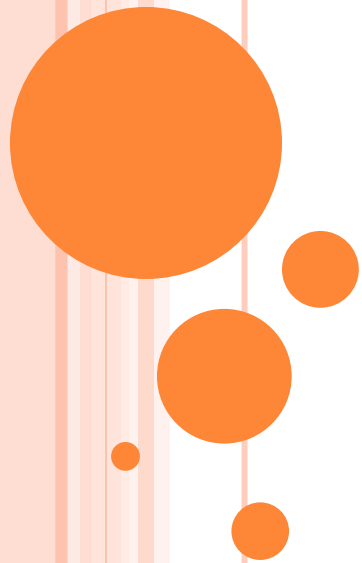


OVERVIEW OF NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE PRELIMINARY DRAFT REPORT



Updated May 9, 2014

NEVADA'S ECONOMY IS CONSTRAINED BY LIMITED PRIVATE AND STATE OWNED LAND

Federal, Private and State Land Percentage of State Area

Area	Federal Land	Private Land	State Land
Nevada	87.6	12.2	.2
Arizona	42.3	43.2	14.5
Idaho	61.7	29.6	8.7
New Mexico	34.7	52.6	12.7
Utah	66.5	24.8	8.7

Sources: Congressional Budget Office; Federal Land Ownership: Overview and Status; <http://www.summitpost.org/public-and-private-land-percentages-by-us-states/186111>

STATE TRUST LANDS

Area	Acres of State Trust Land
Nevada	3,000
Arizona	9,302,255
Idaho	2,448,010
New Mexico	8,966,456
Utah	3,402,250

TASK FORCE BACKGROUND

- AB 227, passed in the 2013 Session of the Nevada Legislature, established the Nevada Land Management Task Force
- Seventeen member Task Force is comprised of one county commissioner from each Nevada county
- Task Force required to produce a study specifically covering three main things:
 - an economic analysis including costs and revenues associated with transferring federal lands to the State of Nevada
 - a proposed plan for the administration and management of any lands transferred
 - 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 Task Force anticipates presenting its Final Report and Recommendations to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands August 1, 2014 for consideration during the Committee's August 28, 2014 Work Session)

TASK FORCE BACKGROUND CONT'D.

- The Task Force has contracted with Intertech Services Corporation to assist in gathering data and preparation of the report
- The Task Force has met 9 times to date
- The Task Force has heard formal presentations from:
 - Jim Lawrence, Former Administrator – NV. Division of State Lands
 - Leo Drozdoff, Director, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - Steve Hill, Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development
 - Pam Borda, Executive Director, Regional Economic Development Authority of Northeastern Nevada
 - Doug Busselman, Former Executive Director, Nevada Farm Bureau
 - Don Pattalock, President, New Nevada Resources
 - Mr. Scott Higginson, representing Clark County
 - A representative of the Sierra Club
 - A representative of The Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife
 - A representative of the Nevada Conservation League
- Public comments have been offered by several persons at various Task Force meetings

TASK FORCE SCHEDULE

- **March 28** Adoption of Preliminary Nevada Land Management Task Force Recommendations
- **April 25** Discussion and Adoption of Preliminary Draft Nevada Land Management Task Force Report and Recommendations
- **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
- **July 18** Discussion and Adoption of Final Nevada Land Management Task Force Report
- **August 1** Presentation of Final Nevada Land Management Task Force Report and Recommendations to Legislature's Public Lands Committee

FIVE YEAR AVG. REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND EMPLOYMENT FOR STATE TRUST LANDS (2008-2012)

	Arizona	Idaho	New Mexico	Utah
Revenue	\$237,677,035	\$64,104,703	\$528,912,986	\$131,147,884
Expense	\$16,808,652	\$22,214,968	\$13,103,300	\$9,175,038
Net Revenue	\$220,868,383	\$41,889,735	\$518,809,686	\$113,879,601
Total Acres Managed	9,266,468	2,450,355	8,963,363	3,405,577
Net Revenue/Acre	\$23.68	\$16.60	\$57.55	\$33.43
Total FTEs	155	262	153	70
Acres Managed /FTE	60,569	9,346	58,592	48,595

DISTRIBUTION OF NET REVENUES DERIVED FROM NEW MEXICO STATE TRUST LANDS: SELECTED BENEFICIARIES (2012)

Beneficiary	Amount Received
Common Schools (K-12)	\$544,244,931
University of New Mexico	\$9,9482,298
New Mexico State University	\$2,955,919
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	\$1,558,074
New Mexico Military Institute	\$23,094,438
Miner's Hospital	\$7,401,699
Behavioral Institute	\$2,986,671
State Penitentiary	\$11,416,378
School for the Deaf	\$11,635,495
School for the Visually Impaired	\$11,613,393
Water Reservoirs	\$7,278,813

FIVE YEAR OBSERVED HIGH, OBSERVED LOW AND AVERAGE NET REVENUE AND FTEs FOR ARIZONA, IDAHO, NEW MEXICO AND UTAH STATE TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT (2008-2012)

	5-Yr. Observed High	5-Yr. Observed Low	5 Yr. Average
Net Revenue	\$639,11,910	\$25,591,016	\$223,111,851
Total Acres Managed	9,302,255	2,449,255	6,021,441
Revenue/Acre	\$72.40	\$16.78	\$36.79
Expense/Acre	\$9.00	\$1.45	\$3.73
Net Revenue/Acre	\$72.26	\$10.00	\$28.59
Acres Managed/FTE	74,616	9,266	44,275

ESTIMATED NET REVENUE FROM EXPANDED STATE LAND OWNERSHIP IN NEVADA USING FOUR OTHER STATE MODELS

	Value Applied	Total Net Revenue Assuming 5,000,000 Acres of BLM Land Transferred to Nevada	Total Net Revenue Assuming 43,000,000 acres of BLM Land Transferred to Nevada
Four State Avg. Net Revenue/Acre Model	\$28.59	\$142,950,000	\$1,229,370,000
Four State Low Observed Net Revenue and High Observed Expense/Acre Model	\$7.78	\$38,900,000	\$334,540,000

BLM NEVADA FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE NET REVENUE, FTES AND MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES (2008-2012)

Category	5-Year Average
Net Revenue	-\$31,118,015
Net Revenue Per Acre	-\$0.91
Total FTES	745
Acres Managed /FTE	64,279
Grazing Revenue	\$1,798,596
Rights of Way	\$6,791,031
Oil, Gas and Geothermal Lease Revenue	\$583,946
Sale of Land and Minerals	\$16,957,800
Rent of Land	\$737,591
Recreation Fees	\$3,106,434

PRELIMINARY NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Exclude the following lands from consideration for transfer from the federal government to the State of Nevada.
 - Current Congressionally designated wilderness areas
 - National Conservation Areas
 - Lands currently administered by:
 - 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

PRELIMINARY NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D.

2. The following lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management should be considered for transfer under Phase 1:

Description	Estimated Acreage
BLM Railroad Checkerboard Lands	2,170,000
Identified by BLM as Suitable for Disposal	1,000,000
Existing BLM R&PP Leases	200,000
Existing BLM ROW Grants	255,000
BLM Split Estate	300,000
BLM Designated Solar Energy Zones	60,395
Existing BLM Geothermal Leases	1,045,079
Approved and Proposed Congressional Transfers of BLM Land	250,000
Total Estimated Phase I Acreage	5,280,474

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3. The following lands should be considered for transfer from the federal government to the State of Nevada in subsequent phases:
 - Other BLM administered lands
 - United States Forest Service lands
 - Lands deemed to be surplus by the Bureau of Reclamation
 - Other federally managed and administered lands
4. The following items will be transferred from the federal government to the State of Nevada:
 - Surface estate
 - Subsurface estate
 - Federally held water rights appurtenant to transferred lands

PRELIMINARY NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D.

5. The transferred lands will be held by the State of Nevada in trust for the select beneficiaries.
6. Phase I lands shall be managed for long-term sustainable net revenue maximization with the exception of lands identified as suitable for disposal
7. Lands transferred in subsequent phases will be managed primarily for long-term sustainable net revenue maximization with the exception of lands identified as suitable for disposal and to the extent possible for long-term health, function, productivity and sustainability with the exception of those lands identified as suitable for disposal.

PRELIMINARY NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D.

8. The transferred lands shall be managed by the State of Nevada in trust for the following beneficiaries:
- 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 the loss of PILT, at minimum

PRELIMINARY NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D.

9. The following principals 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; rights of access and property rights
- Administration and management, including disposal, of transferred land by the State of Nevada subject to review by the governing board of local government(s) within which land to be disposed of is located for consistency with master plans, ordinances and land use policies.
- 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

PRELIMINARY NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D.

10. Net revenues derived from the management of transferred lands will be:
- Held in trust for the benefit of select beneficiaries
 - Deposited into Permanent Fund for express benefit of aforementioned beneficiaries

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Copies of the full preliminary draft Task Force report entitled, *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*, can be viewed at the NACO website:

http://www.nvnaco.org/images/v.2%204_28_14_preliminary%20draft%20report_changes%20accepted%20version.pdf