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United States Department of the Interior
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
7202.4-DOI-OS-2020-000416

March 16, 2023

Via email: mikerav@verizon.net

The Office of the Secretary FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated December 29, 2019, on the same day, and assigned it control number **DOI-OS-2020-000416**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Description of the Requested Records

You requested:

> "The results of an electronic search for emails containing the phrase 'Burning Man' in the email accounts of the following two individuals in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management of the Department of Interior: and Assistant Secretary Joseph Balash, Principal Deputy Assistant Casey Hammond. I limit this request to the time period January 1, 2019 to the present. You may omit compilations of news clippings."

On February 3, 2023, you agreed to narrow the scope of your request to exclude weekly reports, as those records will be provided in request DOI-OS-2022-006278.

Partial Release

We are writing today to respond to your request.

We have located records that primarily concern the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), a Federal Government agency that is also subject to FOIA. For these records, OIG will issue a response directly to you. You do not have to contact OIG at this time, but should you need to do so in the future, you may do so at:

1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240
Phone: (202) 208-0954

Fax: (202) 219-1944
stefanie_jewett@doioig.gov

We have enclosed one (1) file consisting of 791 pages, of which 127 pages are released in part and 664 pages are released in full.

Portions of these materials are being withheld under the following FOIA Exemptions:

Exemption 5

Exemption 5 allows an agency to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party ... in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process, attorney work-product, attorney-client, and commercial information privileges. We are withholding portions of pages under Exemption 5 because they qualify to be withheld both because they meet the Exemption 5 threshold of being inter-agency or intra-agency and fall under the following privilege:

Confidential Commercial Information Privilege

When the government enters the marketplace as an ordinary commercial buyer or seller, the government's information is protected under the commercial information privilege if it is sensitive information not otherwise available, and disclosure would significantly harm the government's monetary functions or commercial interests. The theory behind the privilege is that the government may be placed at a competitive disadvantage or the consummation of a contract may be endangered if confidential information generated by the government is disclosed during the process of awarding the contract. For example, the pre-sale disclosure of realty appraisals developed to help the federal government sell or buy property would harm the government's commercial interests significantly.

Pursuant to the confidential commercial information privilege, conference call codes and passcodes have been withheld under Exemption 5. This information constitutes "intra-agency" documents because they are only shared with members of the Department of the Interior for the purpose of conducting official government business. Moreover, this information qualifies as "confidential commercial information" because the government entered the marketplace as an ordinary commercial buyer. If the information was released, the government's financial interest would be significantly harmed. The conference calls would no longer be private since unknown, non-governmental parties would have the ability to listen in to the calls. The funds spent on purchasing the information would therefore be wasted, and the information would be of no use.

Because we reasonably foresee that the release of this information would significantly harm the government's financial interest by publicizing sensitive information, the Office of the Secretary is withholding it in accordance with Exemption 5 of the FOIA.

We reasonably foresee that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one or more of the nine exemptions to the FOIA's general rule of disclosure.

Exemption 6

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

The phrase "similar files" covers any agency records containing information about a particular individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about a particular individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information.

Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens 'know what their government is up to. The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which is the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of conference call phone numbers and passcodes, phone numbers, and email addresses. We have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains has a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of this individual and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

We reasonably foresee that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one or more of the nine exemptions to the FOIA's general rule of disclosure.

Timothy Turner, Office of the Secretary, Government Information Specialist is responsible for this partial denial.

Leah Bernhardi, Attorney-Advisor with the Office of the Solicitor, was consulted in reaching this decision.

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Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

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You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this final response. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe this response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Office of the Secretary concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and this response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and the Office of the Secretary will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

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Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W.
MS-6556 MIB
Washington, DC 20240

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Telephone: (202) 208-5339
Fax: (202) 208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

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Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov
Web: https://www.archives.gov/ogis
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
Fax: (202) 741-5769
Toll-free: (877) 684-6448

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Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, who you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at *https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters*.

Conclusion

This concludes our response to your request.

If you have any questions about this letter, you may contact me by email at os_foia@ios.doi.gov, or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328, Washington, D.C. 20240. Additionally, contact information for the Department's FOIA Requester Centers and FOIA Public Liaison is available at *https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters*.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY TURNER

Digitally signed by TIMOTHY TURNER
Date: 2023.03.16 09:54:00 -05'00'

Timothy Turner
Government Information Specialist
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Office

Electronic Enclosure

From:	Google Calendar on behalf of Casey Hammond
To:	taylor_playforth@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Accepted: Burning Man Discussion w/ Amodei @ Thu May 23, 2019 2pm - 3pm (EDT) (taylor_playforth@ios.doi.gov)
Attachments:	invite.ics

Casey Hammond has accepted this invitation.
Burning Man Discussion w/ Amodei
Amodei will call Casey's Direct 202-208-4070
When Thu May 23, 2019 2pm – 3pm Eastern Time - New York
Video call https://hangouts.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/casey-hammond-t <https://hangouts.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/casey-hammond-t?hceid=dGF5bG9yX3BsYXlmb3J0aEBpb3MuZG9pLmdvdg.53dbe50ltnok3b5rluv2gdldp5>
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• cally.younger@sol.doi.gov

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From:	Google Calendar on behalf of Jon Raby
To:	joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Accepted: Call w/ BLM-NV Re: Burning Man ROD, Dial-In: Dial: (b) (5)... @ Wed Jul 10, 2019 1pm - 1:30pm (EDT) (joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov)
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Jon Raby has accepted this invitation.
Call w/ BLM-NV Re: Burning Man ROD, Dial-In: Dial: (b) (5) code: (b) (5)
When Wed Jul 10, 2019 1pm – 1:30pm Eastern Time - New York
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• cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov
• cmmckinney@blm.gov
• emccullo@blm.gov
• adicerbo@blm.gov
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• tkane@blm.gov - optional
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To:	joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Accepted: Call w/ BLM-NV Re: Burning Man ROD, Dial-In: Dial: (b) (5)... @ Wed Jul 10, 2019 1pm - 1:30pm (EDT) (joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov)
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Hilary Zarin has accepted this invitation.
Call w/ BLM-NV Re: Burning Man ROD, Dial-In: Dial: (b) (5) code: (b) (5)
When Wed Jul 10, 2019 1pm – 1:30pm Eastern Time - New York
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To:	joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov
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Janell Bogue has accepted this invitation.
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From:	Google Calendar on behalf of Timothy Shannon
To:	joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov
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Timothy Shannon has accepted this invitation.
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Chelsea Mckinney has accepted this invitation.
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From:	Google Calendar on behalf of Ester McCullough
To:	joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	Accepted: Call w/ BLM-NV Re: Burning Man ROD, Dial-In: Dial: (b) (5)... @ Wed Jul 10, 2019 1pm - 1:30pm (EDT) (joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov)
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Ester McCullough has accepted this invitation.
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To:	joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov
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From: Google Calendar on behalf of Cally Younger
To: joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Accepted: Call w/ BLM-NV Re: Burning Man ROD, Dial-In: Dial: (b) (5)... @ Wed Jul 10, 2019 1pm - 1:30pm (EDT) (joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov)
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William Dove has accepted this invitation.
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Cara Lee Macdonald has accepted this invitation.
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Joseph (Gene) Seidlitz has accepted this invitation.
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Amanda Kaster has accepted this invitation with this note:
"Will be covering for Casey as he has a conflict at the same time."
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From: Assistant Secretary NEPA Review Scheduling

To: [redacted]

Subject: Invitation: Burning Man (Internal Exec Rev Team) @ Fri Mar 8 2019 2:30pm - 3:15pm (EST) (nepa_oepc@ios.doi.gov)

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Burning Man (Internal Exec Rev Team)

Location: [redacted]
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TITLE: Burning Man Spring Retreat on Permit renewal Draft EIS
TYPE OF MEETING: Briefing Draft EIS and NOA Clearance
LEAD BLM STATE OFFICE: Nevada
STATE DIRECTOR NAME: Jon K. Raby
LIST OF INVITEES:

- Jon K. Raby, State Director, Nevada
- Marci Todd, Associate State Director, Nevada
- Peter McCullough, District Manager, Winnemucca District
- Chelsea Mckinney, Acting Burning Man Project Manager
- Mark Hall, Field Manager, Black Rock Field Office
- Chris Rose, Acting Deputy Chief of External Affairs, Nevada
- Raul Morales, Deputy State Director, Natural Resources, Lands and Planning, Nevada
- Timothy R. Shannon, Resource Advisor, Nevada
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- Margaret Soltow, Acting Deputy Director, Operations
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- Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
- Casey Hammond, Deputy Assistant Secretary
- Cara Lee Macdonald, Chief of Staff
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- Michaela Noble, Director of the Bureau of Policy and Compliance
- Dan Jorjani, Principal Deputy Solicitor
- Caleb Younger, Acting Deputy Solicitor, Division of Land Resources
- Karen Hawbecker, Acting Deputy Solicitor, Division of Energy and Mineral Resources
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- James Voyles, Senior Counsel
- Christine Dolan, Administrative Assistant
- Katherine MacGregor
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LIST OF BRIEFING MATERIALS THAT WILL BE PROVIDED

- Brief ing Paper
- PowerPoint Presentation
- Draft NOA Federal Register notice
- Draft Congressional letters
- Comment matters plan
- Press release
- Table showing timeline
- EIS Vol. 1
- EIS Vol. 2

POC for questions/access: Timothy R. Shannon
Resource Advisor
Nevada State Office
13 0 Financial Blvd.
Reno, NV 89502
Office: 775-861-6732
Cell: 520 280 1573

When: Fri Mar 8, 2019 2:30pm – 3:15pm Eastern Time - New York.
Where: 6616 (ASLM Conf Room) [redacted] participant code: [redacted] (map <https://maps.google.com/maps?q=6616%20ASLM%20Conf%20Room%20[redacted]%20participant%20code:%20[redacted]%23&hl=en>)
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Date:	Tuesday, June 18, 2019 11:35:33 PM
Attachments:	WRP SC with Committee Co-Chair Meeting_June 2019.pdf

FYI, Attached are the slides we will have as reference at points during the meeting. Sending out to all in case anyone connecting by phone/adobe connect has any issues. All handouts and documents were sent on Sunday. Please email me if you did not receive them or if you need anything before the meeting; if you run into any issues my cell is: 623-451-0530. Thank you – and safe travels!

We look forward to your participation in the June 20th WRP SC planning meeting with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons. This meeting is graciously hosted by FEMA at the Denver Federal Center, Building 710, Longs Peak Conference Room, Denver, CO 80225. The meeting will begin at 9 am and conclude no later than 4 pm Mountain. The attire for the meeting is business casual.

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Subject: June 20th WRP SC planning meeting with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons (final prep info)

Dear WRP SC Members, Committee Co-Chairs, GIS Liaisons and Special Guests-

We look forward to your participation in the June 20th WRP SC planning meeting with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons. This meeting is graciously hosted by FEMA at the Denver Federal Center, Building 710, Longs Peak Conference Room, Denver, CO 80225. The meeting will begin at 9 am and conclude no later than 4 pm Mountain. The attire for the meeting is business casual.

Meeting details and list of attachments below - - all documents are for discussion only – they were drafted based on input to date. Please email me if you need anything before the meeting; if you run into any issues my cell is: 623-451-0530. Thank you!

Attached documents to assist meeting discussions are (and corresponding item on the

meeting agenda):

1. FEMA R8 welcome packet (meeting logistical information) and June 20th Logistical details word document (this includes details for remote and in-person attendance)
2. Agenda for the meeting (includes meeting goals)
3. List of attendees. Please review the list of attendees and make sure I have captured your information correctly (please let me know, for example, if you are planning on attending the June 19th Tribal Meeting).
4. Bios of WRP SC, Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons (if you want any changes please let me know; some of the bios I took from LinkedIn in order to finalize this doc)
5. Agenda Item 5: 2018-2019 (Current) WRP Strategic Priority (document that was approved at the last WRP Principals' Meeting); phase one consolidated survey results (these were detailed during the March WRP SC call)
6. Agenda Item 7: 2019 Resolution Input and DRAFT 2019-2020 WRP Priority (for discussion at the meeting, based upon input PROVIDED through resolution survey and WRP Activities over the past few months.)
7. Agenda Item 8: Fact sheet on WRP Charter 2019 Recommendations and accompanying WRP Charter and Vision/Mission document
8. Agenda Item 9: DRAFT 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting Agenda (for discussion at the meeting, based upon input PROVIDED through resolution survey and WRP Activities over the past few months.)
9. Resources: Five WRP Myths and a Truth about WRP (trying to dispel some of the more common perceptions about WRP in a somewhat humorous fashion); 2018-2019 WRP Schedule; WRP link to leadership quotes on WRP:2018 WRP Leadership Quotes (September 2018); and 2018 WRP Brochure (October 2018)

During the working lunch, you will have an opportunity to briefly share an agency update (3 to 5 min) that relates to the WRP mission, and in particular the current WRP priority (advancing planning efforts/enhancing collaboration). If you want to reference a PowerPoint slide during your update, please send me your slide by June 18.

If you are interested in joining a casual dinner the evening of June 19th please email me back.

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2. Overview of Meeting Goals
3. Brief Overview of WRP, History & Mission
4. Committee and Working Group Updates in Support of WRP 2018-2019 Priority
5. Featured Agency Focus: BLM
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7. WRP Resolutions
8. WRP SC Recommendations
9. 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting
10. Wrap-up, Final Recommendations and Next Steps

WRP Steering Committee Members

States:

- **AZ: Jennifer Thomsen,** Policy Advisor, Public Safety and Military Affairs, Office of Arizona Governor Doug Ducey
- **CA: Scott Morgan,** Deputy Director, State Clearinghouse Director, Governor's Office of Planning & Research, Office of Gov Newsom
- **CO: Zach Pierce,** Senior Policy Advisor, Energy & Natural Resources, Office of Governor Jared Polis
- **NM: Courtney Kerster,** DC Director, Office of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
- **NV: Tyler Klimas,** Director of the Nevada Washington Office
- **UT: Michael Mower,** Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office

Western Governors Association Liaison:

- **Jim Ogsbury,** Executive Director, WGA

State Trust Lands Liaison:

- **Tim Donaldson**, Coordinator of Special Projects and Strategic Planning, State of UT School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Native American Leadership:

- **TBD,** Navajo Nation
- **Connie Reitman,**

Federal Agencies:

- **BIA: Gregory C. Mehojah**, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Region
- **BLM: Raul Morales**, Deputy State Director, Resources, Lands and Planning, BLM
- **BuRec: Deborah L. Lawler**, Special Assistant, Bureau of Reclamation
- **CBP: Assistant Chief Shelly Lubin,** National Public Lands Liaison, US Border Patrol Headquarters, DHS
- **FAA: Tamara A. Swann**, Deputy Regional Administrator, FAA Western-Pacific Region
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- **NPS: Amy Cole,** Acting Associate Regional Director, Resource Stewardship & Science, Intermountain Region, NPS
- **NRCS: Gayle Barry,** Special Assistant to the State Conservationist, NRCS California
- **OSD: Kristin Thomasgard,** Program Director, REPI Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment)/Infrastructure
- **US Air Force: Colonel Brett Howard,** 12 Air Force Advisor, 12th Air Force
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- **USACE: Lori Arakawa**, PE, LEED GA, CEM, Sustainability Program Manager, South Pacific Division - US Army Corps of Engineers
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- **US DOI: Casey Hammond,** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Mgmt., U.S. DOI
- **US EPA: Julie Jordan,** Federal Facilities Coordinator, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
- **USFWS: Jody Holzworth,** Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, USFWS
- **USFS: Jacqueline Buchanan**, Deputy Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, USFS
- **USGS: Allison Shipp,** Deputy Regional Director, USGS Southwest Region
- **USMC: Colonel Jeff Holt,** Deputy Commander, MCI-WEST Camp Pendleton, CA
- **US Navy: Chris Stathos,** Fleet Environmental Coordinator, Navy Region Southwest

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- **Mike Dick,** (GIS Liaison to Natural Resources Committee), Biologist (IT), USFWS, Region 2, Regional Office
- **Jim O'Sullivan,** (GIS Liaison to Energy Committee), Industry Economist, Office of Petroleum, Natural Gas & Biofuels Analysis, U.S. EIA
- **Carol Ostergren,** (GIS Liaison to MRHSDP&A Committee), Geospatial liaison for CA and NV, US Geological Survey, Office of the Pacific Regional Director

WRP Coordinator: Amy Duffy

Meeting Goals

(What we want to answer by the end of the day)

1. Provided input to WRP Committees and Working Groups and their Efforts
   - If you are interested in an item, please participate
2. Developed SC recommendations on:
   - WRP 2019-2020 Strategic Priority (need approval on concept; details can be finalized on Aug 20 SC Call)
   - WRP Charter
   - WRP SC Priorities and Leadership for 2019-2020
3. WRP Principals' Meeting Recommendations
   - Need decision on meeting theme (in alignment with WRP Priority), plenary session topics and side bar meetings
4. Determined 2020 WRP SC Meeting Timing: June or return back to September
5. Shared Agency Information/Updates

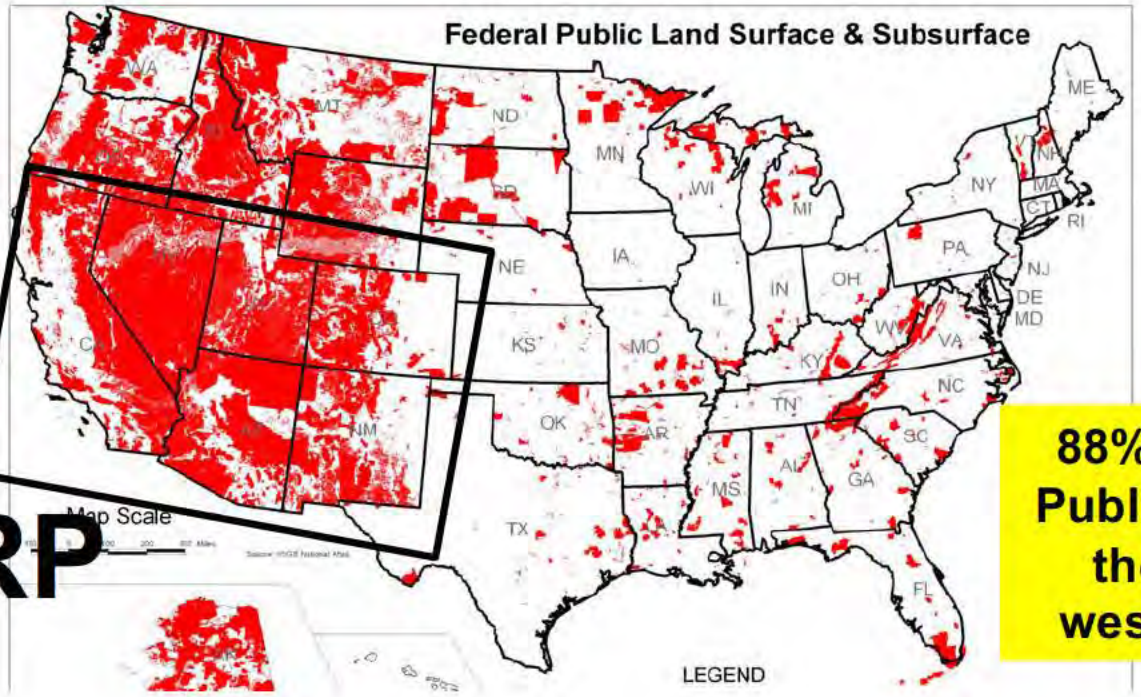
Brief Overview of WRP, History, Mission, etc.

Select WRP Milestones

- **2007: 1st Principals' Meeting** - WRP concept was outlined and explored further through 6 committees
- **2009: Interim** WRP Steering Committee Established
- **2010: Adopted Charter and WRP Vision and Mission; established SC and Tribal Relations Committee**
- **2011: Restructured** 7 Committees & 3 Subcommittees to 4 Committees to better align Committee Structure to WRP Mission
- **2014: Revised** WRP Charter, Mission/Vission. **Restructured** to 3 Committees
- **2015: Added Colorado** to WRP Region; Revised WRP Charter, Mission/Vision and logo
- **2016: Peak WRP PM attendance** (145)
- **2017: Revised** WRP Charter, Mision/Vision; **Created working groups**: Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group and BLM Planning Temporary Working Group
- **2018: Sunsetted** the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS; **continued** WRP Resolution process

WRP Mission

WRP provides a proactive and collaborative framework for **senior-policy level Federal, State and Tribal leadership** to identify common goals and emerging issues in the states of **Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah** and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners and protect natural and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.



WRP

88% of Federal Public Land is in the 12 most western states

WRP Region's Uniqueness

- **Importance to the Military**
  - Extensive Training Ranges, Premier Testing Facilities, Unmatched Military Air Space
    - **Army**: ~55% of the Army's landholdings
    - **Navy**: Over 33% of Navy's landholdings
    - **Marine Corps:** 67% of Marine Corps' airspace
      85% of Marine Corps' Live Fire Ranges
    - **Air Force**: Includes four of the largest USAF range complexes - Edwards, NTTR; BMGR East; and UTTR
    - 75% of DoD Special Use Airspace is located within the WRP Region
- **Significant amounts of Federally managed land**
  - In WRP states, Federal land ranges from 34.1% - 84.9% of total state
- **Significant State Trust Landholdings**
- **Over 170 Federally recognized Tribes**

State	% of Federal Public Land (not including DoD managed lands)	% of DoD Managed Land	% of Indian Trust Land	Private Land	State Trust Land	Size of State in square miles and ranking by area
Arizona	35.5%	6.6%	27.6%	17.5%	12.7%	114,000; 6th largest state
California	40.2%	4.0%	0.5%	50.3%	2.5%	160,000; 3rd largest state
Colorado	38.9%	0.7%	1.1%	54.9%	4.4%	104,100; 8th largest state
Nevada	78.8%	6.1%	1.42%	13.03%	0.15%	110,561; 7th largest state
New Mexico	29.7%	4.4%	10.2%	43.9%	11.6%	121, 593; 5th largest state
Utah	63.6%	3.4%	4.5%	21.0%	7.5%	84,904; 13th largest state

These six states are home to 18% of the U.S. population and constitute 19% of the total land mass.

WRP Structure

WRP Co-Chairs:

Honorable Gary Herbert
Governor of Utah

Joe Balash,
Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, DOI

Robert McMahon
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment

WRP Steering Committee

- Representatives of each of the six WRP States:
  - Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol
- Department of Homeland Security, HQ
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Highway Administration
- National Park Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Office of Secretary of Defense
- U.S. Air Force Headquarters
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U. S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Marine Corps Installations West
- U.S. Navy
- Native American Leadership:
  - Navajo Nation, Inter-Tribal Council of CA, Inc.
- Western Governors Association Liaison

WRP Goals

(Per the Charter)

- **Serve as a catalyst** for improved regional coordination among State, Federal and Tribal agencies
- **Address common goals**, identify and solve potential conflicts and develop solutions that protect our natural and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability and mission effectiveness
- Provide a **forum for information exchange**, issue identification, problem solving and recommendations across the WRP region
- At annual Principals' meeting, **adopt strategic priorities** to complete in the subsequent year
- **Leverage existing resources** and linking of efforts to better support key projects
- Identify geospatial requirements and leverage existing tools and resources to support WRP priorities.

Select WRP Reports, Analysis and Activities

Collaborated on broad-based regional planning in Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico and WRP Mojave Ecoregion

- Fort Huachuca won REPI Challenge & Area designated a Sentinel Landscape

Reports and Fact Sheets:

- 2018 Advancing Regional Strategies
- 2018 Meteorological Evaluation Tower (MET) Fact Sheet
- 2017 WRP Regional Assessment Report
- 2016 WRP Regional Strengths, Areas of Commonality and Emerging Issues Report
- 2015 WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview
- 2015 WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
- 2015 WRP Guide to Working with DoD
- 2015 WRP Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
- 2015 WRP Intro to Federal Partners
- 2015 WRP Energy Guide
- 2015 Brief Overview of Water-Related Resources Available to WRP Partners
- 2015 WRP Partner Input on Species of Concern
- 2015 Renewable Energy and Transmission Siting Coordination and Potential Impacts to the Military Mission

80 Military Asset Listing Summaries; WRP Outreach; Leveraging of Efforts

Five Myths and a Truth about WRP

Please reference document and provide input to Amy

1. The only time to share or present information is at a Principals' Meeting
2. WRP only works on items that are DoD-Centric.
3. All WRP Steering Committee Members are WRP Principals
4. My timely input does not matter
5. WRP has funding opportunities
6. Being on the WRP Steering Committee is good for career progression

SURVEY RESULTS

Words that describe WRP

Value of WRP

Resource: WRP Leadership Perspective

- A forum to engage with high-level representatives of states, federal and Tribal entities across WRP Region
- Opportunities to enhance situational awareness of policy and emerging issues
- Enable interagency dialogue for identifying, addressing, and avoiding these potential conflicts
- Recommendations and innovative solutions in the gap between real time problems and long-term policy development
- Access to tools and WRP Deliverables

Committee and Working Group Updates in Support of WRP 2018-2019 Priority

2018-2019 WRP Priority

Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities

Developed based on Committee and Working Group outcomes, SC input and Resolutions; approved at 2018 WRP PM.

Statement of Purpose:

- Agencies are streamlining planning processes (including environmental reviews and permits); more imperative to understand the new processes and collaborative engagement practices
- By working together, WRP Partners will develop best practices and models for improved planning collaboration

Expected Product:

- Identification of projects, policies and plans on which to focus WRP efforts, establish mutually accepted actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to show progress
- Strategies (narrative) to encourage and highlight planning best practices and models to avoid mission conflict
- Map product highlighting areas of mission overlap to drive greater collaboration among Partners

2018-2019 WRP Priority

Continued – Project Phases

By January 31-ish, 2019:

- Agency response on approved questions
- Agencies asked to coordinate across management regions to include entire WRP area

Now – October 2019:

- SC and Committees review and analyze input, synthesize data and develop draft recommendations. Additional agency coordination on actions, priorities and clear metrics to show progress

June 2019:

- SC and Committee Co-Chairs review analysis at their meeting on June 20, 2019. SC members apprise their Principal of progress

October 2019:

- Final report with analysis and recommendations circulated in preparation for presentation and review at 2019 Principals' Meeting

November 2019:

- Presentation and review of final report at the Principals' Meeting

2018-2019 WRP Priority

Survey Questions

(Resource: Phase One- Consolidated Survey Results)

1. **Describe planning factors that impact your agency's mission**
   - Define compatible planning; what should other agency's know about your mission (and potential planning impacts); recommendations to solve such challenges; changes in upcoming planning processes.
2. **Agency's Upcoming Planning Efforts**
   - Those initiated by 2023; how to learn in advance
3. **Agency's Infrastructure Items**
   - Top (2-3) projects and any relevant info (project website etc.)
4. **Tribal Engagement**
   - Examples of successful instances of tribal consultation/best practices. Recommendations for WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group and designee

15 Agencies Responded to the Survey

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

- Survey sent to WRP Steering Committee (November 29) and those who attended the WRP Principals' Meeting (December 7) for action; with subsequent follow up
- Lower response than normal; likely caused by Government shut-down and change in state administrations
- Final response submitted on March 11

- **State:**
  - California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
  - California Energy Commission
  - Governor's Office of Energy, State of Nevada
- **Tribal:**
  - Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.

- **Federal:**
  - Department of Interior (DOI):
    - Bureau of Reclamation (BuRec)
    - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Pacific Southwest Region
    - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS
  - Department of Homeland Security (DHS):
    - US Border Patrol (USBP)
    - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VIII
  - Department of Defense (DoD):
    - Marine Corps Installations West (MCIWEST)
    - Navy Region Southwest (NRSW)
    - OSD, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment)
    - US Army/Fort Huachuca
    - USACE, South Pacific Region
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): EPA Region 9

Survey Input

General Observations
Resource: Consolidated Survey Results

- Not all agencies use the term “compatible planning”
- Many noted expedited planning timeframes and need for enhanced collaboration (better communication processes)
- Some noted their efforts to outreach and work with key partners (great opportunities for follow-up)
- Some respondents wanted agencies to contact them early regarding projects (preferably in a cohesive manner and with knowledge of any conflicts and ability to solve quickly)
- Resource challenges (staffing, funding, furloughs)
- Some noted their GIS Resources and changes in planning policies (an area for additional follow-up)
- More information shared on current projects versus longer-term efforts
- Request for additional understanding of sovereign status of tribal nations and laws and improved agency responses to address tribal identified requests

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2019 WRP Energy Committee Goals

- Highlight changes in energy policy and upcoming trends within WRP Region.
- Enhance WRP Partner awareness of new energy projects in the WRP Region (conventional and alternative and transmission planning efforts) and of new energy generation and transmission planning processes and opportunities for engagement.
- Identify best practices of collaboration and engagement to address/mitigate mission impacts, especially those impacts on the military's ability to test and train, natural and cultural resources, and Tribal lands.

Energy-Related Raw Survey Results

Roughly half of those who responded to the survey specifically noted energy issues

- Energy resilience and infrastructure
- Ensuring energy lifeline access during emergency response
- Electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure
- Renewable energy projects, thermal plants, transmission corridors, generation projects, potential wind energy projects
  - To address compatible planning – communicating, using best available data, etc. Having holistic perspective on issues
  - Need for frequent communication and coordination – and use of interactive data platforms
- Ensuring energy projects do not impact the DoD mission
- Need to ensure Tribal input
- Energy-Water Nexus

Energy Committee Next Steps in support of WRP Priority

Deep dive into three main items; looking for projects, policies and plans relating to:

1. **Energy Resilience and infrastructure**
   - Includes ensuring energy lifeline access during emergency response (Will coordinate with MRHSDP&A Committee)
2. **Electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure**
3. **Enhancing awareness of new energy projects** (conventional and alternative and transmission)

Working to identify best practices actually deployed to address compatible planning. Holding monthly Committee working calls to work these items. Seeking your subject matter experts to participate in the working calls.

WRP Energy Committee 2019 Webinars

- **DoD Energy (March 22)**
  - By Dr. Ariel Castillo, Energy Resilience, Director for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy
  - Steve Sample, Deputy Director of the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse
- **Regional Trends and Updates (May 17)**
  - Mark Gabriel, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Western Area Power Administration
  - Maury Galbraith, Executive Director, Western Interstate Energy Board
  - David Terry, Executive Director, National Association of State Energy Officials
  - Byron Woertz, Manager, System Adequacy Planning, Western Electricity Coordinating Council
  - Phil Pettingill, Director of Regional Integration, California Independent System Operator (on EIM)
- **Tribal Energy (**July 10 from 10 to 11:30 am Pacific)
  - Kevin R. Frost, Director, Office Of Indian Energy Policy And Programs, U.S. Department Of Energy
  - Stephen Manydeeds, Chief, Division of Energy and Mineral Development, US-DOI, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs
  - Tedd Buelow, National Native American Coordinator, Rural Development Innovation Center, United States Department of Agriculture

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2019 WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Goals

- Support military readiness by enhancing awareness of the DoD mission in the WRP region and serving as a forum to address compatible land uses in the vicinity of military operations.
- Assist WRP Partners' respective homeland security/disaster preparedness missions to foster awareness of the interdependence among Partners. Capture emerging issues and recommendations that foster disaster recovery as well as address instabilities and vulnerabilities such as cyber security. Highlight existing resources and tools to assist WRP Partners.
- Serve as a forum for aviation users by sharing information on changes to airspace use within the WRP region, including developments in new technology and the integration of UAS into the National Airspace System, highlighting potential impacts.

MRHSDP&A-Related Raw Survey Results

Most of the survey responses included at least one item that relates to this Committee's focus area

1. Addressing disaster resilience and response; identifying areas at risk during natural disasters; infrastructure security
2. Wildfires
3. Border Security
4. FEMA Lifelines (emergency response)
5. Multi-disciplinary integration teams to strengthen partnerships
6. All hazard planning
7. Unmanned Aerial Systems
8. Compatible planning with the military (current and future military requirements - testing and training activities on and around installations and ranges (land, air, sea, spectrum))
9. National Defense Strategy
10. Network of military training routes that interconnect with operational areas

MRHSDP&A Committee Next Steps in support of WRP Priority

Deep dive into three main items; looking for projects, policies and plans relating to:

1. Latest UAS trends
2. All hazards disaster response
3. Compatible planning with the military to support military requirements (National Defense Strategy, latest DoD policies and threats impacting the mission)

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WRP MRHSDP&A Committee 2019 Webinars

- **DoD State/Regional Organizations/Forums in the WRP Region (April 25)**
  - AZ Commanders Summit by Kevin O'Berry, 56th Fighter Wing Range Management Office Intergovernmental Liaison, Luke AFB
  - CA Governor's Military Affairs Team by Scott Morgan, Deputy Director, California Governor's Office of Planning & Research and Councilmember, California Governor's Military Council.
  - CO National Security Space Update by Major General (Ret) USAF Jay Lindell, Aerospace & Defense Industry Champion
  - NV Joint Military Affairs Committee by Skip Canfield, Nevada State Clearinghouse
  - UT Defense Alliance and Veterans and Military Affairs Commission by Gary R. Harter, State of Utah, Executive Director, Department of Veterans and Military Affairs
  - NM Base Planning Commission by Brigadier General (Ret) USAF Hanson Scott
- **2019 Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness Trends and Updates (May 15)**
  - FEMA Lifelines by Susan K. Jones, FEMA Region VIII, Response Division
  - 2019 Fire Season Status/Outlook by Bryan Henry, Meteorologist, NICC/NIFC
  - DHS Cybersecurity Focus by Deron McElroy, Chief of Operations, Cybersecurity Advisor Program, DHS
- **2019 Aviation Trends and Updates (July 18 from 9 to 11 am)**
  - Tamara Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator, FAA Western-Pacific Region
  - Shelly S. Simi, President & CEO, National Association of State Aviation Officials
  - Mark L Bathrick, Director, U.S. Department's Office of Aviation Services
  - Jamie Flanders, Airspace Manager, NGB/A2/3/6/10TA, (Western Service Area Regional Airspace Council)
  - Dennis W. Brown, Senior Chief of Aviation, CAL FIRE, Aviation Management Unit
  - Major Julio Gonzalez, Director of Aviation, Marine Corps Installations-West

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2019 WRP Natural Resources Committee Goals

- Work collaboratively with WRP Partners to preclude or delist species through coordinated conservation efforts in order to mitigate regulatory restrictions. Identify potential gaps and leverage existing ongoing efforts to maximize efficiencies.
- Serve as a resource for WRP Partners in their regional/landscape-level conservation efforts (e.g. Sentinel Landscape efforts, etc.).
- Assist WRP Partners in engaging in ongoing dialogue on western water sustainability.

WRP Natural Resources Committee Focus on Species

*Information from Environmental Conservation Online System https://ecos.fws.gov/

Species	Listing Status*	Location*	Rationale	Last Action
Least Bell's Vireo	Endangered	CA	DoD indicated important species in 2018; in 2017 ranked third	Monitor CWPRI and find out how WRP Natural Resources Committee can best support
Yellow-Billed Cuckoo	Threatened	AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, UT	Ranked #3 in 2015, 2017 and #2 in 2018; status review initiated June 2018 in response to petition to delist	Developed data overlays, with habitat and range. WRP NR FOCUS over the 2018-2019 WRP year; encourage interested agencies to participate to fully maximize efforts

Collaborative Wildlife Protection and Recovery Initiative Update

Background:

- Voluntary, informal partnership among federal agencies and non-governmental partners to recover listed species and prevent new species listings

Local Initiative:

- The least Bell's vireo (LBVI) is a high priority species in the Southwest for many partners, and became a pilot species for the partnership.
  - April 2018 workshop and March 2019 follow-up technical meeting
- Data collection is a top priority, including geospatial information and reports to generate accurate population and habitat maps.
- The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is working to allocate funds from federal and state partners to support efforts such as local surveys and a habitat suitability model. NFWF plans to release a Request for Proposals later in the year regarding threat analysis.

National Initiative:

- Agency representatives met in April 2019 in Washington, DC. to: share updates related to local efforts in Southern California; discuss progress made over the past year by partners; and explore other ways to move the Initiative forward, including the merits of a CWPRI charter to detail the value of CWPRI and benefits Parties gain from membership.

June 2019 Update: No request for WRP; things are moving along

Yellow-Billed Cuckoo

WRP Action: Focus Efforts

- Widespread and associated with aquatic environments. Designation of critical habitat would affect many aspects of water and riparian habitat
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo also appears in the Eastern US
- Western Distinct Population Segment is listed as threatened in 2014; Eastern is not.
- Some petitioners (cattle, mining, etc.) asked the USFWS to review the designation as threatened for two reasons:
  - Western DPS is really not distinct from the bird that appears elsewhere.
  - Even if it is distinct, it is using additional habitat in the West, so it is not really under threat.
- The FWS said there is enough information on habitat to review its designation as threatened on that basis and will also revisit the DPS determination.

YBC Grant Proposal

Seeking WRP Support Letter

Populations fluctuate and appear to irregularly move across state lines, necessitating a landscape-scale effort to assess the population.

Project, to begin Winter 2019/Spring 2020 and conclude mid-2022, proposes to:

- Develop a western DPS range-wide Species Distribution Model (SDM).
- Implement a western DPS range-wide survey.
- Investigate use of Autonomous Recording Units as an alternate survey method.

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) will provide overall administration and strategic management for the project; Arizona Game and Fish Department in collaboration with Southern Sierra Research Station will assist WAFWA, and state and local partner organizations will also participate.

The resulting SDM and occupancy dataset from this study will provide a basis for future management actions to improve cuckoo populations.

Participants seeking support from other groups such as WRP. Alternatives:

- Partner, seeking at least 10K threshold of in-kind or real dollar non-federal match-not expected of WRP
- Supporter, letter on letterhead identifying WRP's interest in the work.

Natural Resources-Related Raw Survey Results

Most of the survey responses included at least one item that relates to this Committee's focus area:

- Planning new infrastructure or advanced planning
- Administration's requirements for streamlined planning (NEPA)
- Balancing expectations and deadlines while collaborating
- Water consultation process, water resilience, ecosystem restoration, watershed studies for further study/implementation and water infrastructure projects
- USFWS schedule for evaluated species listings and recovery over the next 10 years; USFWS biological consultations
- Landscape efforts/broad planning

Natural Resources Committee Next Steps in support of WRP Priority

Deep dive into three main items; looking for projects, policies and plans relating to:

1. Species:
   - Focused action on Yellow-Billed Cuckoo
   - Work with USFWS to obtain species listings and recovery over the next 10 years
2. Agencies streamlining planning processes (including environmental review and permits)
3. Supporting WRP Working Groups on Natural Resource-related items

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WRP Natural Resources Committee 2019 Webinars

- **SWAPs/State perspectives on species management (April 9)**
  - AZ Game and Fish Department: Thomas Jones, Amphibians and Reptiles Program Manager
  - CA Department of Fish and Wildlife: Junko Hoshi, Science Institute, CA State Wildlife Action Plan Program & SB34 Advance Mitigation Program
  - NV Department of Wildlife: Jennifer Newmark, Wildlife Diversity Division Administrator; Chet Van Dellen; Division Administrator; Data and Technology Services; and Jon C. Sjöberg, Chief of Fisheries
  - New Mexico Department of Game and Fish: Matt Wunder, Chief, Ecological and Environmental Planning Division
  - UT Division of Wildlife Resources: Ashley Green, Assistant Director; Jimi Gragg, Wildlife Biologist and Project Lead, State Wildlife Action Plan and Russell Norvell, Avian Conservation Program Coordinator
  - CO Parks and Wildlife: Eric Odell, Species Conservation Program Manager, Terrestrial Section
  - WGA: Zach Bodhane, Wildlife Policy Advisor
- **Tribal and Cultural Resources (Aug 2 from 10 to 12 noon Pacific)**
  - GAO 19-22 Report on Tribal Consultation
  - Hopi Tribe perspective on sacred lands and species
  - Highlights from the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society National Conference
- **Water** (August 27th from 10 am to 12 noon Pacific)
  - Mr. D. Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA (WOTUS)
  - BuRec HQ
  - Tony Willardson, Western States Water Council

2019 WRP Working Groups:

BLM Planning and Tribal Engagement

Per 2017 WRP Principals' Meeting WRP SC is enabled to establish working groups to address strategic priorities adopted at a Principals' meeting that fall outside of existing committee structure or overlap committee jurisdiction.

- The working group activities are to be limited in time and scope
- SC will apprise the Principals of their activities at the following annual meeting

WRP BLM Planning Temporary Working Group

2019 Focus

- Continue efforts; assist members with contacts and issues
  - Within the WRP Region, BLM manages a significant amount of land
  - Developed list of BLM Resource Management Plans (RMP) for WRP Region
  - Provided BLM RMP updates on WRP Calls
- Specific DoD-BLM efforts, to include:
  - Work together to create a MOU to advance collaborative efforts and capture best practices identified by the Working Group

Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group

2019 Focus

- Develop tools and strategies to support outreach and engagement of tribal governments to support the goals and objectives of the WRP
- Encourage increased inclusion of tribal perspectives
- Improve the working relationships with federal and state entities on WRP initiatives

Within the WRP Region there are 172 Federally Recognized Tribes.
The percentage of Indian Trust land within each of the WRP States ranges from 0.5 to 27.6%
WRP Tribal Relations Committee from 2010 – 2014; now, all WRP Committees have a Tribal Leader Co-Chair

Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group

Guiding Principles and Areas of Collaboration

- WRP seeks to increase Tribal participation
- WRP is a forum that empowers technical staffs from multiple agencies to find innovative, cross-program solutions to identified Tribal issues
- WRP continues to honor the government-to-government relationship unique to Tribal sovereign nations, and to foster a collaborative atmosphere that generates solutions to Tribal issues, while recognizing that no Tribal entity speaks for another
- WRP does not supplant or usurp federal agencies' responsibilities to consult with Tribes
- Tribes engaged in WRP have identified and applied solutions to priority issues that would not have been possible but for WRP. Many WRP Partners provide technical support and assistance.

Examples of past WRP Activities and areas of focus include:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Energy development
- Natural Resources
- Federal/State Relations

Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group

Examples of Recent Information Sharing

- **Department of Homeland Security Update** by David T. Munro, Ph.D., Director, Tribal Government Affairs, DHS
- **BLM Update on Resource Management Plans in the WRP Region** by Abbie Jossie, Deputy State Director, Resources, BLM Utah
- **Network for Landscape Conservation (NLC) five-year national grant** program by Kevin Moody
- **California Energy Commission Tribal Outreach Activities** by Karen Douglas, Commissioner, California Energy Commission
- **Transportation electrification efforts in the region** by David Bobzien, Director of NV Governor's Office of Energy
- **NRCS Funding/Tribal Assistance** by Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist-West, NRCS-USDA
- **DOI MOU Regarding Federal Consolidated Funding** by Ida C. Doyle, Workforce Development Specialist, U.S. DOI, BIA - Office of Indian Services, Division of Workforce Development
- **Overview of Volkswagen Settlement and Tribal Funds Available** By Pilar Thomas, Of counsel, Tribal Lands and Natural Resources, Alternative Energy and Utilities, Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie

2019 WRP Report

Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities

- Introduction (importance of this topic to WRP Region; survey input)
- Summary of activities from Nov 2018 through Nov 2019
- Deep Dive- items
- Overview (why important, status in WRP Region)
  - Findings: Best practices actually deployed to address compatible planning and recommendations
    - Identification of specific projects, policies and plans on which WRP collective efforts may be focused and establishment of mutually agreed upon actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to demonstrate progress.
    - Strategies (narrative) on processes to encourage planning efforts that avoid mission conflict; highlighting best practices and models.
    - Map product highlighting areas of overlap of mission interests that could drive greater collaboration among Partners

Report developed based on survey results, Committee and Working Group Activities (webinars, working calls, etc.)

Featured Agency Focus: BLM

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Brief overview of key efforts in the WRP Region

- WO: Ryan Hathaway
- AZ: Jody Weil – by phone
- CA: Ben Gruber
- CO: Brian St. George
- NV: Raul Morales
- UT: Abbie Jossie

Resource Management Plans (RMP) in WRP Region

Resource: BLM RMP Listing

State	RMPs
Arizona	3
California	11
Colorado	6
Nevada	13
New Mexico	8
Utah	5
Multi-state:	2 (Ten West Link 500-Kv Transmission line; NV and Northeastern CA Greater-Sage Grouse RMP amendments (2018))

Western Regional Partnership - BLM Projects and Resource Management Plans (In Progress) - June 2019					
Resource Management Plan	District/Field Office(s)	Ongoing	FY2019 Target	Expected ROD (Record of Decision)	ePlanning Link
ARIZONA					
San Pedro River National Conservation Area	Gila DO, Tucson FO, San Pedro Riparian NCA	X	ROD	2019	link
Ray Land Exchange RMP Ammendement and Supplemental EIS	Gila DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Sonoran Parkway Project	Phoenix DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link

Arizona

CALIFORNIA					
Bakersfield FO Hydraulic Fracturing SEIS and Potential RMPA	CA Bakersfield FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Crimson Solar EIS RMP Amendment	Palm Springs South Coast FO	X	FEIS	2020	link
California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan (specifically, the West Mojave Route Network Plan, Supplemental)	CA Desert DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Central Coast RMP Amendment for Oil and Gas Leasing and Development	Hollister FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Desert Plan Amendment	CA State Office	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Desert Quartzite Solar Project	Palm Springs - South Coast FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Area	Ridgecrest FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2020	link
Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area Management Plan	El Centro FO	X	DEIS,FEIS	2019	link*
Palen Solar Project (Palen Solar Power Project)	Palm Springs South Coast FO	X	ROD	2018	link
Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan and Land Exchange	Palm Springs South Coast FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
US Gypsum Company Mine Expansion and Modernization Project SEIS	CA El Centro Field Office	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link

California

COLORADO					
Browns Canyon National Monument RMP	Browns Canyon National Monument	X	DEIS	2020	link
Uncompahgre RMP	Uncompahgre FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Eastern Colorado RMP	Royal Gorge DO	X	DEIS,FEIS	2020	link
Gunnison Field Office Big Horn Sheep EIS	Gunnison FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Blue Valley Land Exchange	Kremmling FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendments (2018)	CO State Office	X	ROD	2019	link

Colorado

NEVADA					
Barrick Cortez - Deep Sout Expansion Project	NV Mount Lews FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Coeur Rochester Mine Plan	Black Rock FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Eureka Moly LLC - Mount Hope Project - Supplemental EIS	Mount Lews FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Gemfield Mine Project	Tonopah FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Gemini Solar Project	Las Vegas FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Haliburton - Rossi Mine Expansion Project	Tuscarora FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Hycroft Mine Expansion Phase II	Black Rock FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Mackay Optimization Project	Humboldt River FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Proposed Burning Man Event 10-Year Special Recreation Permit	Black Rock FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Southern Nevada DO RMP	Southern NV DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Three Bars Ecosystem and landscape Resoration Project	Mount Lewis FO	X	ROD	2019	link
Yellow Pine Solar	Las Vegas FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Carson City DO RMP	Carson City DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link

NEW MEXICO					
Socorro RMP Amendment: Borderlands Wind Project	Soccorro FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Rio Puerco RMP	Rio Puerco FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Carlsbad RMP	Carlsbad FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Copper Flat Copper Mine	Las Cruces DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
TriCounty RMP Revision	Las Cruces DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Oklahoma, Kansas Texas (OKT) RMP	Oklahoma FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Farmington RMP Amendment: Mancos-Gallup Formations	Farmington FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Taos RMP Amendment: Verde Transmission Line	Taos FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2020	link

New Mexico

UTAH					
Cedar City RMP	Cedar City FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Resource Management Plans	Kanab FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Bears Ears National Monument - Monument Management Plan	Canyon Country DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Sevier Playa Potash Project	Fillmore FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Utah Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendments (2018)	UT State Office	X	ROD	2019	link

Utah

Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendments (2018)	**NV, CA**	**X**	**ROD**	**15-Mar-19**	link
Ten West Link 500-Kilovolt Transmission Line	AZ - Colorado River DO, Yuma FO; CA - California Desert DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link

Multi-State

Working Lunch: Agencies' Updates on Issues of Importance

Save the Date

AUGUST
10-13 | 2020

San Antonio, TX

Sustaining Military Readiness Conference

Restoring Readiness Through Planning and Partnerships

Join your colleagues to share lessons learned and best practices to support and enhance military readiness.

WRP Resolutions

2019 WRP Resolution

- PURPOSE: Enhance transparency and timely coordination. Ensure WRP remains focused on most important items. Enables WRP Priorities to be more fully scoped before Principals' Meeting and for Principals to discuss at meeting; quicker implementation.

- Each agency was asked to coordinate with its Principal to:
  1. Provide any recommendations to the WRP Charter (reviewed annually)
  2. Recommendations for 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting Plenary Sessions
  3. Identify priorities the Agency would like the WRP Principals to consider for the next WRP year.

  In this way, WRP Principals will not be asked to approve proposals that have not been thoroughly vetted.

Per the WRP Charter, *"**WRP Principals** are executive level leaders from Federal and State agencies and Tribal governments in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah."* Each agency is asked to provide the name of their WRP Principal for 2019 and indicate if that person is acting or temporary. For example, BLM Principals are the state directors from each WRP state, on occasion, person may be serving in an acting capacity.

2019 WRP Resolution Input

- Despite extension of deadline, only 12 inputs provided.
- THANK YOU to: BuRec, CBP, DOE, NOAA, DHS HQ, CEQ, CA OPR, FEMA, USACE for their input
  - *Note: EPA, AZ and CO Gov's Office did not have any additional input at this time*
- CONSENSUS:
  - No need to change the Charter in 2019; current Charter looks good

2019 WRP Resolution Input

Ranking of Plenary Sessions

1. All-hazards disaster response best practices (addressing disaster resilience and response; ensuring lifelines during emergency response, infrastructure security, etc.).

2. Tie:
   - Latest UAS trends (latest policies and emerging trends, how to effectively share the NAS)
   - Energy Resilience and infrastructure (emerging threats and recommendations)

3. Understanding of sovereign status of tribal nations and laws; best practices for Tribal engagement and compatible planning

4. Water consultation process, existing resources and best practices for stakeholder engagement

5. Administration's priorities and required planning timeframes; how partners can best collaborate

6. Tie:
   - Next Steps with National Defense Strategy (how is DoD addressing future capabilities and what does that mean for partners)
   - USFWS schedule for evaluated species listings and recovery over the next 10 years and how partners can participate

7. Tie:
   - Electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure (how to plan and why)
   - Enhancing awareness of new energy projects (conventional and alternative and transmission) and best practices to avoid conflict

2019 WRP Resolution Input
2019-2020 WRP Strategic Priority

- Input included: Two recommended continuing current priority efforts; two other priority considerations; all others do not have input at this time.
- Based upon above input, and all WRP Activities this year, it is recommended that the 2019-2020 WRP Strategic Priority is focused on:
  - "*Building Resilience in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities*"
- Seeking your input today: on Overall concept
- By August 1, your final input on Project Phases (timing) and Expected Product, and Appendix A (survey instrument)
- By October 1, any feedback from your Principal on the 2019-2010 Priority
- On October 20 SC Call, finalize document for the 2019 PM consideration and action
- November 19-20: Discussion and action on recommendations at the 2019 PM

Survey Instrument (Appendix A)
Q: **Building resilience for your entity's mission :**

What stressors or changing demands might impact your mission? What tools or resources does your entity require to build resiliency to mitigate those factors? Do you have any recommendations on how best to solve these challenges? What changes (administrative or statutory) might your agency pursue to help build resiliency?

Survey Instrument (Appendix A)
Q: **Agency's Upcoming Efforts at Building Resiliency:**

Please provide information on your entity's major efforts to build resiliency that will be initiated by 2024 and associated timelines? What is the best way to learn of your entity's efforts in advance?

Survey Instrument (Appendix A)
Q: **Agency's Infrastructure Efforts**

What are the top (please list at least 2-3) infrastructure projects directed at building resilience that your entity is engaged with currently and any relevant information (project website, etc.).

Survey Instrument (Appendix A)
Q: **Tribal Engagement**

Please share examples of successful instances of Tribal consultation or best practices related to building resilience. Do you have any recommended areas of focus for the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group? Please indicate your contact to be part of the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group (name, title, email and phone number).

WRP SC Recommendations

WRP SC Responsibilities

Goals for 2019-2020

The SC ongoing responsibilities include:

- Staff their respective WRP Principals and conduct outreach internally within each WRP SC member organization
- Bring any relevant issues from their organization to WRP for awareness and potential action
- Conduct WRP outreach with an emphasis on:
  - Encouraging State, Federal and Tribal participation in WRP Committees
  - Enhancing working relationships with other entities to support leveraging of efforts and reducing redundancies
- Review WRP Committee actions and provide input to WRP Committee Chairs as appropriate
- Support WRP Activities and WRP Working Groups
- Serve as a resource to ensure WRP effectiveness

In 2018-2019, the WRP Steering Committee will:

- Work with WRP Committees and GIS Support Group to develop the "*Building Resilience in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities*"
- Advance efforts for the 2020 Principals' meeting

WRP SC Leadership for 2019-2020 Recommendation

Three WRP Steering Committee Co-Chairs:

1. DOI: Casey Hammond (Lead Co-Chair)
2. DoD: Kristin Thomasgard
3. State: Scott Morgan (CA)

Proposed 2020 WRP SC Schedule

Send Amy any conflicts before August 20 call to finalize

- March 20, 2020:10 am Pacific call
- June 19, 2020: call or in-person meeting?
- August 20, 2020: 10 am Pacific call
- October 20, 2020: 10 am Pacific call
- November 19-20, 2020: WRP Principals' Meeting
  - Location: Colorado?
    - Arizona has hosted three times
    - Utah, NM, NV have hosted twice; CA will by the end of this year hosted twice

WRP Charter, WRP Vision/Mission Document

Resource: Charter & Vision/Mission Fact Sheet

No Recommended Changes for 2019

WRP Vision

WRP will be a significant resource to proactively identify and address common goals and emerging issues and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners.

WRP Mission

WRP provides a proactive and collaborative framework for **senior-policy level Federal, State and Tribal leadership** to identify common goals and emerging issues in the states of **Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah** and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners and protect natural and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.

2019 WRP Principals' Meeting

“WRP Matters”

– *Mike Mower*

WRP Principals’ Meeting ❖ Santa Fe, New Mexico ❖ November 2018

2018 WRP Principals' Meeting

Resource: 2018 WRP PM Notes

- **133 senior policy-level leaders** (and their staff) in attendance
- Agenda:
  - **NM Remarks**: by Mr. Keith Gardner, Chief of Staff to New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez
  - Remarks by **2018 WRP Co-Chairs:**
    - **Mr. Mike Mower,** Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office (for the Honorable Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah)
    - **Ms. Allison Sands**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Infrastructure (representing Mr. Robert McMahon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment)
    - **Mr. John F. Ruhs**, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management (for Mr. Joe Balish, Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of Interior)
  - **WRP Overview and WRP SC Recommendations**
  - **Updates by WRP Committees and Working Groups**
  - **Tribal Blessings**
  - **Keynotes:**
    - U.S. DOI Reorganization
    - Southwest Border Security Initiatives: Border Wall Update

2018 WRP Principals' Meeting
(Continued)

- **Four Plenary Sessions:**
  - National Defense Strategy
  - Airspace Challenges and Opportunities
  - Public Lands, Species, Energy and Water
  - Effective Partnerships and Best Practices for Coordinated Planning
- **WRP Business Session**
- **Partner Meetings and Breakfasts:**
  - DoD-only Meeting
  - State Breakfast
  - BLM Breakfast
  - Tribal Breakfast
  - BLM-DoD Side-Bar
  - Principals'-Only Breakfast
- **After WRP Principals' Meeting Dedicated to Getting Tribal Input**
- **NRCS Hosted Tour**

Seeking your input today

1. Meeting theme
2. Plenary Session topics
3. Seeking input on key speakers
   - Looking for key policy makers/Principals (from state, federal and Tribal entities) that can assist WRP actions and to full any gaps

WRP Committee 2019 Deep-Dive Items (Recap)

1. Energy Resilience and infrastructure
2. Electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure
3. Enhancing awareness of new energy projects (conventional and alternative and transmission)
4. Latest UAS trends
5. All-hazards disaster response
6. Compatible planning with the military to support military requirements
7. Species:
   - Yellow-Billed Cuckoo
   - USFWS schedule for evaluated species listings and recovery over the next 10 years and how partners can participate
8. Agencies Streamlining planning processes
9. WRP Working Groups:
   - BLM
   - Tribal

2019 WRP Principals' Meeting Agenda Items

Resource: DRAFT WRP Principals' Meeting Agenda

- Welcome Remarks by CA
- Remarks by WRP Co-Chairs
- WRP Overview and SC Recommendations
- Keynote speakers
- Working Lunch
- WRP Business Session
- Four Plenary Sessions
- State Roundtable

Plenary Session #1: Energy Resilience and Infrastructure

(tied for 2nd highest ranked session, via resolution)

Emerging threats and recommendations

- Panel Moderator: Mr. Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Mineral, U.S. DOI
- Speakers:
  - Mr. Mark Gabriel, Administrator and CEO, Western Area Power Administration
  - Honorable Karen Evans, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response,
    U.S. Department of Energy
  - FERC or NERC

Plenary Session #2: Department of Defense Perspective on Building Resilience

(No ranking; NDS ranked 6th, via resolution)

Also to include, per 2018 PM, update on DoD report on training and testing ranges to identify capability gaps and develop strategic plan to ensure readiness

Moderator: DoD WRP Co-Chair/OSD lead

Speakers: WRP DoD Service Principals

Plenary Session #3: Latest UAS trends

(Tied for 2nd, via resolution)

Latest policies and emerging trends, how to effectively share the NAS

- AASHTO (to highlight state survey of UAV use)
- FAA HQ (highlight latest policies)
- AUVSI (highlight latest trends)

Plenary Session #4: All hazards disaster response best practices

(Ranked 1st, via resolution)

Addressing disaster resilience and response; ensuring lifelines during emergency response, infrastructure security, etc.)

- Thom Porter, Director of CalFire (2018 wildfires lessons learned)
- FEMA on latest policies, best practices, etc.
- Christopher Krebs, Director of DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

Keynote Speakers

- Mr. Alex Herrgott, Executive Director of the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council
- Vicki Christiansen, Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service
- Ms. Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians

Roundtable: Meet the WRP States

Since the last WRP Principals' Meeting, four of the six Governors' offices have changed. This is an opportunity to learn more about states' priorities and their perspective on building resilience

- Moderator: Honorable Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah
- Speakers: WRP Principals from AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV

Socials, Sidebar and Partner Meetings

- November 18: 7 pm Optional Social Dinner on-site
- November 19:
  - DoD-only Meeting (8-930 am)
  - BLM, State, Tribal breakfast like 2018?
  - Anyone else? USDA, DHS, DOT, etc.?
  - No Host Reception: 6:30-8:30 pm
- November 20:
  - Breakfast: in main-room for attendees and Principals-only breakfast
  - After main meeting adjourns:
    - Tribal meeting?
    - Tour – DoD?
    - Networking Table Time: Set tables set aside with agency names such as "DoI"?

Next Steps

1. Today: Confirm Meeting Theme
2. NLT July 12: Determine best location for the 2019 Principals' Meeting
3. NLT July 19: Have WRP PM website up and running (so that invitations can be circulated)
4. Now through July 19: Amy to coordinate WRP SC members regarding invitations
5. By end of August: WRP PM invitations are sent
6. By October 1: Confirm your WRP Principal for 2019 PM
7. NLT October 30: pre-calls for plenary sessions held

Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership

Background:

- In 2011, WRP established the Hanson Scott Award (for Outstanding Leadership)
- Brig. Gen. (Ret.) USAF Hanson Scott was recognized for his outstanding leadership as Chair of the Interim Steering Committee and the SC. His vision, determination and passion drove WRP to be a successful regional entity
- Past award winners include: Mike Mower, Tom Finnegan, Steve Arenson, James A. Bartridge, Kim Stevens, Scott Morgan and Jim Ogsbury, Dwight Deakin

Award Criteria:

WRP Partner who has demonstrated leadership of and support of WRP efforts. The Partner's involvement embodies the WRP mission of Federal, State and Tribal entities working together for the benefit of the western region, with particular focus with addressing natural resources, sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.

Please send your 2019 recommendations to Amy by October 4, 2019

Wrap-up, Final Recommendations and Next Steps

Upcoming WRP Activities

(all times in Pacific)

- Committee Working Calls – held monthly:
  - July 3: Natural Resources (1-2 pm Pacific)
  - July 8: Energy (1-2 pm Pacific)
  - July 10: MRHSDP&A (830-930 am Pacific)
- July 10 from 10 to 11:30 am Pacific: Tribal Energy (by US DOI, US DOE, and USDA)
- July 18th from 9 to 11 am: 2019 Aviation Trends and Updates (by FAA, DOI on drones, Western Service Area Regional Airspace Council, CALFire, NASAO, MCIWest)
- July 26 from 10 to 11:30 am: WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group Call
- August 20: WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons
- August 27th from 10 am to 12 noon Pacific: WRP Natural Resources Committee webinar on water (EPA HQ, BuRec HQ and WSWC)
- August 2 – WRP Natural Resources Webinar on Tribal and Cultural Resources (overview, GAO 19-22 Report on Tribal Consultation: Additional Federal Actions Needed for Infrastructure Projects; Hopi Tribe perspective on sacred lands and species (eagles, etc.) Highlights from the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society National Conference)
- October 18: WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons
- November 19-20: WRP Principals' Meeting in San Diego, CA

Western Regional Partnership

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From: Macdonald, Cara Lee
To: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: **3 Day FRN: Burning Man
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:50:32 AM

Sir,

The Burning Man FRN is in your DTS box. The link is below. We need to clear it off the hall today. I apologize for causing the rush--that is my fault because it was in my box.

https:(b) (5)

V/R,
Cara Lee

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Cc:	Raby, Jon K; Shannon, Timothy R; Kaster, Amanda E; Nedd, Michael D; Voyles, James R; BLM NEPA_Director; Zarin, Hilary L; Adrienne DiCerbo; Moran, Jill C; Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene) E; NEPA Scheduling, ASLM; Macdonald, Cara Lee
Subject:	72 HOUR REVIEW NOTICE: Burning Man Record of Decision
Date:	Thursday, July 11, 2019 6:02:19 PM
Attachments:	Attachment 7 - ROD and NOA Clearance Notice - EIS Review Team Briefing Paper_Final (1).docx Master_ROD BurningManSRPFnl_20190711 (final).pdf

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Review Team Members,

Attached below, please find the Record of Decision and the associated briefing paper regarding the Burning Man 2019-2029 Permit Renewal Environmental Impact Statement.

Per the Department's April 2018 NEPA Document Clearance Process memo, the review team has 3 business days to provide comments on the ROD or object to its publication. If no objections are raised by the review team within the 3-day feedback period, the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management may sign and approve the ROD.

Please send your comments or requests for additional information to BLM Nevada State Director **Jon Raby** (cc'd above) by **COB, July 15.**

V/R,
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Attachment 7

REVIEW TEAM BRIEFING PAPER – RECORD OF DECISION
for a proposed BLM Environmental Impact Statement

DATE SUBMITTED: 7/2/2019

LEAD BLM STATE OFFICE: Nevada

STATE DIRECTOR NAME: Jon K. Raby

PROJECT NAME: Burning Man 2019-2028 Permit Renewal Environmental Impact Statement

ESTIMATED DATE TO SIGN ROD: 7/15/2019

Is the timing critical? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is driving the timing? Scheduled Event

Other relevant notes on timing: The set-up for the 2019 event will start July 25, 2019.

ARE EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICABLE TO THIS PROJECT?

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act): ☐ Yes ☒ No

One Federal Decision under Executive Order 13807: ☐ Yes ☒ No

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office (BRFO) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) that analyzed and disclosed environmental impacts associated with the proposed multi-year, Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for Black Rock LLC. (BRC) to produce the Burning Man Event annually from 2019 to 2028. The project will be located on the Black Rock Desert Playa in Pershing County, approximately 8.5 miles northeast of Gerlach, and 100 miles northeast of Reno, Nevada.

The BLM has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for signature by the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, in accordance with FLPMA and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act ([REA]; Public Law (P.L.) 108-447). The BLM has selected Alternative D from the Final EIS. This will result in the issuance of an SRP for the Event with the same population cap, and similar conditions as the 2018 Burning Man Event, and with the required mitigations from Appendix E of the Final EIS. All SRPs have standard stipulations as authorized through the REA; however, those standard stipulations do not address the complexity of the Burning Man Event. Additional stipulations will be added to the SRP and be edited annually based on monitoring and necessary adaptive management measures.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT AROSE DURING THE FINAL EIS NOTICE PERIOD:

None to date.

CONFIRMATION THAT FINAL ROD TEXT IS ATTACHED: ☒ Yes

DID THE FINAL ROD TEXT CHANGE FROM WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED TO THE REVIEW TEAM? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please summarize the changes (e.g. protest resolution info):

The initial ROD that was provided to the Washington Office during the Final EIS briefing was a draft version that needed editing and a fuller explanation about rationale. The ROD that is being provided with this package has been modified accordingly.

The ROD has been edited to include the following components:

- A better description of the preferred alternative and selected additional components.
- Mitigation, Monitoring and Adaptive Management have been described and outlined with timelines and goals of implementation.
- The rationale section has been developed to support the decision.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES THAT STILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED *(include protest resolutions or Governor's Consistency Review objections, if applicable)*:

Not Applicable.

OTHER NOTES OR CRITICAL INFORMATION:

None at this time.

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Date Signed

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Record of Decision

INTRODUCTION

The Black Rock Field Office (BRFO) of the United States (US) Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received an application from Black Rock City, LLC (BRC) to obtain a special recreation permit (SRP) to produce the Burning Man Event (Event) on an annual basis for the next 10 years. The Event is located on public land administered by the BLM Winnemucca District in Pershing County, Nevada, approximately 8.5 miles northeast of Gerlach, Nevada.

The Burning Man Event SRP Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) analyzed five alternatives:

1. Alternative A (Proposed Action): The BLM would issue an SRP for the Event that allows an annual incremental population increase of 5,000 participants starting in 2019 for a maximum population of 100,000 in 2022 through 2028.
2. Alternative B (Reduced Population Alternative): The BLM would issue an SRP for the Event at a maximum population of 50,000.
3. Alternative C (Alternate Site Alternative): This alternative would be similar to Alternative A (Proposed Action), except the larger 18,940-acre Closure Area boundary and 3,900-acre Event perimeter would shift to the north, and there would be no phased Closure Area.
4. Alternative D (No Population Change Alternative): The BLM would issue an SRP for the Event with the same population cap (80,000), durations, and conditions as the 2018 Event.
5. Alternative E (No Permit/Event Alternative): The BLM would not issue an SRP for the Event.

A description of the Proposed Action and the alternatives analyzed can be found in Chapter 2 of the Final EIS. **Appendix A** of the Final EIS includes maps of the alternatives.

SELECTED ALTERNATIVE

The BLM, in accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act ([REA]; Public Law (P.L.) 108-447), has selected Alternative D from the Final EIS. This will result in the issuance of an SRP for the Event with the same population cap, similar conditions as the 2018 Event, and with the required mitigations from **Appendix E** of the Final EIS. All SRPs have standard stipulations as authorized through the REA; however, those standard stipulations do not address the complexity of the Burning Man Event. Accordingly, additional stipulations will be added to the SRP and be edited annually dependent on monitoring and necessary adaptive management measures. Under the terms of the SRP, there will be no more than 80,000 total attendees, including Event participants, BRC staff, and BRC volunteers, allowed on the playa from the start of the Closure Order to the end of the Closure Order.

The BLM will implement a phased Closure Area, which will include a 9,570-acre[1] Closure Area footprint during build week and after the Event. During the Event, the Closure Area footprint will be 14,320 acres (see Figures 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3 in **Appendix A** of the Final EIS). **Appendix B** of the Final EIS contains additional stipulations (previously referred to as special stipulations) from the 2018 Event; applicable mitigation measures, as determined by the BLM, are in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS. Stipulations may be amended, added, or changed as determined necessary by the BLM. The duration of the permitted Event will change from 64 days to up to 74 days, to more accurately reflect on-the-ground conditions and to incorporate the Golden Spike Ceremony, which was not previously part of the Closure Order.

The BLM developed the mitigations in the Final EIS in response to the impacts that exist and were disclosed in the Draft EIS and Final EIS, after accounting for the proponent's Plan of Operations and best management practices. As the Plan of Operations changes for each Event, mitigation measures may be adjusted annually.

Elements of the BLM's selected alternative are summarized below (the exact details will be in BRC's Event Plan of Operations).

Population Definition and Reporting

For 2019, as in the 2018 Event, BRC will keep the maximum Event population at 80,000 or less. For 2020, BRC will be required to keep the maximum Event population from exceeding a total of 80,000 for the duration of the Closure Order. A population overage of up to 300 people could be permitted for up to 8 hours for a given year's event; the BLM will set the exact number in the SRP stipulations. The BLM will work with BRC to develop an independent, third-party population monitoring system to count each person entering and exiting the Event through designated points of entry and to report daily numbers to the BLM.

Event Production

The boundary of the Event site will be within an approximately 3,400-acre pentagon (see **Appendix A** of the Final EIS). The Event site will be within the Closure Area, the physical space that will be temporarily closed during the Event. The Closure Order will last up to 74 days. There will be two phases of the Closure Order. Closure Order Phase 1 will last the entire duration and will take effect approximately 40 days before Labor Day; it will encompass 9,570 acres. In addition, Closure Order Phase 2 will occur 14 days before Labor Day and will last for approximately 21 days; it will encompass an additional 4,760 acres, for a total Closure Order size of 14,330 acres (see **Appendix A** of the Final EIS). The Closure Order will shrink back to the Phase 1 size approximately 6 days after Labor Day.

Each year, the Event will start at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday the weekend before Labor Day and end at noon the Tuesday after Labor Day.

[1] Data from geographic information systems have been used in developing acreage calculations and for generating many of the figures in **Appendix A** of the Final EIS. Calculations are dependent upon the quality and availability of data, and most calculations in the Final EIS are rounded to the nearest 10 acres. Given the scale of the analysis, the compatibility constraints between datasets, and the lack of data for some resources, all calculations are approximate.

Within 5 days of the Event's end, all participants and most BRC staff will vacate the site. Within 21 days of the Event's end, BRC staff and volunteers will remove all structures, large equipment, and the perimeter fence. BRC will complete all cleanup work by October 1.

Traffic Management and Access

Before each Event, BRC will submit a traffic plan to the BLM. The plan will include the following strategies:

1. State-licensed flaggers will be used along State Route (SR) 447 and County Road (CR) 34, as determined by the BLM in coordination with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT), Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), and Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP), to help ensure traffic flows through nearby communities during peak travel times before and after the Event.
2. During Exodus, BRC will employ a metered release protocol, which will ensure that no more than 800 vehicles per hour exit onto CR 34 from Gate Road.
3. BRC will communicate the need for safe travel, including promoting the traffic operations center, advising participants year-round and in real time on traffic trends and best practices, and promoting BRC's RideShare carpool program.

Motorized transportation in the Event perimeter will be restricted to BLM staff, law enforcement, BRC staff, vendors, mutant vehicles, vehicles for disabled persons, and satellite shuttles. The BLM will enforce a 5 miles per hour speed limit on all motorized vehicles inside the city.

Vehicle Passes

BRC will issue a maximum of 33,000 vehicle passes, including for BRC staff and volunteer vehicles.

Art

BRC will review and revise project plans to ensure build design and installation safety. BRC safety teams will continuously inspect the artwork before and during the Event.

Dust Abatement

Private vendors hired by BRC will provide dust abatement along designated routes and streets within the Event site. Dust-abatement trucks will operate from the day the perimeter is established through site cleanup.

Fire

BRC will actively educate participants in the construction and supervision of burn barrels in order to protect the playa surface and to create safe campfire containment. BRC will be responsible for implementing procedures for the complete cleanup of each burn site, including using decomposed granite, a raised platform, or other means to protect the playa surface; removing ash, charcoal, and unburned material such as nails, screws, glass, and any decomposed granite; and grading and raking the surface to eliminate scarring.

Cultural Resources

BRC will inform all participants and staff that collection, excavation, or vandalism of historic and archaeological artifacts or sites is illegal. BRC will notify the BLM immediately upon any discovery of archaeological artifacts or human remains.

Hot Springs Protection

Use of the hot springs is not allowed as part of the Burning Man Event SRP. BRC will educate participants about the potential for environmental damage when using the hot springs.

Event Cleanup

BRC will remove debris in the Closure Area and dispose of it in an authorized facility. Hazardous waste will be disposed of in accordance with state and federal laws.

Off-site cleanup will include litter and debris pickup along roads and highways surrounding the Event site. Litter and debris that BRC collects will be disposed of at authorized facilities in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The BLM, in coordination with the NDOT and PLPT, will monitor the effectiveness of BRC's trash collection plan. Monitoring results may result in the need for adaptive management, which may include additional mitigation measures to reduce the impact from wastes on the playa and surrounding roadways and communities.

Security and Public Safety

BRC will meet with BLM law enforcement and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office year-round to plan operations and infrastructure. BRC will meet with BLM law enforcement and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office daily during and immediately after the Event to evaluate on-site operations, and respond to and adapt on-site operations to possible changing conditions.

BRC will meet with the BLM and those agencies with federal, state, or county jurisdiction, such as the Federal Aviation Administration, Pershing County, Washoe County, PLPT, and the State of Nevada, as needed annually. The BLM will inquire with responsible agencies to ensure their needs are being met.

The BLM and BRC will operate independent communications systems for the duration of each party's respective operational needs. The two systems will operate 24 hours per day to provide security, emergency response, and public safety to ensure coordinated emergency response.

BRC will educate participants and staff about federal, state, and local laws concerning the sale and use of illegal substances.

Hazardous Materials

BRC will manage hazardous materials response. All hazardous waste will be disposed of in accordance with state and federal laws.

Food and Drink Service and Potable Water Hauling

BRC will comply with all State of Nevada requirements for food and beverage service and potable water hauling. Any person who is hauling, delivering, vending, providing, or selling potable water to any individual or organized camp, other than their own private or individual camp, must be permitted by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Additional Components of the Selected Alternative

In the Final EIS, Section 2.2.3, the BLM analyzed additional components, which are included in this Record of Decision (ROD) and will be implemented now and in future years. The Golden Spike Ceremony, which typically marks the beginning of the Event when anywhere from 200 to 400 people arrive on the playa for the ceremony, will be included in the Event SRP starting in 2019. Historically, the Golden Spike Ceremony has occurred on the Thursday prior to the start of the Event SRP Closure Order.

The BLM and BRC will review and revise the full environmental compliance protocol annually. Per the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the BLM has the authority to institute changes during the Event to maintain public health and safety, as well as resource protection. BRC is responsible for obtaining all other necessary permits as required by federal, state, and local laws.

MITIGATION, MONITORING, AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

All mitigation and monitoring measures listed in **Appendix E** of the Burning Man Event SRP Final EIS will be implemented in 2019, except for the following mitigation and monitoring measures, which will be implemented in a phased approach when most appropriate and logistically feasible. The BLM has a goal of implementing all mitigation and monitoring measures by 2022.

- An adaptive management approach will be taken regarding security at all portals of entry. A third-party contractor will be employed to screen vehicles, participants, vendors, contractors, and staff and volunteers entering the Event. This mitigation will be implemented as soon as logistically possible, but will not be in effect for the 2019 Event (Mitigation Measure **PHS-1**).
- Beginning 21 days before Labor Day until 7 days after Labor Day during the Closure Order, BRC will provide a licensed ambulance service for emergency services. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **PHS-6**).
- BRC will increase its environmental compliance teams commensurate with the population size; teams will begin operating during build week and continue through Exodus. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **WHS-7**).
- BRC and the BLM must implement shielding interventions on mast-mounted work lights. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **VIS-2**).
- In coordination with Washoe County and the NDOT, BRC will provide cost recovery for the maintenance of CR 34 and SR 447, respectively, associated with Event traffic. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **ECON-1**).
- BRC must post a reclamation bond sufficient to remove large art installations and theme camp materials left behind after Exodus. This bond is intended to remove the risk of unnecessary or undue degradation to the national conservation area (NCA) and defray the costs to taxpayers. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **NCA-1**).
- BRC will inform all pilots of flight restrictions associated with wilderness and wilderness study areas. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **WILD-1/WSA-1**).
- Vendor and film permit applications associated with the Event must be submitted 194 calendar days before Labor Day. The costs of BLM employee labor will be recouped via cost recovery from BRC. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **REC-1**).

- The proponent will submit to the BLM and Pershing County its final Plan of Operations for each year's Event at least 45 calendar days before the first Closure Order begins for that year's Event. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **REC-2**).
- BRC will report directly to the BLM the number of vehicles entering the Closure Area under a vehicle pass. The number of vehicle passes will be limited to 33,000, which responds to the findings and recommendations in the traffic analysis prepared for the EIS (Solaegui 2018). This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **TRAN-1**).
- For the 2020 Event, BRC will contract with a third-party ticketing agency to report directly to the BLM the number of individuals entering the Closure Area. The number of participants, BRC staff, volunteers, and vendors will be limited to 80,000 (Monitoring Measure **REC-1**).
- The cultural resources and Native American religious concerns mitigation measures (Mitigation Measures **CULT-1** through **CULT-5**) will be implemented in accordance with the memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Because of the complex nature of the Burning Man Event, the BLM will employ an adaptive management approach to some mitigation measures. As the first step in this process, the BLM will work with BRC to develop an initial mitigation approach starting with the 2019 Event. Beginning with the 2019 Event, monitoring, as described in Table E-2 of **Appendix E** in the Final EIS, will provide the BLM with the necessary information to determine the effectiveness of the initial mitigation approach. If monitoring results demonstrate that the initial mitigation approach effectively prevents the unnecessary and undue degradation of public lands and protects public health and safety, then no additional mitigation or stipulations will be required. If monitoring results demonstrate that the initial mitigation approach is not effective, then the BLM will apply the mitigation measures listed in **Appendix E**. The BLM may also add or remove stipulations for each annual Event in response to new monitoring data. Adaptive management will apply to the following mitigation measures:

- BRC will be required to implement physical perimeter barriers and controls to reduce the risk of unauthorized entry to the Event (Mitigation Measure **PHS-3**).
- BRC will facilitate structural integrity inspections of all structures over 10 feet tall that are designed for lodging space (Mitigation Measure **PHS-4**).
- To reduce litter and trash in the PLPT Reservation, along SR 447, and other routes accessing the playa, BRC, as part of its annual Event Plan of Operations, must develop a trash collection plan for the major egress routes from the Event (Mitigation Measure **WHS-1**).
- To reduce Event participant, employee, and contractor exposure to dust generated from vehicle traffic on Gate Road, BRC should consider rerouting Gate Road to an area north of Black Rock City (Mitigation Measure **AQ-1**).
- BRC will restore the playa contours by the end of the Closure Order (Mitigation Measure **SOIL-3**).
- The monitoring measures of the Artificial Light at Night Assessment (Craine and Craine 2017) will be implemented by a BLM-approved contractor via cost recovery (Mitigation Measure **VIS-1**).
- The BLM will not implement Monitoring Measure **VIS-3.** Through a third party contractor approved by the BLM and paid for through cost-recovery, annual monitoring of the artificial light at night will occur (Monitoring Measure **VIS-1**), and if the threshold outlined in Mitigation Measure

VIS-1 is exceeded, the proponent, in the following year, will develop a lighting plan with measures to reduce the amount of artificial light at night.

RATIONALE

The BLM's decision to issue an SRP for an Event with a maximum population of 80,000 is based on the environmental consequences analyzed in Chapter 3 of the Final EIS and the following rationale:

1. Cooperating agencies and other governmental agencies indicated they could not support the Event growing. Letters from the Mayor of the City of Reno, NDOT, and the NHP indicated they could not provide staff and accommodate growth over the current population level of 80,000 (see **Appendix K** of the Final EIS), particularly since this Event occurs over the Labor Day weekend when other recreation events occur in surrounding areas and communities. Additionally, the Pershing County Board of Commissioners, Pershing County Sheriff's Office, and the PLPT indicated they could not support the current event and requested a reduction in population. The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, due to the closure of the playa and the inconvenience it causes for travel to their reservation, also requested a smaller population size. While not substantive, the BLM received public comments from Burning Man Event participants who expressed the view that the Event had grown too large and become too commercial; they wanted a smaller Event.
2. This decision responds to issues raised during public scoping and public comments received on the public Draft EIS. Substantial public involvement throughout the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process has informed the BLM's decision (see Final EIS **Appendix K**, Public Comments and BLM Response).
3. The BLM developed mitigations in response to the impacts analyzed in the EIS and cooperating agency and public concerns regarding those impacts. While BRC's Event Plan of Operations and best management practices were taken into account, they do not result in an Event that avoids all the impacts; thus, the BLM developed mitigation and the phased approach through monitoring and adaptive management as described in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS. For example, a common theme in several of the cooperating agency and nongovernmental organization letters was the trash left behind and how long it took to be removed (see **Appendix K** of the Final EIS). Mitigation Measures **WHS-1**, **WHS-5**, and **WHS-7** (see **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) address these impacts. Another common theme was damage to the main roads into the event. Mitigation Measures **TRAN-1** and **ECON-1** address these impacts.
4. At an Event population of 80,000, the BLM and emergency services have a capacity to respond and manage the Event. Some of the imposed mitigations will help state, county, and local government services to successfully support the Event. Growing to a larger Event at current staffing levels would overextend resources and create financial hardships. The mitigation, monitoring, and adaptive management approach in this decision and as described in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS respond to concerns raised during government-to-government consultation and coordination and cooperation with cooperating agencies. These concerns include the associated impacts of solid waste, public health and safety, traffic, infrastructure limitations, socioeconomic impacts, and staffing capabilities.
5. The mitigation and monitoring measures for air quality (see Mitigation Measures **AQ-1**, **AQ-2**, and **AQ-3**, and Monitoring Measure **AQ-1** in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) are designed to protect worker, volunteer, and participant public health and safety. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) noted concerns on the levels of particulate matter observed during the 2017 Event.

The BLM has concerns for worker health and safety, and preliminary studies by the Department of the Interior industrial hygienists raise concerns and show the need for further studies and analysis.

6. The mitigation and monitoring measures for solid waste (see Mitigation Measures **WHS-1**, **WHS-5**, and **WHS-7**, and Monitoring Measures **WHS-5**, **WHS-6**, **NAT-1**, and **REC-3** in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) are designed to alleviate the problem of trash being left behind along roadways and in communities. The City of Reno, NDOT, Washoe County, NHP, PLPT, and some of the public comment letters all noted this as a major concern.
7. The mitigation and monitoring measures for public health and safety (see **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) were designed in coordination between BLM subject matter experts, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office. These are best practices for large public gatherings, specifically outdoor events. The BLM will employ adaptive management practices where appropriate and will liaise with BRC during the implementation of these mitigation measures. For Mitigation Measure **PHS-1**, law enforcement has documented that the current BRC screening system is insufficient for prohibited items. For Mitigation Measure **PHS-3**, while only minor incursions have occurred into the Event, the risk of incursions into large public gatherings is well documented both in the US and abroad (see Public Health and Safety at the Burning Man Event [BLM 2019]). For Mitigation Measure **PHS-6**, cooperating agency coordination and government-to-government consultation have made clear that calls for service related to the Burning Man Event disrupt emergency services to surrounding communities during the Closure Order.
8. The mitigation and monitoring measures for fuel storage (see Mitigation Measure **WHS-8** and Monitoring Measure **WHS-4** in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) are designed to prevent unnecessary and undue degradation of the natural resources of the Black Rock Desert–High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA from fuel spills. The BLM has the legal authority and obligation to administer the Black Rock playa in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations 112.
9. This decision is authorized by the National Conservation Act of 2000 designating the Black Rock Desert–High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA (P.L. 106-554): "The Secretary may continue to permit large scale events in defined low impact areas of the Black Rock Desert Playa in accordance with the management plan pursuant to this Act." The resource management plan, approved July 2004 for the Black Rock Desert–High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area and Associated Wilderness and other Contiguous Lands in Nevada, allows for large gatherings. Existing mitigation measures do not fully alleviate impacts on visual resources in the NCA and adjacent wilderness and wilderness study areas. Current practices are not in conformance with the resource management plan; however, mitigation, monitoring, and adaptive management (see Mitigation Measures **VIS-1**, **VIS-2**, and **NCA-1**, and Monitoring Measures **VIS-1, VIS-2, VIS-3, NCA-1**, and **REC-5** in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) will reduce the potential for growth of these impacts during future Events.
10. This decision conforms to the BLM's Greater Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse ROD and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment, approved in March 2019.
11. Due to the noncompliances issued to BRC and unsatisfactory performance in 2018, and consistent with the REA (P.L. 108-447), the BLM will not issue an SRP for more than 1 year. Should BRC gain compliance, the BLM may then issue an SRP for the remainder of the 10 years. However, in accordance with H-2930-1, Recreation and Fee Administration Handbook, and the REA, the BLM will need to authorize the SRP annually.

12. To reduce impacts on the NCA and surrounding travel corridors, the mitigations and monitoring for this Event were developed and are contained in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS. As described above, some mitigations will be phased in. Phasing is occurring for two main reasons: 1) given the date of the ROD and the start of the 2019 Burning Man Event, the complexity and logistical issues of some mitigations require months to resolve; and 2) some mitigations will be implemented if monitoring and adaptive management illustrate they are needed (see *Mitigation, Monitoring, and Adaptive Management*, above). The BLM has a goal of implementing all mitigation and monitoring by 2022.
13. The decision is the result of and will continue meaningful government-to-government consultation and self-determination for tribes and Native communities. As sovereign nations affected by the Event permitted by the BLM, the BLM has a responsibility to mitigate and reduce effects. The BLM will continue to conduct government-to-government consultation to ensure the mitigations and stipulations address the identified effects: solid waste, public health and safety, traffic, cultural and Native American religious impacts, and socioeconomic impacts.
14. Due to the timing of this decision, as in the 2018 Event, BRC will keep the maximum Event population at 80,000 or less for the 2019 Event. In 2020, a total population cap of 80,000 attendees, which includes paid participants and BRC staff and volunteers, for the duration of the Closure Order will be implemented. Based on environmental monitoring, adaptive management may allow a peak population instead of a total population. Under a total population cap model, the proponent would close the entry gate when 80,000 participants have entered the playa. Even if participants leave the event, no additional participants would be allowed to enter. Under a peak population model, up to 80,000 participants would be allowed on the playa at any given time. As participants leave the event, the proponent would allow that same number of people to enter the playa.
15. The decision to authorize an Event with a population of 80,000 is consistent with the Recreation and Fee Administration Handbook (H-2930-1) because it allows the BLM to adequately administer the SRP. Mitigation and monitoring (see **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) are identified to provide for resource protection, public health and safety, and minimization of conflicts with other NCA users, and to serve the public interest. At the same time, the decision maintains an opportunity for the BLM to authorize the Event consistent with the Department of the Interior's priority of building a meaningful conservation stewardship legacy by expanding public access for sport and recreation opportunities on public lands.
16. Based on the environmental impact analysis contained in the EIS, the BLM has determined that by using the mitigation and monitoring described above and in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS, this decision will minimize environmental impacts on the public lands to an acceptable level, as outlined in the Final EIS.
17. To the maximum extent, this decision, subject to implementation of the mitigation measures in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS and obtaining required permits, is consistent with other federal, state, and local plans.
18. Prior to this decision, the BLM completed the process required by the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq.). A MOA between the BLM and the Nevada SHPO has been executed. That MOA describes required mitigation for the adverse impacts on historic properties and Native American religious concerns in the Closure Area.
19. The decision will not adversely affect any threatened or endangered species.

20. The decision meets the purpose and need for the federal action. The implementation of the mitigation and monitoring measures listed in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS, and with applicable adaptive management, will meet FLPMA goals to prevent unnecessary and undue degradation. The absence of required mitigation and monitoring has the likelihood, over time, of creating unnecessary and undue degradation.
21. All SRPs have standard stipulations from the REA; however, those standard stipulations do not address the complexity of the Burning Man Event. Accordingly, additional stipulations will be added to the SRP. The BLM will review and revise the additional stipulations annually dependent on monitoring and necessary adaptive management measures. **Appendix B** of the Final EIS contains an example of additional stipulations from a previous Event. The BLM has applied additional stipulations to the Burning Man Event SRP since at least the 2012 Event.
22. Future additional SRP stipulations and future applicant-committed environmental protection measures will serve to monitor, reduce, and/or prevent impacts. Monitoring and adaptive management are needed to assess the effectiveness of the stipulations and any future applicant-committed environmental protection measures.
23. Maintaining the 80,000 population limit, per this decision, in conjunction with the identified mitigation, monitoring, and adaptive management listed in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS, provides the opportunity for BRC to proactively eliminate or minimize effects to a manageable or acceptable level. This will be done through BRC's Event Plan of Operations.

Rationale for the BLM's decision to select the No Population Change alternative over the other alternatives is based on the environmental consequences analyzed in Chapter 3 of the Final EIS and the following:

1. With current resources, it would be challenging for the BLM to maintain consistency with FLPMA while at the same time addressing cooperating agency concerns about public health and safety under the Proposed Action. At a population of 100,000 (Alternatives A and C), the BLM could not adequately administer the SRP while providing for public health and safety and preventing unnecessary and undue degradation of lands. At an Event population of 100,000, with current BLM resources, the Event could possibly conflict with the multiple-use mandate of FLPMA because it could preclude other public lands users during the Closure Order. Cooperating agencies and other governmental agencies indicated they could not support the Event growing. Letters from the Mayor of the City of Reno, NDOT, and NHP indicated they could not provide staff and accommodate growth over the current population level of 80,000 (see **Appendix K** of the Final EIS). It is particularly difficult for agencies to staff the Event because it is over the Labor Day weekend when other recreation events in surrounding areas and communities occur.
2. The BLM is aware of BRC's approach to minimizing impacts through its best management practices; however, BRC cannot control all Event participant actions, which has led to the need for the mitigation and monitoring measures included in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS and incorporated in this decision. At an Event population of 100,000 (Alternatives A and C), these effects would be increased. Of particular concern are traffic, trash, air quality, and infrastructure as identified in Chapter 3 of the Final EIS. In the case of trash, the NDOT, NHP, and PLPT expressed concerns about the current level of trash left behind from the Event. It is a reasonable assumption that a population of 100,000 would result in even more trash left behind.

3. Cooperating agencies expressed concerns with Event population growth on traffic and maintenance issues on SR 447, Interstate 80, and CR 34. Traffic and maintenance are concerns at the current population level, and growth of the Event would exacerbate concerns of maintenance costs and overcrowding of surrounding roadways.
4. While some impacts may be reduced with an Event population of 50,000 (Alternative B), for several years BRC has successfully held the Burning Man Event with a population up to 80,000. BRC's best practices, combined with required mitigation measures, monitoring, and adaptive management outlined in the Final EIS will mitigate impacts to the point where a reduced Event population of 50,000 was not selected. At an Event population of 50,000, there would be the potential for an adverse economic impact on northern Nevada. Since 2012, the Event has grown to its current population level, and northern Nevada communities have become accustomed to the associated economic outcomes.
5. The BLM's decision to not select the No Event Alternative (Alternative E) is similar to the rationale for the reduced population alternative. In addition, the Event has occurred on the playa for over 20 years consistent with the BLM's multiple-use mandate under FLPMA. Additionally, the City of Reno has communicated the positive art and cultural aspects in the city from the Event.

NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION

The BLM sent letters on November 27, 2017, requesting consultation on the Proposed Action to the following tribes: PLPT, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and Summit Lake Paiute Tribe. The BLM has been actively engaged in government-to-government consultation with tribes throughout the EIS process. During consultation, tribal and cultural committee members expressed concerns regarding unauthorized artifact collection, especially along the travel routes. They also expressed concerns regarding increased visitation and impacts on springs and other culturally important sites surrounding the playa. Members noted that their concerns extend beyond tribal reservation boundaries. Additional information regarding Native American consultation can be found in the Final EIS, Section 4.4.1.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

The cooperating agency relationships established during this project facilitated the exchange of views and expertise between BLM personnel and other government officials and staff. This form of consultation, unique to planning and NEPA processes, was crucial to shaping the EIS. The BLM formalized cooperating agency relationships with eight governmental parties: PLPT, NDOT, Pershing County, Pershing County Sheriff's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Humboldt County, US Department of Homeland Security, and Washoe County.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS

Under FLPMA, the BLM's coordination responsibilities include maximizing consistencies with the plans and policies of other government entities.

The BLM conducted coordination with the Nevada SHPO and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

NEPA regulations require that EISs be filed with the EPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1506.9). The BLM submitted the Draft EIS and Final EIS to the EPA, as required by Council on Environmental Quality regulations. Chapter 4 of the Final EIS explains intergovernmental partners.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public Scoping

Public scoping is detailed on Page 4-1 in Chapter 4 of the Final EIS. Public outreach began in November 2017. The BLM published a notice of intent on June 20, 2018. The BLM held two public scoping meetings on July 9 and 10, 2018, in Fernley and Lovelock, Nevada, respectively. A full description of the concerns brought forward during scoping can be found in the project scoping summary report (BLM 2018a).

Issues of concern identified in project scoping include:

- What are the impacts on wildlife and their habitats (aquatic and terrestrial) from air, light, noise, and waste (hazardous and solid) pollution; invasive species; and traffic. How will they be mitigated?
- What are the impacts from the Event on vegetation, wetlands, and riparian areas, and how will they be mitigated?
- What are the impacts on significant cultural and paleontological resources, including National Historic Trails, and can they be mitigated? What are the impacts on Native Americans from spiritual, cultural, and social values and economics?
- Can the BLM provide the support and resources needed to administer the SRP, while providing for public health and safety and preventing unnecessary and undue degradation to BLM-administered lands?
- How does the Burning Man Event affect air, soil, and water resources? Can mitigations be developed to prevent unnecessary and undue degradation?
- What are the regional economic contributions and effects on community services and federal, state, and local budgets?
- How do the public and participants view the Event? Are there any disproportionate impacts from the Burning Man Event on environmental justice and other populations?
- How does the Burning Man Event affect the values of the Black Rock Desert–High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA, wilderness areas, and wilderness study areas?
- How does the Burning Man Event affect access and transportation, SRPs, and other users and their experiences within the Assessment Area?

Draft EIS

The BLM published the notice of availability for the Draft EIS in the *Federal Register* on March 15, 2019. During the 45-day public comment period, the BLM held two public meetings in Lovelock and Sparks, Nevada.

The BLM received a total of 2,061 submissions; 1,736 of these were considered unique submissions, and 325 were form letter campaigns (discussed further in **Appendix K** of the Final EIS).

Final EIS

The BLM published the notice of availability for the Final EIS in the *Federal Register* on June 14, 2019, and uploaded the Final EIS to the EPA on June 7, 2019. The 30-day review period ended on July 14, 2019.

ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

A detailed description of the Proposed Action; alternatives, including the No Permit/Action Alternative; and those considered but not carried through this EIS are listed in detail in Chapter 2 of the Final EIS.

SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT APPROVAL

The 2930-2 Forms for the Special Recreation Permit are provided in **Appendix B** of the EIS.

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To:	Hammond, Casey B; Nedd, Michael D; Kaster, Amanda E; Pendley, William P; Beverly Winston
Cc:	Tollefson, Christopher J; Witt, Ryan C
Subject:	BLM Events List for remaining CY2019
Date:	Sunday, July 28, 2019 9:23:21 PM
Attachments:	2019 Events List - July 26_Final.docx

All,

Please see attached the most current events list for the remainder of the calendar year. Please let me know if you have any additions or questions. Thanks.

Jeff

Internal working document, July 26, 2019

2019 BLM Events List

Events List 2019

July

- 19-Aug 3 – Boy Scout World Jamboree (New River, WV)
- 28-August 1 - Western States Land Commissioners Association Summer Conference (Whitefish, MT)
- 30 - BLM NV oil and gas lease sale (Reno, NV) - The BLM will be offering 200 parcels totaling 389,334.04 acres
- 30 – BLM MT/DKS oil and gas lease sale (Billings, MT) - 34 parcels totaling 9,437 acres.
- 31- Aug 2 - Western Energy Alliance Annual Meeting (Tabernash, CO)

August

- 5- 8 National Conference of State Legislators – Legislative Summit (Nashville, TN)
- 5-9 - American Solar Energy Society Solar 2019 Conference (Minneapolis, MN)
- Week of 5 - FYI Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-PMB and Adrienne Lucas, Deputy Asst Director for Natural Resource, OMB, will be traveling the week of August 5 on a multi-bureau site visit to the Denver and Salt Lake City areas.
- 6-8 – BLM ELT Meeting (Washington, D.C.)
- 19-21 – Peter Kiefhaber, Interior Approps majority staff, visit to BLM NV
- 21-22 - Summer NAPE (Houston, TX)
- 25-Sept 2 - Burning Man (Black Rock, NV)
- TBA - Annual Mining Claim Maintenance Fees press release

September

- 10 - Nevada oil and gas lease sale (NV) - 22 parcels, comprising about 17,478.82 acres
- 10 – UT oil and gas lease sale (Salt Lake City, UT) – 149 parcels totaling 184,228 acres.
- 10-13 – Public Lands Foundation annual meeting (Reno, NV)
- 12 - Eastern States oil and gas lease sale (ES) – (Washington, D.C.)
- 15-18 - Geothermal Resources Council Annual Meeting & Expo (Palm Springs, CA)
- 16 – WY oil and gas lease sale (Cheyenne, WY) – 212 parcels totaling 322,074 acres
- 22-25 - Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Convention (St. Paul, MN)
- 23-27 - National Clean Energy Week
- 24 – BLM MT/DKS oil and gas lease sale (Billings, MT) – 12 parcels totaling 7,496 acres
- 25-29 - Public Lands Council Annual Meeting (Great Falls, MT)
- 26 – CO oil and gas lease sale (Lakewood, CO) – 83 parcels totaling 78,691 acres
- 28 - National Public Lands Day
- TBA – NV Geothermal Lease Sale - 21 parcels (totaling approximately 76,094.31 acres)
- TBA - BLM Director Announces Winners Rangeland Stewardship Awards Press Release
- TBA - BLM Director Presents Secretarial Awards - Partners in Conservation Awards Press Release
- TBA - Annual Adjustment to Drilling Fee Permit

October

- 8-11 – BLM National Lands Training for Line Officers and Program Managers (Phoenix, AZ)

- 9-13 - Society of Environmental Journalists Annual Meeting (Ft. Collins, CO)
- 25 - National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention (Albuquerque, NM)
- 29-31 – Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Meeting (Washington, D.C.)
- 30-Nov 3 - Society of American Foresters National Convention (Louisville, KY)
- TBA – National Wilderness Conference
- TBA - Partnership for the National Trails System Meeting
- TBA- BLM Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Award Winners Press Release

November

- 4 or 11 - Alaska NPR-A Oil and Gas lease sale
- 5-7 – BLM ELT Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 6-8 - IPAA Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 7 – NM Oil and gas lease sale
- 12-14 - Idaho Cattle Association Annual Convention (Sun Valley, ID)
- 19-21 - Annual Association of Oregon Counties Conference (Eugene, OR)
- TBA - National Association for Interpretation Annual Conference

December

- 2 – New Mexico oil and gas lease sale (NM)
- 5 – Colorado oil and gas lease sale (CO)
- 9 – Utah oil and gas lease sale (UT)
- 10 – Nevada oil and gas lease sale (NV)
- 13-14 - Western Governors Association Winter Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)
- TBA – Montana oil and gas lease sale (MT)
- TBA – Eastern States oil and gas lease sale (ES)
- TBA – Call for Nominations to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

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BLM Media Wrap-up for June 14, 2019

***The New York Times* - Utah Test and Training Range closure (UT):** Fact-checker Christian Smith requested an update. Questions focused on the status of the Memorandum of Agreement, the status of the land exchange, and additional military-specific questions. The BLM provided a link to relevant web sites. **FINAL.**

***E&E News* - IBLA appeal/September 2018 oil & gas lease sale (UT):** Reporter Heather Richardson requested a response to a Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) statement that says the BLM has agreed to suspend the September 2018 sale's leases, which are the subject of an IBLA appeal. The reporter also asked why the BLM initially denied SUWA's protest. BLM Utah is developing a response. **PENDING.**

***Progressive Rancher* - Burning Man Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) (NV):** Publisher Leana Carey followed up on the news release regarding the publication of the FEIS, which identifies and analyzes environmental impacts associated with the proposed 10-year renewal of the Burning Man Special Recreation Permit. The publisher invited the BLM to submit, for publication, a write-up of how the permit is issued and managed. BLM Nevada will develop an article. **FINAL.**

***Reno Gazette-Journal* - Burning Man FEIS (NV):** Reporter Jenny Kane asked why the BLM preferred the no-growth alternative in the FEIS. Approved talking points were used to answer her questions. She was also directed to the part of the FEIS that summarized changes between the draft and final documents regarding various mitigations. **FINAL.**

***Reason* - Burning Man FEIS (NV):** Reporter Brian Doherty asked about the authorization for the security screening mitigation described in the FEIS. He was told that the permit for the event carries a temporary closure, which is published in the *Federal Register* before the event, and that individuals who enter the closed area during the event consent to security screening as a condition of entry. **FINAL.**

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Subject:	BLM Media Wrap-up | Monday, July 22, 2019
Date:	Monday, July 22, 2019 5:14:04 PM

BLM Media Wrap-up for July 22, 2019

***San Francisco Business Times* - Burning Man (NV):** Reporter Ted Andersen requested a timeline for issuing the Burning Man permit this year. He was told that the BLM is working on the 2019 special recreation permit this week, and that the permit is expected to be issued sometime next week. **FINAL.**

***The Economist* - Alaska wildfire (AK):** Washington Bureau Chief James Astill on July 17-18 traveled to the Chandalar River Fire, west of Venetie, to talk to firefighters and witness the logistical challenges of fighting fire in Alaska. He also interviewed the BLM Alaska Fire Service Manager about wildland fire management. **FINAL.**

***KMVT-TV* - Fire information (ID):** A reporter asked about human-cause fires, including the investigative process and prevention tips. The BLM used publicly available fire information to answer questions. **FINAL.**

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BLM Media Wrap-up for June 24, 2019

***Associated Press*, *Bloomberg Environment*, *Capital Press* - Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for fuel breaks in the Great Basin (ID):** Various reporters asked about the recently released draft PEIS, which was announced late last week. Publicly available information was used to answer questions. The BLM emphasized to a reporter for Bloomberg that fuel breaks are not intended to stop fires, but are used to give firefighters more time by slowing a fire down and reducing its intensity. **FINAL.**

***K-PAX News* (Missoula) - Update on wild horse and burro event postponement (MT):** Reporter Connor McCauley asked for an update on a wild horse and burro adoption event scheduled for this past weekend at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds, in Hamilton, Montana, which was postponed out of an abundance of caution. Two of the 130 animals brought to the event succumbed to a condition that warranted quarantining the remaining animals. The reporter was told that the BLM is still waiting for lab results. The pick-up of adopted animals is also postponed, pending the results. The BLM will contact adopters when results are complete. Of the 105 animals offered at the event, 89 currently have pending applications. **FINAL.**

***CBS This Morning* - Proposed change in management of the Paria Canyon–Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness (AZ):** Producer Kira Kleaveland reached out to the BLM's Arizona Strip District to discuss a series they are producing this summer highlighting beautiful places across America. The production crew plans to visit the area in summer to attempt to get a permit to hike The Wave at the walk-in lottery. The crew wants to interview the Arizona Strip District Manager on the BLM's proposal to increase recreation access to The Wave beyond the existing 20 permits per day. The interview request is being coordinated with BLM headquarters. **PENDING.**

***Wall Street Journal* - Proposed change in management of the Paria Canyon–Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness (AZ):** Reporter Jim Carlton asked about increased visitation, and if social media has played a role in both the increase and the BLM's proposed management change. He was told that visitation to surrounding parks, such as Grand Canyon and Zion and Lake Powell, also have an impact on the demand as visitors to the big national parks which surround the area learn about The Wave while in the area. He was also told that the public demand for visitation to the Wave was the reason BLM is taking a look at the proposed change. The BLM also discussed issues associated with permits to The Wave, including fines for non-permitted hikes and how they are issued. **FINAL.**

Phoenix *ABC* Affiliate - Wildfire response along Interstate 17 (AZ): Reporter Mike Pelton interviewed the Phoenix District's fuels technician and Type 3 Incident Commander about wildfire incidents along the I-17 corridor. The interview covered a recent wildfire in the area, seasonal fire resources preparedness, common causes and the importance of education as a tool to decrease human-caused wildfire potential along the interstate. **FINAL.**

***Stateline.org* (Pew Trusts) - Cheatgrass and wildfire (NV):** Reporter Sophie Quinton asked about the role of cheatgrass in the spread of wildfires in Nevada and what actions the BLM can take to mitigate the problem. She was provided information on targeted grazing versus outcome-based grazing, green-stripping and brown-stripping to create fuel breaks, and herbicide. **FINAL.**

***Politico* - Burning Man (NV):** Reporter Theodoric Meyer asked for an update of the Burning Man permit. He was told that the agency is currently in the mandatory 30-day period between the publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and the publication of the Record of Decision. He was also told that the preferred alternative was the no-growth alternative at the current population of 80,000 participants. He was referred to BLM headquarters regarding his question of whether the BLM had been contacted by Burning Man's lobbyists. **FINAL.**

***KUNR Public Radio* - Increase in visitation at Red Rock Canyon (NV):** Reporter Noah Glick asked about increased visitation at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. The BLM told the reporter that there has been increased visitation over the past few years, and management is continuing to work on solutions to address capacity issues that arise during good weather. He was also informed of outreach efforts to inform people of the heaviest visitation times and ways to avoid those times. **FINAL.**

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Subject: BLM Media Wrap-up | Thursday, June 20, 2019
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019 7:06:43 PM

BLM Media Wrap-up for June 20, 2019

***Minnesota Public Radio* - FOIA Lawsuit (MN):** Reporter Dan Kraker asked if BLM has any comment on a FOIA lawsuit filed today seeking the release of documents related to the proposed mineral withdrawal in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota, related to the Twin Metals mining proposal. The BLM responded that it cannot comment on pending litigation. **FINAL.**

***Bloomberg Law* - FOIA Lawsuit (National):** Reporter Brian Flood asked if BLM has any comment on a FOIA lawsuit filed today seeking the release of documents related to the proposed mineral withdrawal in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota, related to the Twin Metals mining proposal. The BLM responded that it cannot comment on pending litigation. **FINAL.**

***High Country News* - BLM HQ Relocation (Regional):** Reporter Liz Weber is working on a story about the BLM's plan to move the headquarters out west and asked to interview someone for more information about the details, planning, and execution. The BLM forwarded to Interior Press who declined an interview and provided a response. **FINAL.**

***LA Times* - Burning Man security screening (NV)**: Reporter Julia Wick contacted BLM Nevada to inquire about drug screening at the 2019 Burning Man event. BLM-NV provided a statement noting that screening is just one facet of a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement approach to ensure the safety and security of the event. **FINAL.**

***Reno Gazette-Journal* - Burning Man security screening (NV)**: Reporter Jennifer Kane contacted BLM Nevada to inquire about drug screening at the 2019 Burning Man event. BLM-NV provided a statement noting that screening is just one facet of a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement approach to ensure the safety and security of the event. **FINAL.**

***Casper Star Tribune* - Wildland Fire Preparedness (WY):** Reporter Morgan Hughes contacted the BLM-WY public affairs office to get "a broad sense" of what is done to prepare for fire season. The article will be in the Tuesday, June 25 issue and will not be focused directly on BLM, but on local wildland fire preparedness/prevention as a whole. The neutral article is not expected to generate controversy. **FINAL.**

***Park City Television* - Fire Prevention Order (UT):** BLM West Desert District Manager Kevin Oliver joined host Christine Napier on Park City Television for a discussion on the district's fire prevention order and what the public can do to help prevent wildfire. The segment lasted about five minutes, was BLM-positive, and provided good information on how seasonal fire restrictions and preventative measures can help protect communities and public lands. **FINAL.**
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Subject:	BLM Media Wrap-up | Wednesday, July 17, 2019
Date:	Wednesday, July 17, 2019 6:09:39 PM

BLM Media Wrap-up for July 17, 2019

National Journal **- Critical minerals mining permits (National):** Reporter Brian Dabbs asked for an update on the BLM's streamlining of permits associated with critical minerals under the NEPA process. Headquarters is clearing a statement. **PENDING.**

E&E News **- Grazing permit case (National):** Reporter Jennifer Yachnin asked for BLM comment regarding the issuance of a preliminary injunction in Oregon, which involved Hammond family grazing permits. The BLM declined to comment due to pending litigation. **FINAL.**

Reno Gazette-Journal, ***Tahoe Magazine*** **- Burning Man Record of Decision (ROD) (NV):** Reporters asked about the ROD for the event. The BLM provided basic information about the ROD, including an overview of the EIS process and the special recreation permit. **FINAL.**

Traverse Image **- Paleontological resources and excavation sites in GSENM (UT):** Producer Kristen Olson and her film crew interviewed the GSENM paleontologist about his work in monument. The interview focused on the science involved, the Rainbows and Unicorns site, and various paleontological topics. The production is expected to be complete in early 2020 and will be marketed to Netflix and Amazon Prime Video. **FINAL.**
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From:	Zarin, Hilary
To:	Kaster, Amanda E
Cc:	Dicerbo, Adrienne; Hammond, Casey B
Subject:	Burning man ROD notes
Date:	Wednesday, July 10, 2019 2:00:45 PM

Hi Amanda,

As discussed, I attended the 1 pm call. My notes are below. All went smoothly and Casey appears comfortable with the changes that BLM NV has made between FEIS and ROD.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Hilary

Notes on Burning Man ROD (changes between FEIS and ROD/stips)
July 10, 2019, 1 pm ET

1. Law enforcement.
• Over course of next year, BLM will work to identify appropriate security personnel and their roles and responsibilities. BLM is looking at something more formal than our current volunteer operation, but we need to dispel that we have DEA teams.
• BRC did not make this claim; one article spread some misinformation that we are working to dispel.

2. Number of attendees. More than 80,000 people would be quite large. What are we thinking in terms of attendance?
• BLM is using adaptive management to build flexibility around the numbers by a couple of thousand ppl. However, this flexibility needs to be within reason (20,000 additional attendees going in and out of BRC would be unmanageable; 2,000 is ok).
• BLM also received feedback from county and state saying they were more comfortable staying at 80K (80,000 figure isn't arbitrary). Public comment and experience led us to that figure, as well as our own data and state and local government feedback.

3. Night Skies. BLM is being responsive to VRM feedback related to night skies. We have added adaptive management and removed some of the more strict language.
• BLM NV will monitor for 3 more additional years and come up with peak amt of light pollution at the 80K attendee level.
• Flexible enough that next year we could begin to reduce if we go over threshold.

4. Hazardous waste, trash.
• ROD has more adaptive management measures rather than hard thresholds.
• BLM will continue to allow trash removal according to current permit. But we may request the state to manage buildup along highway. BLM reserves right to install dumpsters.

5. Other. Gene had technical edits; BLM NV is consolidating edits and will fix.

From: Joseph Balash
To: Kaster, Amanda E
Cc: Lassiter, Tracie L
Subject: Burning Man
Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 12:49:26 PM

My lunch is running long. I might dial in but probably not.

Joe Balash
Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

From: DTS@fws.gov
To: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: DTS Assignment--BLM 2019 Closure Order for Burning Man Event
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:47:13 AM

Hello and welcome to the DTS automated email alert!

Your office (Deputy Assistant Sec Casey Hammond) has a task assigned.

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Synopsis: Annually, the Black Rock Field Office posts a closure order to the Federal Register for public health and safety and resource protection during the Burning Man event. Documents attached are for review and processing for posting.
Action Required: 3-Surname
Assigned By Office: ASLM Chief of Staff Cara Lee Macdonald User: Cara Lee Macdonald

Thank you.

From: DTS@fws.gov
To: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: DTS Assignment--BLM 2019 Closure Order for Burning Man Event
Date: Friday, June 21, 2019 9:50:53 AM

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Your office (BLM-D) has a task assigned.

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Action Required: 3-Surname
Assigned By Office: BLM-COS User: Amanda Kaster

Thank you.

From: DTS@fws.gov
To: Macdonald, Cara Lee; Balash, Joseph R
Subject: DTS Assignment--BLM 2019 Closure Order for Burning Man Event
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:57:55 AM

Hello and welcome to the DTS automated email alert!

Your office (Assistant Secretary Joe Balash) has a task assigned.

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Action Required: 3-Surname
Assigned By Office: Deputy Assistant Sec Casey Hammond User: Casey Hammond

Thank you.

From:	Tollefson, Christopher
To:	Hammond, Casey B
Cc:	Krauss, Jeff; Kaster, Amanda E; Beverly Winston
Subject:	For review/approval: Draft Burning Man ROD Comms Materials - (Target: 7/15)
Date:	Thursday, July 11, 2019 3:11:41 PM
Attachments:	20190715 DRAFT NVSO Burning Man ROD News Release V3 DRAFT (1).docx 20190711 Burning Man_Communication Plan_ROD_WDOreviewed final.docx

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Casey,

Attached and below are the news release and communications plan for the Burning Man ROD. State would like to distribute Monday, 7/15. Let me know if you have any questions, and when I can send to DOI. These versions reflect Amanda's edits.

Thanks,
Chris

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COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Record of Decision for the BLM Environmental Impact Statement
For the Burning Man Event Special Recreation Permit,
Pershing County, Nevada
July 2019

Background:
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office (BRFO) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) that analyzed and disclosed environmental impacts associated with the proposed multi-year, Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for Black Rock LLC. (BRC) to produce the Burning Man Event annually from 2019 to 2028. The project will be located on the Black Rock Desert Playa in Pershing County, approximately 8.5 miles northeast of Gerlach, and 100 miles northeast of Reno, Nevada.

The BLM has issued a Record of Decision (ROD), in accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act ([REA]; Public Law (P.L.) 108-447). The BLM has selected Alternative D from the Final EIS. This will result in the issuance of an SRP for the Event with the same population cap, and similar conditions as the 2018 Burning Man Event, and with the required mitigations from Appendix E of the Final EIS. All SRPs have standard stipulations as authorized through the REA; however, those standard stipulations do not address the complexity of the Burning Man Event. Additional stipulations will be added to the SRP and be edited annually based on monitoring and necessary adaptive management measures.

Goals:

- Inform the public, stakeholders, media, and others about BLM's decision to permit BRC's event with a total population cap of 80,000.
- Inform the public, stakeholders, media, and others about mitigation and monitoring that will impact the event in 2019 and into future years.

Objectives:

- Provide information on BLM's decision to permit the event with the selected alternative (Alternative D of the Final EIS), and additional items selected from BRCs proposal and additional components noted by the BLM. Components selected by the BLM include: the Golden Spike Ceremony; a total population cap; addressing fuel storage issues; and

capping the total number of vehicle passes issued to participants, staff and volunteers at 33,000.

Target Audiences:

- Interested Parties who received initial scoping, Draft EIS, and Final EIS
- People who commented during the comment period
- News Media: The release about the decision will be sent to BLM Nevada's standard media distribution lists.
- Cooperating agencies (Pershing County, Nevada; Pershing County Sheriff's Office; Washoe County, Nevada; Nevada Department of Transportation; Nevada Highway Patrol; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Humboldt County, Nevada Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe)
- Tribal Governments
- Nevada Congressional delegation
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Key Messages:

- The BLM's decision is the preferred alternative identified in the Final EIS. (Same as the 2018 Event, population will remain at 80,000).
- The decision includes items identified by BLM (Golden Spike Ceremony).
- The Burning Man Event will be held within the Black Rock – High Rock Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area.
- The event will have a 2-phased closure order. The first phase is 9,570 acres and will be in place for up to 74 days (includes the 3,400 acre pentagon). The second phase increases the closure order area (4,760 acres) to a total of 14,330 acres for 21 days.
- The Event will start at 12:01 a.m. on the Sunday the weekend before Labor Day and end at noon the Tuesday after Labor Day.
- Mitigation and Monitoring that will begin in 2019 include: the phased closure order; night skies monitoring; air quality monitoring; and having a Sexual Assault Response Team on playa.
- Mitigation and Monitoring that will be phased in, include: third-party security screening of participants at the portals of entry (as soon as logistically possible but not in 2019); cost-recovery to NDOT and Washoe Co. for road repairs after the event (beginning in 2020); the development of a trash collection plan.

Talking Points:

- The decision to authorize the event is consistent with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).
- This decision allows the BLM to adequately administer the SRP while providing for public health and safety and preventing unnecessary and undue degradation of lands.

- The BLM's decision to authorize the event with a population of 80,000, is consistent with the Recreation and Fee Administration Handbook (H-2930-1) because it allows the agency to adequately administer the SRP.
- State and local agencies are uncertain if they can handle the growth of the event to 100,000 participants at this time.
- Adaptive management will be used to develop and phase in mitigations as needed for the following issues related to the protection of public lands and public health and safety: physical barriers around the event perimeter; the structural integrity of structures over 10 feet tall for lodging space; and reduction of litter and trash along access routes to the event site.

Outreach:

The BLM has and will continue to perform outreach with the following stakeholder groups:

- Nevada Congressional delegation
- Recreation groups
- General public
- Native American Tribal governments
- Federal, State, and local agencies
- Adjacent private landowners
- Right-of-way, permit and leases holders
- Interested business and consultants
- Special interest groups
- News media

Communications Products:

- Press release
- Federal Register notice
- Briefings
- Tribal coordination and consultation meetings and site visits

For questions about the Burning Man Event SRP contact Chelsea McKinney Burning Man Project Manager, telephone: (775) 623-1500, address: 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445.

Burning Man Event Special Recreation Permit:

- Website: https://go.usa.gov/xEmSY
- Email: blm_nv_burningmaneis@blm.gov
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From:	Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene)
To:	Balash, Joseph R
Cc:	Macdonald, Cara Lee
Subject:	Fwd: **3 Day FRN: Burning Man
Date:	Tuesday, June 25, 2019 10:35:28 AM
Attachments:	Burning Man Closure FRN 05082019_To DTS (1) (1).GS.GS.docx

Hi Joe,

Sorry to bother you on your first full day in AK. The attached is the BLM FRN for BMAN - Temp Closure.

Can you please review and clear this today. Thanks.

Gene Seidlitz
ASLM Analyst-Liaison
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From: **Macdonald, Cara Lee** <cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 10:13 AM
Subject: Fwd: **3 Day FRN: Burning Man
To: Joseph (Gene) Seidlitz <gseidlit@blm.gov>

See below. Can you get the Burning Man docs to the boss? I am working on the Calvary Chapel FRN.

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Casey Hammond

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

On Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 9:50 AM Macdonald, Cara Lee <cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Sir,
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> The Burning Man FRN is in your DTS box. The link is below. We need to clear it off the hall today. I apologize for causing the rush--that is my fault because it was in my box.
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> V/R,
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Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the 2019 Burning Man Event (Permitted Event), Pershing County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Temporary Closure and Restrictions.

SUMMARY: Under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office, will implement a temporary closure and temporary restrictions to protect public safety and resources on public lands both within and adjacent to the proposed Permitted Event on the Black Rock Desert playa.

DATES: The temporary closure and temporary restrictions takes effect from 12:01 a.m. July 25, 2019, to 11:59 p.m. September 30, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark E. Hall, Field Manager, BLM Black Rock Field Office, Winnemucca District, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445-2921; telephone: 775-623-1500; email: mehall@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The temporary closure and temporary restrictions affect public lands both within and adjacent to the Permitted Event authorized on the Black Rock Desert playa within the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area in Pershing County, Nevada. The temporary closure of public lands will be conducted in two phases in order to reduce impacts on the general public outside of the Permitted Event . Phase 1 will encompass a smaller temporary closure area during the building and tear-down of Black Rock City, and Phase 2 will encompass the larger, full temporary closure area during the event itself. Phase 2 includes all of the Phase 1 area. The Phase 2 temporary closure is the same size as the temporary closure area for the Permitted Event in previous years.

The legal description of the affected public lands in the temporary public closure area of both stages is:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

Phase 1, encompassing the smaller area of 9,715 acres, will be effective for 31 days before the main event from 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 25, 2019, until 6;00 a.m. Monday, August 19, 2019. Phase 1 resumes for 24 days following the event at 6:00 a.m. Saturday, September 7, 2019, through 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 30, 2019.

Phase 1:

T. 33 N., R. 24 E., unsurveyed

sec. 1, N1/2, those portions lying northwesterly of East Playa Highway;

sec. 2, N1/2 and SW1/4;

sec. 3;

secs. 4 and 5, those portions lying southeasterly of Washoe County Road 34;

sec. 9, N1⁄2;

T. 331⁄2 N., R. 24 E., unsurveyed

secs. 25 and 26;

sec. 27, those portions lying southeasterly of West Playa Highway;

sec. 33, S1/2, those portions lying easterly and northeasterly of Washoe County Road 34;

sec. 34, those portions lying southeasterly of West Playa Highway;

secs. 35 and 36.

T. 34 N., R. 24 E., partly unsurveyed

sec. 25;

sec. 26, those portions lying southeasterly of West Playa Highway;

sec. 27, SE1/4, those portions lying southeasterly of West Playa Highway;

sec. 34, E1/2, those portions lying southeasterly of West Playa Highway;

secs. 35 and 36.

T. 34 N., R. 25 E., unsurveyed

sec. 16, SW1/4SW1/4;

sec. 21;

sec. 27, W1/2NW1/4 and W1/2SW1/4;

sec. 28;

sec. 33, N1/2 and SW1/4;

sec. 34; W1/2NW1/4.

Phase 2, encompassing the larger area of 14,153 acres which includes all of Phase 1, will be effective for 19 days from 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 19, 2019, until 6:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 7, 2019.

Phase 2:

T. 33 N., R. 24 E., unsurveyed

secs. 1 and 2, those portions lying northwesterly of East Playa Road;

sec. 3;

sec. 4, that portion lying southeasterly of Washoe County Road 34;

sec. 5;

sec. 8, NE1⁄4;

secs. 9 and 10, N1⁄2;

sec. 11, N1/2, those portions lying northwesterly of East Playa Road.

T. 33 1⁄2 N., R. 24 E., unsurveyed

secs. 25 thru 27;

secs. 28, 29 and 33, those portions lying easterly and northeasterly of Washoe County Road 34;

secs. 34 thru 36.

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secs. 23 and 24, S1⁄2;

secs. 25 and 26;

sec. 27, E1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;

sec. 33, NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, that portion of the SW1/4 lying northeasterly of Washoe County Road 34, and SE1/4;

secs. 34 thru 36.

T. 33 N., R. 25 E.,

sec. 4, lots 2 thru 4, those portions lying northwesterly of East Playa Highway.

T. 34 N., R. 25 E., unsurveyed

sec. 16, S1⁄2;

sec. 21;

sec. 22, W1⁄2NW1⁄4 and SW1⁄4;

sec. 27, W1⁄2;

sec. 28;

sec. 33, those portions lying northwesterly of East Playa Highway;

sec. 34, W1/2 those portions northwesterly of East Playa Highway.

The two-phase temporary closure area is in Pershing County, Nevada, and is necessary for the period of time from July 25, 2019, to midnight September 30, 2019, because of the Permitted Event . The Permitted Event's activities begin with the golden spike, fencing the site perimeter, Black Rock City setup (July 25 to August 19), followed by the actual event (August 20 to September 6), Black Rock City tear down and cleanup, and final site cleanup (September 7 to September 30).

The public temporary closure area comprises about 13 percent of the Black Rock Desert playa. Public access to the other 87 percent of the playa outside the temporary closure area will remain open to dispersed casual use.

The event area is fully contained within the Phase 2 temporary closure area. The event area is defined as the portion of the temporary closure area that: (1) Is entirely contained within the event perimeter fence, including 50 feet from the outside of the event perimeter fence; (2) Lies within 25 feet from the outside edge of the event access road; and (3) Includes the entirety of the aircraft parking area outside the event perimeter fence.

The temporary closure and restrictions are necessary to provide a safe environment for the staffs, volunteers, paid participants and members of the public visiting the Black Rock Desert, and to protect public land resources by addressing law enforcement and public safety concerns associated with the event. The temporary closure and temporary restrictions are also necessary to enable BLM law enforcement personnel to provide for public safety and to protect the public lands, as well as to support and assist State and local agencies with enforcement of existing laws. The Permitted Event takes place within Pershing County, Nevada, a rural county with a small population and a small Sheriff's Department. Key BLM staff members—including the authorizing officer for the 2019 event, the event incident commander, and the law enforcement operations chief—met with the Pershing County Sheriff and his planning team to coordinate and plan the 2019 event. The Sheriff's input and comments are incorporated in this temporary closure order.

The Permitted Event attracts up to 70,000 paid participants to a remote, rural area, located more than 90 miles from urban infrastructure and support, including such services as public safety, emergency medical delivery, transportation, and communication. During the Permitted Event, Black Rock City, the temporary city associated with the event, becomes one of the largest population areas in Nevada.

A temporary closure and restrictions order, under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1, is appropriate for a single event. The temporary closure and restrictions are specifically tailored to the time frame that is necessary to provide a safe environment for the public and for participants at the Permitted Event and to protect public land resources while avoiding imposing restrictions that may not be necessary in the area during the remainder

of the year.

The BLM will post copies of the temporary closure, temporary restrictions, and an associated map in kiosks at access points to the Black Rock Desert playa, and at the Gerlach Post Office, Bruno's Restaurant, Empire Store, Black Rock City Offices, Friends of Black Rock-High Rock Offices, the BLM-Nevada Black Rock Station near Gerlach, the Winnemucca District Office, and the BLM-California Applegate Field Office. The BLM will also make the materials available on the BLM external web page at: http://www.blm.gov.

In addition to the Nevada Collateral Forfeiture and Bail Schedule as authorized by the United States District Court, District of Nevada and under the authority of Section 303(a) of FLPMA, 43 CFR 8360.0-7 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM will enforce a temporary public closure and the following temporary restrictions will apply within and adjacent to the Permitted Event on the Black Rock Desert playa from July 25, 2019, through September 30, 2019:

Temporary Restrictions:

(a) Environmental Resource Management and Protection:

(1) No person may deface, disturb, remove or destroy any natural object.

(2) Fires/Campfires: The ignition of fires on the surface of the Black Rock Desert playa without a burn blanket or burn pan is prohibited. Campfires may only be burned in containers that are sturdily elevated 6 inches above the playa surface and in a manner that does not pose a risk of fire debris falling onto the playa surface. Plastic and nonflammable materials may not be burned in campfires. The ignition of fires other than a campfire is prohibited. This restriction does not

apply to events sanctioned and regulated as art burns by the event organizer.

(3) Fireworks: The use, sale or possession of personal fireworks is prohibited except for uses of fireworks approved by the permit holder and used as part of a Burning Man sanctioned art burn event.

(4) Grey and Black Water Discharge: The discharge and dumping of grey water onto the playa/ground surface is prohibited. Grey water is defined as water that has been used for cooking, washing, dishwashing, or bathing and/or contains soap, detergent, or food scraps/residue, regardless of whether such products are biodegradable or have been filtered or disinfected. Black water is defined as waste water containing feces, urine and/or flush water.

(5) Human Waste: The depositing of human waste (liquid and/or solid) on the playa/ground surface is prohibited.

(6) Trash: The discharge of any and all trash/litter onto the ground/playa surface is prohibited. All event participants must pack out and properly dispose of all trash at an appropriate disposal facility.

(7) Hazardous Materials: The dumping or discharge of vehicle oil, petroleum products or other hazardous household, commercial or industrial refuse or waste onto the playa surface is prohibited. This applies to all recreational vehicles, trailers, motorhomes, port-a-potties, generators, and other camp infrastructure.

(8) Fuel Storage: The storage of greater than 110 gallons of fuel in a single camp is prohibited. Each camp storing fuel must establish a designated fuel storage area at least ten (10) feet apart from combustible materials and twenty-five (25) feet from vehicles, camp trailers/RV's, and generators, unless manufactured and

designed to store fuel, and any sources of ignition (such as burning cigarettes, open flame, electrical connections or trailer/RV appliances); and one hundred (100) feet from other designated fuel storage areas. Fuel containers, regardless of size or type, shall not exceed 80% capacity per container. Storage areas for all fuel, regardless of amount, and not exceeding 110 gallons, must include a secondary containment system that can hold a liquid volume equal to or greater than 110% of the largest container being stored. Secondary containment measures must comply with the following:

a) The secondary containment system must be free of cracks or gaps and constructed of materials impermeable to the fuel(s) being stored; and

b) The secondary containment system must be designed to allow the removal of any liquids captured resulting from leaks, spills or precipitation.

(9) Water Discharge: The unauthorized dumping or discharge of fresh water onto the playa surface, onto city streets and/or other public areas or onto camp electric systems in a manner that creates a hazard or nuisance is prohibited. This provision does not prohibit the use of water trucks contracted by the event organizer to provide dust abatement measures.

(b) Commercial Activities

In accordance with 43 CFR 2932, vending and the 2019 Special Recreation Permit Stipulation for the Permitted Event, ALL vendors and air carrier services must provide proof of authorization to operate at the Permitted Event issued by the permitting agency and/or the permit holder upon request. Failure to provide such authorization could result

in eviction from the event.

(c) Aircraft Landing:

The public closure area is closed to aircraft landing, taking off, and taxiing. Aircraft is defined in Title 18, U.S.C., section 31 (a)(1) and includes lighter-than-air craft and ultra-light craft. The following exceptions apply:

(1) All aircraft operations, including ultra-light and helicopter landings and takeoffs, will occur at the designated 88NV Black Rock City Airport landing strips and areas defined by airport management. All takeoffs and landings will occur only during the hours of operation (6:00 through 18:30) of the airport as described in the Burning Man Operating Plan. All pilots that use the Black Rock City Airport must agree to and abide by the published airport rules and regulations;

(2) Only fixed wing and helicopters providing emergency medical services may land at the designated Emergency Medical Services areas/pads or at other locations when required for medical incidents. The BLM authorized officer, or an authorized State/Local Law Enforcement Officer or his/her delegated representative may approve other helicopter landings and takeoffs when deemed necessary for the benefit of the law enforcement operation; and

(3) Landings or takeoffs of lighter-than-air craft previously approved by the BLM authorized officer.

(d) Alcohol/Prohibited Substance:

(1) Possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage by the driver or operator of any motorized vehicle, whether or not the vehicle is in motion, is

prohibited;

(2) Possession of alcohol by minors:

(i) The following are prohibited:

(A) Consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 years of age on public lands; and

(B) Selling, offering to sell or otherwise furnishing or supplying any alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age on public lands.

(3) Operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or dangerous drugs:

(i) Title 43 CFR 8341.1(f)(3) prohibits the operation of an off-road motor vehicle on public land while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or dangerous drugs.

(ii) In addition to the prohibition found at 43 CFR 8341.1(f)(3), it is prohibited for any person to operate or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while:

(A) The operator is under the combined influence of alcohol, a drug, or drugs to a degree that renders the operator incapable of safe operation of that vehicle; or

(B) The alcohol concentration in the operator's blood or breath is 0.08 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or 0.08 grams or more of alcohol per 210 liters of breath; and

(C) It is unlawful for any person to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle on a highway or on premises to which the public

has access with an amount of a prohibited substance in his or her urine or blood that is equal to or greater than the following nanograms per milliliter (ng/ml):

(1) Amphetamine: urine, 500 ng/ml; blood, 100 ng/ml;

(2) Cocaine: urine, 150 ng/ml; blood, 50 ng/ml;

(3) Cocaine metabolite: urine, 150 ng/ml; blood, 50 ng/ml;

(4) Heroin: urine, 2,000 ng/ml; blood, 50 ng/ml;

(5) Heroin metabolite:

(i) Morphine: urine, 2,000 ng/ml; blood, 50 ng/ml;

(ii) 6-monoacetyl morphine: urine, 10 ng/ml; blood, 10 ng/ml;

(6) Lysergic acid diethylamide: urine, 25 ng/ml; blood, 10 ng/ml;

(7) Marijuana: urine, 10 ng/ml; blood, 2 ng/ml;

(8) Marijuana metabolite: urine, 15 ng/ml; blood, 5 ng/ml;

(9) Methamphetamine: urine, 500 ng/ml; blood, 100 ng/ml;

(10) Phencyclidine: urine, 25 ng/ml; blood, 10 ng/ml;

(iii) Tests:

(A) At the request or direction of any law enforcement officer authorized by the Department of the Interior to enforce this closure and restriction order, who has probable cause to believe that an operator of a motor vehicle has violated a provision of paragraph (i) or (ii) of this section, the operator shall submit to one or more tests of the blood, breath, saliva or urine for the purpose of determining blood alcohol and drug content.

(B) Refusal by an operator to submit to a test is prohibited and proof of refusal may be admissible in any related judicial proceeding.

(C) Any test or tests for the presence of alcohol and drugs shall be determined by and administered at the direction of an authorized law enforcement officer.

(D) Any test shall be conducted by using accepted scientific methods and equipment of proven accuracy and reliability operated by personnel certified in its use.

(iv) Presumptive levels:

(A) The results of chemical or other quantitative tests are intended to supplement the elements of probable cause used as the basis for the arrest of an operator charged with a violation of paragraph (i) of this section. If the alcohol concentration in the operator's blood or breath at the time of testing is less than alcohol concentrations specified in paragraph (ii)(B) of this section, this fact does not give rise to any presumption that the operator is or is not under the influence of alcohol.

(B) The provisions of paragraph (iv)(A) of this section are not intended to limit the introduction of any other competent evidence bearing upon the question of whether the operator, at the time of the alleged violation, was under the influence of alcohol, a drug or multiple drugs or any combination thereof.

(4) Definitions:

(i) Open container: Any bottle, can or other container which

contains an alcoholic beverage, if that container does not have a closed top or lid for which the seal has not been broken. If the container has been opened one or more times, and the lid or top has been replaced, that container is an open container.

(ii) Possession of an open container includes any open container that is physically possessed by the driver or operator or is adjacent to and reachable by that driver or operator. This includes, but is not limited, to containers in a cup holder or rack adjacent to the driver or operator, containers on a vehicle floor next to the driver or operator, and containers on a seat or console area next to a driver or operator.

(e) Drug Paraphernalia:

(1) The possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited.

(2) Definition: Drug paraphernalia means all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance in violation of any state or Federal law, or regulation issued pursuant to law.

(f) Disorderly Conduct:

(1) Disorderly conduct is prohibited.

(2) Definition: Disorderly conduct means that an individual, with the intent of

recklessly causing public alarm, nuisance, jeopardy or violence; or recklessly creating a risk thereof:

(i) Engages in fighting or violent behavior;

(ii) Uses language, an utterance or gesture or engages in a display or act that is physically threatening or menacing or done in a manner that is likely to inflict injury or incite an immediate breach of the peace, or

(iii) Obstructs, resists or attempts to elude a law enforcement officer, or fails to follow their orders or directions.

(g) Eviction of Persons:

(1) The public closure area is closed to any person who:

(i) Has been evicted from the event by the permit holder, whether or not the eviction was requested by the BLM;

(ii) Has been evicted from the event by the BLM; or

(iii) Has been ordered by a law enforcement officer to leave the area of the permitted event.

(2) Any person evicted from the event forfeits all privileges to be present within the perimeter fence or anywhere else within the public closure area even if they possess a ticket to attend the event.

(h) Motor Vehicles:

(1) Must comply with the following requirements:

(i) The operator of a motor vehicle must possess a valid driver's license.

(ii) Motor vehicles and trailers must possess evidence of valid registration, except for mutant vehicles, or other vehicles registered with the permitted event

organizers and operated within the scope of that registration.

(iii) Motor vehicles must possess evidence of valid insurance, except for mutant vehicles or other vehicles registered with the permitted event organizers and operated within the scope of that registration.

(iv) Motor vehicles and trailers must not block a street used for vehicular travel or a pedestrian pathway.

(v) Motor vehicles must not exceed the posted or designated speed limits. Posted or designated speed limits also apply to: motorized skateboards, hover boards, electric assist bicycles and Go-Peds with handlebars.

(vi) No person shall occupy a trailer while the motor vehicle is in transit upon a roadway, except for mutant vehicles, or other vehicles registered with the permitted event organizers and operated within the scope of that registration.

(vii) During night hours, from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise, motor vehicles, other than a motorcycle or golf cart must be equipped with at least two working headlamps and at least two functioning tail lamps, except for mutant vehicles or other vehicles registered with the permitted event organizers and operated within the scope of that registration, so long as they are adequately lit according to Black Rock City LLC Department of Mutant Vehicle requirements.

(viii) Motor vehicles, including motorcycles or golf carts, must display a red, amber or yellow light brake light visible to the rear in normal sunlight upon application of the brake, except for mutant vehicles, or other vehicles

registered with the permitted event organizers and operated within the scope of that registration, so long as they are adequately lit according to Black Rock City LLC Department of Mutant Vehicle requirements.

(ix) Motorcycles or golf carts require only one working headlamp and one working tail light during night hours, from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise, motor vehicles — unless registered with the permitted event organizers and operated within the scope of that registration, so long as they are adequately lit according to Black Rock City LLC Department of Mutant Vehicle requirements.

(x) Trailers pulled by motor vehicles must be equipped with at least two functioning tail lamps and at least two functioning brake lights.

(2) The public closure area is closed to motor vehicle use, except as provided below. Motor vehicles may be operated within the public closure area under the circumstances listed below:

(i) Participant arrival and departure on designated routes;

(ii) BLM, medical, law enforcement and firefighting vehicles are authorized at all times;

(iii) Vehicles, mutant vehicles or art cars operated by the permit holder's staff or contractors and service providers on behalf of the permit holder are authorized at all times. These vehicles must display evidence of event registration in such manner that it is visible to the rear of the vehicle while the vehicle is in motion;

(iv) Vehicles used by disabled drivers and displaying official state

disabled driver license plates or placards; or mutant vehicles and art cars, or other vehicles registered with the permit holder must display evidence of registration at all times in such manner that it is visible to the rear of the vehicle while the vehicle is in motion;

(v) Participant drop-off of approved burnable material and wood to the Burn Garden/Wood Reclamation Stations (located on open playa at 3:00, 6:00, 9:00 Promenades and the Man base) from 10:00 a.m. Sunday through the end of day Tuesday, post event;

(vi) Passage through, without stopping, the public closure area on the west or east playa roads or from the east side of the playa to the west and vice versa to traverse the entirety of the playa surface.

(vii) Support vehicles for art vehicles, mutant vehicles and theme camps will be allowed to drive to and from fueling stations.

(3) Definitions:

(i) A motor vehicle is any device designed for and capable of travel over land and which is self-propelled by a motor, but does not include any vehicle operated on rails or any motorized wheelchair.

(ii) Motorized wheelchair means a self-propelled wheeled device, designed solely for and used by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion.

(iii) “Trailer” means every vehicle without motive power designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its own structure and to be drawn by a motor vehicle, this includes camp trailers, pop-up

trailers, 4’x7’ or larger flatbed trailers, enclosed cargo trailers, or RV style trailers.

(i) Public Camping:

The public closure area is closed to public camping with the following exception: The permitted event’s ticket holders who are camped in designated event areas provided by the permit holder and ticket holders who are camped in the authorized pilot camp and the permit holder’s authorized staff, contractors and BLM authorized event management related camps are exempt from this closure.

(j) Public Use:

The public closure area is closed to use by members of the public unless that person:

(i) Is traveling through, without stopping, the public closure area on the west or east playa roads; possesses a valid ticket to attend the event;

(ii) Is an employee or authorized volunteer with the BLM, a law enforcement officer, emergency medical service provider, fire protection provider, or another public agency employee working at the event and that individual is assigned to the event;

(iii) Is a person working at or attending the event on behalf of the permit holder; or is authorized by the permit holder to be onsite prior to the commencement of the event for the primary purpose of constructing, creating, designing or installing art, displays, buildings, facilities or other items and structures in

connection with the event;

(iv) Is an employee of a commercial operation contracted to provide services to the event organizers and/or participants authorized by the permit holder through a contract or agreement and authorized by BLM through a Special Recreation Permit.

(k) Lasers:

(1) The possession and or use of handheld lasers is prohibited.

(2) Definition:

(i) A laser means any hand held laser beam device or demonstration laser product that emits a single point of light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation that is visible to the human eye.

(l) Weapons:

(1) The possession of any weapon is prohibited except weapons within motor vehicles passing, without stopping, through the public closure area on the designated west or east playa roads or from the east side of the playa to the west and vice versa to traverse the entirety of the playa surface.

(2) The discharge of any weapon is prohibited.

(3) The prohibitions above shall not apply to county, state, tribal and Federal law enforcement personnel who are working in their official capacity at the event. "Art projects" that include weapons and are sanctioned by the permit holder will be permitted after obtaining authorization from the BLM authorized officer.

(4) Definitions:

(i) Weapon means a firearm, compressed gas or spring powered pistol or rifle, bow and arrow, cross bow, blowgun, spear gun, hand-thrown spear, sling shot, irritant gas device, electric stunning or immobilization device, explosive device, any implement designed to expel a projectile, switch-blade knife, any blade which is greater than 10 inches in length from the tip of the blade to the edge of the hilt or finger guard nearest the blade (e.g., swords, dirks, daggers, machetes) or any other weapon the possession of which is prohibited by state law. Exception: This rule does not apply in a kitchen or cooking environment or where an event worker is wearing or utilizing a construction knife for their duties at the event.

(ii) Firearm means any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or other device which is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the ignition of a propellant.

(iii) Discharge means the expelling of a projectile from a weapon.

(m) Enforcement: Any person who violates this temporary closure or any of these temporary restrictions may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1-7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of Nevada law.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1

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Cara and Amanda,
Please see the attached PPT and reference for the Burning Man ROD. If you can get these to the team, it will help the discussion. If you have any questions please let me know, TR

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Black Rock City LLC's Burning Man Special Recreation Permit Renewal

Record of Decision

State of Nevada
Bureau of Land Management
Winnemucca District
Black Rock Field Office

Selected Alternative

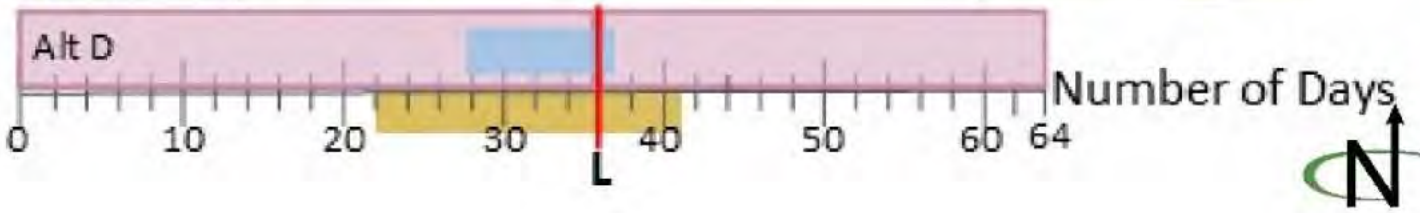
Alternative D - No Change Alternative (same as 2018 event)

Closure Areas

Phase 1:
9,560 acres

Phase 2:
4,760 acres

Total Acres:
14,320 acres



Alternative D

- Issue an SRP for the Event for 2019 – 80,000
  - Two-phase closure order
  - Vehicle passes
  - Included BLM additional components
- Required mitigations and monitoring from Appendix E of the Final EIS
- Additional SRP Stipulations on Annual Basis
- Adaptive Management

Mitigation, Monitoring & Adaptive Management

The BLM wishes to implement all mitigations in 2019 except the following:

2020	PHS-1, PHS-6, WHS-7, VIS-2, ECON-1, WILD-1/WSA-1, REC-1, REC-2, TRAN-1, CULT-1, CULT-2, CULT-3, CULT-4, CULT-5

In 2019, the BLM and BRC will first monitor the below items and determine the effectiveness of the initial mitigation approach.

Adaptive Management	PHS-3, PHS-4, WHS-1, AQ-1, SOIL-3, VIS-1

The BLM has a goal of implementing all mitigation and monitoring measures by 2022.

Rationale

- Agencies would be strained to support growth
- 50% of BLM LE would be needed to support growth
- Public comments supported a smaller population size
- Emergency services can sustain an Event this size
- EPA noted concerns regarding Air Quality
  - BLM Staff
  - Burning Man Population
  - Burning Man Staff
- SHPO MOA
- Allows BRC to be proactive in minimizing effects
- Event has occurred for the past 20 years
- Adverse economic impacts at a smaller population
- Concerns from cooperating agencies regarding trash and transportation
- Infrastructure strain on surrounding communities with growth

Concerns

BRC

- Population limited
- Implementation of monitoring/mitigation in 2019
- Security

Public

- Security
- Future actions that may be required (i.e. dumpsters)

Questions?

Appendix E

Mitigation and Monitoring

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Appendix E. Mitigation and Monitoring

E.1 Mitigation Measures

All federal actions undertaken as a result of Alternatives A–D are subject to approval by the BLM prior to implementation. Mitigation measures attached to the approved SRP, in conjunction with SRP stipulations and any environmental protection measures agreed to by the proponent, would ensure the protection of environmental resources and public health and safety. Implementation of ~~recommended~~ proposed mitigation measures would prevent the unnecessary and undue degradation of public lands and reduce the impacts on public health and safety and the environment to acceptable levels.

Because of the complex nature of the Burning Man Event, the BLM would employ an adaptive management approach to some mitigation measures. As the first step in this process, the BLM would work with BRC to develop an initial mitigation approach. Subsequent monitoring, as described in **Table E-2**, below, would provide the BLM with the necessary information to determine the effectiveness of the initial mitigation approach. If monitoring results demonstrate that the initial mitigation approach effectively prevents the unnecessary and undue degradation of public lands and protects public health and safety, then no additional mitigation would be required. If monitoring results demonstrate that the initial mitigation approach does not reduce effects to acceptable levels, then the BLM would apply the proposed mitigation measures listed in **Table E-1**, below.

In **Table E-1**, adaptive management would only apply to mitigation measures shown with an asterisk (*); all other mitigation measures would be required as stated. As discussed in **Chapters 2** and **3** and outlined in **Appendix B**, SRP stipulations are applied to the SRP each year and would be applied for each annual Event as appropriate ~~for each ensuing~~ over the course of the 10-year authorization. Mitigation measures that the BLM adopts would be implemented as stipulations in the SRP. Stipulations could be added or removed for each annual Event in response to new monitoring data.

The BLM developed the proposed mitigation measures in **Table E-1** for this EIS based on public comments and the BLM's internal review of the Proposed Action and alternatives analysis in this EIS. **Table E-1** lists proposed mitigation measures by resource area for the Burning Man SRP EIS. Implementation of the proposed mitigation measures would be at the discretion of the BLM Authorized Officer and may not apply to all Event alternatives. The BLM audit team would be present during the Event to ensure all applicable SRP stipulations are being implemented. Also, see **Chapter 3**, which further analyzes proposed mitigation measures relative to the potential impacts of the proposed alternatives for each resource and use.

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e E-1
Proposed Mitigation Measures

Resource Area	Mitigation Measure Number	Mitigation Measure
~~Migratory Birds, Wildlife, Special Status Species, and Threatened and Endangered Species~~	~~SPEC-1~~	~~See Air Quality, below, for proposed particulate matter reduction measures.~~
	~~SPEC-2~~	~~Require BRC to reduce the amount of light pollution by banning the use of high energy lasers and search lights being pointed straight up, and requiring shields on sources of light at night where feasible.~~
	~~SPEC-3~~	~~BRC must educate and discourage participants from disturbing, harassing, feeding, or watering wildlife.~~
	~~SPEC-4~~	~~BRC must educate and encourage participants to report wildlife if found at the Event.~~
	~~SPEC-5~~	~~BRC will notify the BLM Authorized Officer and nearest USFWS Law Enforcement office (916-414-6660) within 24 hours, if the operator discovers a dead or injured raptor species in the Closure Area. If BRC is unable to contact the USFWS Law Enforcement office, BRC must contact the nearest USFWS Ecological Services office (775-861-6300) and/or NDOW office (775-688-1506 Reno Office or 775-623-6565 Winnemucca Office). A copy of the notification must be sent to the BLM.~~
	~~SPEC-6~~	~~Review and ensure conformance with the required design features listed in the Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Approved RMP Amendment (September 2015 or latest amendment).~~
Vegetation	VEG-1	BRC will provide noxious weed and fire education safety information to participants. *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-5*
Wetlands and Riparian Areas	WET-1	BRC must follow ~~ascertain with the~~ USACE requirements, including the acquisition of a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit~~, Nationwide Permit 33, and/or Nationwide Permit 18 is needed~~. The proponent must obtain ~~those~~ any applicable USACE permits and provide copies to the BLM at least 30 calendar days before the start of the Closure Order. *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-5*
Cultural Resources (Including NHTs)	CULT-1	BRC must educate participants of the Nobles Trail, such as through the production and dissemination of pamphlets at the Event that show trail maps on the front and trail facts on the reverse ~~to be distributed at the Event~~. *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-5*
	CULT-2	BRC will coordinate with the BLM to ensure that the staging area is at least 200 feet from the playa edge buffer zone. This must be done 30 days before the Closure Order goes into effect. This is intended to protect potential undiscovered cultural and paleontological resources that may be found in this area. *Corresponding monitoring measure: CULT-1*
	CULT-3	Through the website, social media, and other means approved by the BLM, BRC will inform staff volunteers, vendors and contractors, and Event participants that collection, excavation, or vandalism of historical/archeological artifacts or sites is illegal. *Corresponding monitoring measure: CULT-1*

Resource Area	Mitigation Measure Number	Mitigation Measure
	CULT-4	Should BRC discover an archeological resource, it must stop all activities in the discovery vicinity, notify the BLM Authorized Officer, and protect the site until Event completion or until notified otherwise by the BLM Authorized Officer. *Corresponding monitoring measure: CULT-1*
	CULT-5	In response to concerns from Native American tribes and tribal members, commercial or individual disposal of human remains at the Event is forbidden.
Native American Religious Concerns	NAT-1	Through consultation with the PLPT, BRC will educate participants via its website, social media, and other means approved by the BLM, on issues of concern to the PLPT.
	~~NAT-2~~	~~To reduce litter and trash in the PLPT Reservation and along SR 447, the proponent must place a sufficient number of dumpsters in the city and along Gate Road before its intersection with Highway 34. This is intended to reduce adverse impacts on the PLPT Reservation and SR 447. These dumpsters must be placed by 12:01a.m. on the Friday before Labor Day and must be kept in place until Exodus is completed. To prevent overflow, BRC will be required to maintain the dumpsters during the time they are in place.~~
Paleontology	PAL-1	See Cultural Resources, above. *Corresponding monitoring measure: CULT-1*
Public Health and Safety	PHS-1	At all portals of entry into the Event, beginning approximately 14 days before Labor Day, BRC will ~~be required to contract a BLM-approved, independent,~~ contract third-party, private security to screen vehicles and participants, vendors and contractors, and staff and volunteers entering the Event. Third-party, private security will report ~~Closure Order violations, to include weapons and illegal drugs,~~ banned or illegal contraband or significant concerns directly to law enforcement as violations are observed so that law enforcement can respond. ~~Third-party, private security will provide an Event summary report to the BLM within 30 days of the end of the Event.~~ *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-1*
	PHS-2	The BLM will contract a sexual assault response team beginning 7 days prior to Labor Day through the Tuesday following Labor Day to better facilitate investigations and prosecutions of sexual assaults on public lands. BRC will compensate the government for this expense through cost recovery. *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-6*
	PHS-3*	BRC will be required to implement physical perimeter barriers and controls ~~(e.g., Jersey barriers and K-rail fence)~~ to reduce the risk of unauthorized entry to the Event. ~~This will be done concurrent with city and perimeter fence construction.~~ *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-2*
	PHS-4*	BRC will facilitate all structures over 10 feet tall that are designed for lodging space unless expressly manufactured for this purpose (e.g., motorhomes, RVs, and tents) to be inspected by qualified BRC staff prior to occupancy, and provide a report to the BLM. Nevada-certified building inspectors may be used if monitoring determines BRC operational protections are insufficient.~~to be inspected by qualified and Nevada-certified building inspectors prior to occupancy~~. *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-3*

Resource Area	Measure Number	Mitigation Measure
	PHS-5*	During the Closure Order, BRC will minimize disruptions of services to the PLPT and local communities for art installation arrivals and departures. Theme camp materials and art exhibits must receive prior authorization from the BLM to traverse BLM-administered public lands outside the closure area. *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-4*
	PHS-6	Beginning 21 days before Labor Day until 7 days after Labor Day ~~During pre- and post-Event time frames within the Closure Order,~~ BRC will ~~contract~~ provide a licensed ambulance service for emergency services. *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-4*
	PHS-7	BRC, through the Black Rock Rangers or other appropriate group, must maintain speed limits on all motorized vehicles inside the city, except for law enforcement and emergency vehicles that are responding to an emergency. *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-7*
	PHS-8	Due to concerns of the NDOT and other cooperators, BRC will improve its communication with the relevant state and county agencies as needed.
	PHS-9	To address the written concerns and comments from the NDOT and other cooperating agencies, as part of its annual Plan of Operations, BRC will include its highway traffic monitoring locations and develop a trash collection plan for the roadways. This information, plus the Evacuation Plan and Emergency Response Plan, will be shared with the NDOT and other interested cooperators before the Event. *Corresponding monitoring measures: NAT-1, WHS-1, WHS-2, WHS-3, WHS-5, WHS-6, and TRAN-1*
Waste, Hazardous or Solid	WHS-1*	To reduce litter and trash in the PLPT Reservation, along SR 447, and other routes accessing the playa, the proponent as part of its annual Plan of Operations must develop a trash collection plan for the major egress routes from the Event. The plan should explicitly list proponent commitments on when and how often the trash will be collected, and if a team of volunteers or staff will inspect loads upon exit. The trash plan will detail any arrangements with disposal facilities and sites. If monitoring by the BLM, PLPT, or NDOT indicates that the trash situation on Exodus is not ameliorated, then the proponent must develop an alternative plan that is acceptable to BLM. If that amelioration plan is not adequate, then the BLM may require the BRC place a sufficient number of manned dumpsters in the City and along Gate Road before its intersection with CR 34 in the following year. The dumpsters would need to be placed by 12:01 a.m. on the Friday before Labor Day and be kept in place until Exodus is completed. To prevent overflow, BRC would staff the dumpsters and maintain them the entire time they are in place. These steps are intended to reduce adverse impacts in the PLPT Reservation, along SR 447, and in nearby urban areas in surrounding counties. *Corresponding monitoring measures: NAT-1, PHS-5, WHS-1, WHS-2, WHS-3, WHS-5, and WHS-6*
	WHS-2	BRC will be required to continue its public outreach efforts involving leaking vehicles via its website and other means approved by the BLM. *Corresponding monitoring measures: PHS-5 and WHS-4*

Resource Area	Mitigation Measure Number	Mitigation Measure
	WHS-3	BRC will encourage vehicle operators to inspect and repair their vehicles before arriving at the Event. *Corresponding monitoring measures: PHS-5 and WHS-4*
	WHS-4	BRC will require all participants and staff on the playa to clean up and dispose of all fluids and materials by the appropriate means. The BLM will monitor disposals. *Corresponding monitoring measures: PHS-5, WAT-1, and WHS-4*
	WHS-5	BRC will educate participants on safe hauling methods, such as how to properly tie down materials and safe trailer hauling. *Corresponding monitoring measures: NAT-1, PHS-5, and WHS-6*
	WHS-6	The proponent will educate participants, vendors and contractors, and staff and volunteers on all wastewater (e.g., grey and black) management from motor homes, campers, and service trucks. *Corresponding monitoring measures: PHS-5, WAT-1, and WHS-5*
	WHS-7	BRC will increase its environmental compliance teams commensurate with the population size; teams will begin operating during build week and continue through Exodus. *Corresponding monitoring measure: PHS-5*
	WHS-8	To prevent unnecessary and undue degradation and to address instances of noncompliance during past events, for BRC's fuel storage facilities, BRC will create a spill prevention control and containment plan in accordance with 40 CFR 112, or if determined impracticable, a written plan in accordance with 40 CFR 109 that includes a written commitment of manpower, and equipment and materials required to expeditiously control and remove any quantity of oil discharged that may be harmful or considered as a hazardous waste. *Corresponding monitoring measures: PHS-5 and WHS-6*
Air Quality	~~AQ-1~~	~~BRC must develop solutions to reduce dust events that are twice the NAAQS for $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10}.~~
	~~AQ-2~~	~~BRC, through the Black Rock Rangers or other appropriate group, must maintain speed limits on all motorized vehicles inside the city, except for law enforcement and emergency vehicles.~~
	AQ-1*	To reduce Event participant, employee, and contractor exposure to dust generated from vehicle traffic on Gate Road, BRC should consider rerouting Gate Road to an area north of Black Rock City. ~~Given general wind directions, this has the potential to reduce the amount of $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} reaching the city.~~ *Corresponding monitoring measure: AQ-1*
	AQ-2	To reduce Event participant exposure to dust events, BRC must provide written notice to participants, staff and volunteers, and vendors and contractors of air quality health risks prior to the Event and upon arrival. *Corresponding monitoring measure: AQ-1*
	AQ-3	To reduce employee and contractor exposure to dust events, the BLM will provide employees and contractors N95 respirators or other equipment to protect against air quality health risks; costs will be recouped through costs recovery. *Corresponding monitoring measure: AQ-1*
~~Noise~~	~~NOISE-1~~	~~No recommended mitigation measures~~

Resource Area	Mitigation Measure Number	Mitigation Measure
Soils	SOIL-1	BRC must clean the playa such that less than 10 percent of all post-Event inspection points ~~have less~~ contain more than 1 square foot per acre of debris/litter. *Corresponding monitoring measures: PHS-5, WHS-1, WHS-2, WHS-3, and WHS-5*
	SOIL-2	BRC must require burn barrels for campfires, which would be elevated at least ~~10~~ 6 inches to prevent burn scarring. *Corresponding monitoring measure: SOIL-1*
	SOIL-3*	BRC will restore the playa contours by the end of the Closure Order. *Corresponding monitoring measures: SOIL-2 and SOIL-3*
Visual Resources	~~VIS-1~~	~~See dumpster requirement under Native American Religious Concerns, above.~~
	VIS-1*	~~See lighting mitigations under Wildlife, above.~~ The monitoring measures of the Artificial Light at Night Assessment (Craine and Craine 2017) will be implemented. Data from the 2015 through 2020 event will be analyzed to see if the radiance level of 21,000 Wsr^{-1} in a single night and an average of 0.27 Wsr^{-1} per person at peak population is exceeded. If it is exceeded, the BLM in consultation with subject matter experts will set an appropriate threshold. If not exceeded, the threshold level will be set at 21,000 Wsr^{-1} in a single night and an average of 0.27 Wsr^{-1} per person at peak population. Annual monitoring will continue after 2020, and if the threshold is exceeded, the proponent in the following year, will develop a lighting plan with measures to reduce the amount of artificial light at night. *Corresponding monitoring measures: VIS-1 and VIS-3*
	VIS-2	BRC and the BLM must implement shielding interventions on mast-mounted work lights. *Corresponding monitoring measure: VIS-2*
~~Water Resources~~	~~WTR-1~~	~~No recommended mitigation measures~~
Economics	ECON-1	~~BRC will negotiate with~~ In coordination with Washoe County, BRC will ~~to~~ provide cost recovery for the maintenance of CR 34, and with NDOT for SR 447 associated with Event traffic.
	~~ECON-2~~	~~Refer to mitigation measures reported in other resource and resource use sections.~~
~~Environmental Justice~~	~~EJ-1~~	~~Refer to mitigation measures reported in other resource and resource use sections.~~
~~Social Values~~	~~SV-1~~	~~Refer to mitigation measures reported in other resource and resource use sections.~~
National Conservation Areas	NCA-1	BRC must post a reclamation bond sufficient to remove large art installations and theme camp materials left behind after Exodus. This bond is intended to remove the risk of unnecessary or undue degradation to the NCA and defray the costs to taxpayers. *Corresponding monitoring measures: NCA-1, PHS-4, Rec-2, Rec-3, and Rec-5*
	NCA-2	To ensure easy transit across the playa during the Event, the BLM will provide ~~permittees with~~ car passes to permittees not associated with the Event ~~for easy transit across the playa~~. *Corresponding monitoring measure: TRAN-1*

Resource Area	Mitigation Measure Number	Mitigation Measure
Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	WILD-1/WSA-1	BRC will inform all pilots of flight restrictions associated with wilderness and wilderness study areas.
~~Wilderness Study Areas~~	~~WSA-1~~	~~See Wilderness requirements, above.~~
Recreation	REC-1	Vendor and film permit applications associated with the Event must be submitted 194 calendar days before Labor Day. The costs of BLM employee labor will be recouped via cost recovery from BRC. *Corresponding monitoring measures: PHS-5 and REC-4*
	REC-2	The proponent will submit to the BLM and Pershing County its Final Operating Plan for each year's Event at least 45 calendar days before the first Closure Order begins for that year's Event. *Corresponding monitoring measures: PHS-5*
Transportation and Traffic	TRAN-1	BRC will issue no more than 35,000 vehicle passes. This number includes all participants, BRC staff and volunteers, and BRC contractors. The intent of this measure is to minimize traffic impacts on the surrounding roads and communities. *Corresponding monitoring measure: TRAN-1*
	TRAN-2	BRC will contract with a third-party ticketing agency to report directly to the BLM the number of vehicles entering the Closure Area under a vehicle pass. *Corresponding monitoring measure: TRAN-1*
	TRAN-3	The BRC, in coordination with NDOT Aviation and consistent with the National Fire Protection Association's standards for aircraft rescue and fire-fighting services at airports, shall provide airport rescue and firefighting capability and training for airport personal and volunteers at the BRCMA. The training shall ensure the readiness of airport rescue and firefighting equipment and personnel during commercial operations. This includes the placement of fire extinguishing equipment on the aircraft starting, loading, and egress areas. *Corresponding monitoring measure: TRAN-2*
	TRAN-4	The BRC, in coordination with NDOT Aviation, shall provide hard surfaces, such as mats, at all helicopter landing areas.

*Indicates that the BLM will use an adaptive management approach. Based on monitoring results, the mitigation could be adjusted.

E.2 Recommended Monitoring

In conjunction with any approved SRP, BRC and the BLM, as applicable, would commit to the recommended monitoring in **Table E-2**. The purposes of monitoring would be to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures in **Table E-1**, above; provide the necessary data to inform potential adaptive management strategies that would ~~identify and~~ prevent subsequent impacts from the Burning Man Event; and provide new information regarding potential impacts that may warrant future adaptive management and changes to the Burning Man Event SRP stipulations. As part of the adaptive management process, the BLM audit team would report on the effectiveness of BRC's operating plan, including any environmental protection measures, and SRP stipulations; the audit team would suggest changes as needed based on the monitoring results. If BRC monitoring requirements are

not met, increased BLM staffing would be required, and the costs of BLM employee labor would be recouped via cost recovery from BRC.

Table E-2
Recommended Monitoring

Resource Area	Monitoring Measure Number	Recommended Monitoring
~~Migratory Birds, Wildlife, Special Status Species, and Threatened and Endangered Species~~	~~SPEC-1~~	~~BRC will monitor trash fence effectiveness during the Closure Order.~~
	~~SPEC-2~~	~~BRC will monitor the Closure Area for loose debris during the Closure Order.~~
	~~SPEC-3~~	~~The BLM or BLM approved contractor will monitor dust aerosols during the Closure Order. The costs of BLM employee and contractor labor will be recouped via cost recovery from the proponent.~~
	~~SPEC-4~~	~~See Wetlands and Riparian Areas for recommended hot springs monitoring.~~
Wetlands and Riparian Areas	WET-1	The BLM will monitor participant use of hot springs during the Closure Order.
Cultural (Including NHTs)	~~CULT-1~~	~~See Wetlands and Riparian Areas for recommended hot springs monitoring.~~
	CULT-1	If a prehistoric cultural resource is discovered within the Closure Area, the BLM will notify the PLPT Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and comply with The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act as applicable.
Native American Religious Concerns	~~NAT-1~~	~~See Waste, Hazardous or Solid for recommended solid waste monitoring.~~
	NAT-1	The BLM will consult with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe on litter and road damage within the reservation associated with the Event.
	~~NAT-3~~	~~See Wetlands and Riparian Areas for recommended hot springs monitoring.~~
~~Paleontology~~	~~PAL-1~~	~~See Wetlands and Riparian Areas for recommended hot springs monitoring.~~
Public Health and Safety	PHS-1	The BLM will monitor illegal substance activity for the full duration of the Closure Order using contracted resources if necessary. The costs of BLM employee and contracted labor will be recouped via cost recovery from the proponent.
	PHS-2	The BLM will monitor the effectiveness of perimeter barriers and controls ~~(e.g., Jersey Barriers or K-rail fencing)~~ from the time of installation until removed.
	PHS-3	The BLM will monitor the effectiveness of building inspections by documenting incidents of structure collapse or other structure-related incidents resulting in injury.
	PHS-4	The BLM will monitor disruption of services in Gerlach via public complaints, Washoe County government personnel, federal government personnel, and other feedback.
	PHS-5	The BLM will monitor effectiveness of BRC's and the BLM's environmental and vending compliance programs.
	PHS-6	The BLM will monitor, through Pershing County reporting, crimes against people and missing juveniles at the Event site during the Closure Order.
	PHS-7	BLM law enforcement and BRC will monitor speed limits within the Closure Area during the Closure Order.

Resource Area	Monitoring Measure Number	Recommended Monitoring
Waste, Hazardous or Solid	WHS-1	BRC will monitor ~~trash fence effectiveness~~ the Event perimeter for debris during the Closure Order.
	WHS-2	BRC will monitor the Closure Area for ~~loose~~ debris during the Closure Order.
	WHS-3	The BLM will review the effectiveness of the proponent's trash collection plan, and if required, the dumpsters, in reducing litter in and around the Event site, SR 447, and the PLPT Reservation.
	WHS-4	In order to quantify and assess how much oil is deposited on the playa during the Event, the proponent must fund a third party to conduct an oil drip survey during the first year of the permit and midway through the permit. The sampling will be completed during the playa restoration period following the Event, and the results of the survey will be submitted by January 1 of the following year. The oil drip survey will include a scientifically valid methodology for sampling collection, verifiable results, discussion regarding the results, as well as actions to reduce the amount of hydrocarbon waste (i.e., oil) if it is shown to be increasing at the playa. The study design (methodology) will be coordinated with the BLM Hazardous Materials Specialist and approved by the BLM Authorized Officer prior to implementation. The BLM Authorized Officer will approve personnel conducting the study prior to study implementation. The proponent will be responsible for the costs associated with the monitoring program and any potential operational changes that may be necessary (as determined by the BLM) as indicated by the research results.
	WHS-5	BRC will monitor solid waste disposal. The BLM will audit the effectiveness, as necessary.
	WHS-6	Post-Event, the BLM, in cooperation with the NDOT and PLPT, will ~~audit~~ assess the effectiveness of roadside cleanup by BRC along SRs 445, 446, and 447 and CR 34.
Air Quality	AQ-1	The BLM or BLM-approved contractor will monitor dust aerosols during the Closure Order. The costs of BLM employee and contractor labor will be recouped via cost recovery from the proponent.
~~Noise~~	~~NOISE-1~~	~~There is no recommended monitoring for noise at this time.~~
Soils	SOIL-1	BRC will monitor fire pits in the Closure Area during the Closure Order.
	SOIL-2	The BLM will continue to monitor erosion of the playa.
	SOIL-3	The BLM will develop a monitoring plan for brachiopods in and outside the Closure Area. The BLM will fund for monitoring.
Visual Resources	VIS-1	To understand the effectiveness of VIS-1 and VIS-2 mitigations, plus any proponent environmental protection measures, the BLM will implement the monitoring measures of the Artificial Light at Night Assessment (Craine and Craine 2017). The costs of BLM employee and contractor labor will be recouped via cost recovery from the proponent.
	~~VIS-2~~	~~See Air Quality for recommended dust monitoring.~~
	VIS-2	BRC will monitor mast-mounted lights in the Closure Area during the Closure Order.
	VIS-3	The BLM will monitor to ensure high-energy lasers and large lights (e.g., spotlights) are not used during the Event.
Water Resources	WTR-1	~~The BLM and~~ BRC will monitor all wastewater spills in the Closure Area during the Closure Order, and the BLM will audit BRC on the effectiveness of its program.

Resource Area	Monitoring Measure Number	Recommended Monitoring
	~~WTR-2~~	~~See Wastes, Hazardous or Solid for recommended oil drip monitoring.~~
	~~WTR-3~~	~~See Wetlands and Riparian Areas for recommended hot springs monitoring.~~
~~Economics~~	~~ECON-1~~	~~Refer to monitoring measures identified in other resource and resource use sections.~~
~~Environmental Justice~~	~~EJ-1~~	~~Refer to monitoring measures identified in other resource and resource use sections.~~
~~Social Values~~	~~SV-1~~	~~Refer to monitoring measures identified in other resource and resource use sections.~~
National Conservation Areas	NCA-1	The BLM will monitor and assess recreation use studies every 5 years within the National Conservation Area.
	~~NCA-2~~	~~No additional monitoring is recommended outside of the monitoring identified in SRP stipulations.~~
~~Wilderness~~	~~WILD-1~~	~~No monitoring is recommended at this time.~~
~~Wilderness Study Areas~~	~~WSA-1~~	~~No monitoring is recommended at this time.~~
Recreation	REC-1	The BLM will work with BRC to develop an independent, third-party population monitoring system for the Event. The purpose will be to ensure that the total number of attendees visiting the playa during the Closure Order is equal to or less than the maximum permitted population.
	~~REC-2~~	~~See Soils for recommended erosion monitoring.~~
	REC-2	The BLM will monitor and assess visitor use numbers, patterns, and activities, and determine if desired experiences are being achieved.
	REC-3	Through post-Event inspections, the BLM will assess the magnitude, distribution, and subsequent impacts on recreation of all debris generated by the Event.
	~~REC-5~~	~~See Visual Resources recommended mitigation for light at night.~~
	REC-4	The BLM will monitor vendor SRPs associated with the Event for the processing time and authorization schedule.
	REC-5	The BLM will monitor and assess recreation use studies every 5 years within the National Conservation Area.
Transportation and Traffic	TRAN-1	The BLM will install traffic counters at 12-Mile and Gate Road 14 days before Labor Day, and they will remain in operation until 7 days after Labor Day. The costs of the equipment and BLM employee labor will be recouped via cost recovery from the proponent.
	TRAN-2	The BLM, in coordination with NDOT Aviation, will monitor pilot training, qualification, and operational permission in advance of operating at 88NV to ensure the airport is a safe environment for users.

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From: Kaster, Amanda
To: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: Fwd: Burning Man ROD, Nevada
Date: Monday, July 8, 2019 3:57:29 PM

FYSA - we're going to have to schedule a phone briefing for you on this this week, as they want to have it signed Monday. Let's talk later about timing.

On Wed, Jul 3, 2019 at 1:21 PM Shannon, Timothy <tshannon@blm.gov> wrote:

> Please see the attached clearance notice for the Burning Man Record of Decision. The target is have Joe Balish sign the ROD on July 15th. I have provided a link to the documents which include the FEIS and appendices as they are referenced in the ROD. If a briefing is needed, let us know and we can accomplish that the week of the 8th. BLM has a DTS record (18531) for the ROD routing to ASLM. If you have questions or concerns please let me know.
> Thanks you for your assistance, TR
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From:	Kaster, Amanda
To:	Balash, Joseph R
Subject:	Fwd: Burning Man ROD, Nevada
Date:	Monday, July 8, 2019 8:35:27 PM
Attachments:	Attachment 7 - ROD and NOA Clearance Notice - EIS Review Team Briefing Paper_Final.docx

Casey would like a quick briefing on the ROD this week - is that of interest to you as well?

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From: **NEPA Scheduling, ASLM** <aslm_nepa_scheduling@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 8, 2019 at 1:32 PM
Subject: Fwd: Burning Man ROD, Nevada
To: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>, James Voyles <james_voyles@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Jill Moran <jcmoran@blm.gov>, Adrienne DiCerbo <adicerbo@blm.gov>, Hilary Zarin <hzarin@blm.gov>

Amanda and James,

Further to our discussion about the Burning Man ROD in this morning's meeting, please see below. Can you help me in regard to what I need to do with this in our NEPA process? If I am not mistaken, this is the first time a matter at this step has come through since the administrative duties have been moved down to the Assistant Secretaries.

Thanks for your guidance!
Cara Lee

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From: **Shannon, Timothy** <tshannon@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Jul 3, 2019 at 1:21 PM
Subject: Burning Man ROD, Nevada
To: Depsec, NEPA <NEPA.depsec@ios.doi.gov>, ASLM NEPA Scheduling <aslm_nepa_scheduling@ios.doi.gov>, Cara Lee Macdonald <cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov>, Tracie Lassiter <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov>, Amanda Long <adlong@blm.gov>
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From: Kaster, Amanda
To: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: Fwd: DS K. MacGregor question for BLM to provide OES
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 12:16:23 PM

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From: **Mullen, Steven** <steven_mullen@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Wed, Jun 26, 2019 at 12:11 PM
Subject: DS K. MacGregor question for BLM to provide OES
To: Ian Senio <isenio@blm.gov>, Preston Heard <preston_heard@ios.doi.gov>, Richard Cardinale <richard_cardinale@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Bivan Patnaik <bivan_patnaik@ios.doi.gov>, Justin Abernathy <justin_abernathy@ios.doi.gov>, Sean Gallagher <sean_gallagher@ios.doi.gov>, Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>

Subject: **Instructions from Acting Deputy Secretary (DS) K. MacGregor**

Ian, Rich, and Preston –

In today's 10:30am meeting, OES was tasked by the DS to reach-out to BLM for a timely response to the following question: *Why is BLM not providing the requisite five day review period for these* packages?

The DS indicated the response should be timely. [Preston will follow this email with more guidance on timing].

For context, included below are the packages the DS is referencing.

Items 1 through 3 are the packages with the shortest turnaround. These are the packages that are likely influencing the perspective of the DS the most.

	Status	Package Description
1	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/26/2019 Alerted DS this package requires action by Wednesday 06/26 to meet BLM timeline **Pending Approval**	Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the 2019 Burning Man Permitted Event, Pershing County, NV | **DTS# LM00001692, BLMR002658, REG0009695**
2	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/24/2019 **Approved 06/25/2019**	FINAL RULE: RIN 1004-AE64: Required Fees for Mining Claims or Sites | **DTS# LM00001690, BLMR002637, REG0009690**

3	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/25/2019 DS assigned 06/25, surnamed 06/25 **Approved 06/26/2019**	Bering Glacier PLO d1 Withdrawal Partial Revocation | **DTS# LM00001691, BLML000215, REG0009692**

Items 4 through 6 were also recently delivered by OES– these are also influencing the perspective of the DS. Item 4 was moved to the DS once BLM updates were received. Items 5 and 6 were not worked immediately by OES – these were set-aside as OES addressed more pressing deliverables (which include items 7 and 8 below).

	Status	**Package Description**
4	OES received initial package on 06/04; returned to BLM for clerical corrections. BLM provided updated package on 06/20. Package delivered to DS on 06/21/2019. Sticky note added, labeling the package as a "medium to high" priority. Package status elevated – pulled from pile and handed to DS. Alerted DS this package requires action by Thursday 06/27 to meet publish deadline. **Pending Approval**	Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Competitive Sale in White Pine County, Nevada | **DTS# BLMR002584 LM00001629, BLMR002585, REG0009621**
5	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/05/2019 DS assigned 06/24, surnamed 06/25 **Approved 06/25/2019**	Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Land in Washoe County, Nevada (Reno Air Races) | **DTS# LM00001631, BLMR002634, REG0009617**
6	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/06/2019 DS assigned 06/24, surnamed 06/25	Notice of Realty Action: Modified Competitive Sale of 61 Parcels of Public Land in Clark County, NV; and Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Classification | **DTS# LM00001642, BLMR002616,**

	Approved 06/25/2019	**REG0009613**

Also included for context are recent, additional examples of BLM providing the requisite five day period.

	Status	Package Description
7	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/05/2019 DS assigned 06/11, surnamed 06/14 **Approved 06/21/2019**	Notice of Availability of the Draft EA and Notice of Public Hearing for the GCC Energy, LLC, Coal Lease-by-Application COC 78825, La Plata County, CO | **DTS# LM00001635, BLMR002644, REG0009620**
8	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/05/2019 DS assigned 06/13, surnamed 06/14 **Approved 06/21/2019**	Notice of Availability of the EA and Notice of Public Hearing for the New Elk Coal Company, LLC, Coal Lease-by-Application COC 71978, Las Animas County, CO | **DTS# LM00001636, BLMR002613, BLM0017405, REG0009619**

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From: Rigler, Tara
To: Kaster, Amanda E; Hammond, Casey B
Cc: Beverly Winston
Subject: Fwd: Notices that published in today"s Federal Register
Date: Friday, June 14, 2019 8:02:25 AM

FYSA -- happy Friday!

Here are links to two notices that published in today's *Federal Register*:

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Black Rock City LLC's Burning Man Special Recreation Permit Renewal in Pershing County, Nevada
https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-06-14/pdf/2019-12629.pdf

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Rossi Mine Expansion Project, Elko County, NV
https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-06-14/pdf/2019-12628.pdf

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From: Swift, Heather
To: Kaster, Amanda E; Hammond, Casey B
Subject: fyi
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 4:42:15 PM

Burning Man, the annual community and art festival in the Nevada desert, will have some help from D.C. lobbyists on permitting approval.

The Burning Man Project, the non-profit organization behind the festival, hired the law and lobbying firm Holland & Knight on May 9, according to disclosures.

Rich Gold, the leader of the firm's public policy and regulation group, will be on the account as well as Scott Mason, who worked on Trump's campaign and in his administration transition.

Paul Bock, former counsel for Senate Judiciary Committee, Kathryn Lehman, former chief of staff of the House Republican Conference, and Dimitri Karakitsos, former senior counsel on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, will also be on the account.

Burning Man has to get approval with the Bureau of Land Management to hold the festival in Nevada's Black Rock Desert, which is outside of Reno. This year, the festival will be held from August 25 to Sept. 2.

It was first held in San Francisco in 1986 and has since gained traction as a festival focused on inclusion, self-reliance and self-expression. Participants traditionally burn a large wooden structure during the festival.

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NOTE: Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.

From: Hammond, Casey
To: Shannon, Timothy R
Subject: Out of Office through 7/12 Re: Burning Man ROD, Nevada
Date: Monday, July 8, 2019 7:36:46 PM

I am out of the office through Friday, July 12. I will have occasional access to email during this time. If you need immediate assistance please contact Cara Lee Macdonald at 202-208-2654.

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Casey Hammond
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

From:	djhenry@blm.gov on behalf of "Press, BLM" via Interior Press
To:	Bush, Christopher I
Cc:	Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) R; Block, Molly E; Krauss, Jeff; Beverly S Winston; Witt, Ryan C; Tollefson, Christopher J; Kaster, Amanda E; Hammond, Casey B; Interior Press
Subject:	Re: [EXTERNAL] Quick question
Date:	Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:12:25 PM

Thanks, Chris! Appreciate the help on this.

Derrick.

On Thu, Aug 29, 2019 at 11:48 AM Bush, Christopher <cbush@blm.gov> wrote:

> Ladies & Gentlemen,
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> We just wrapped up our conversation with the WSJ EB member:
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> ***Wall Street Journal Editorial Board, Jillian Melchior – Burning Man Planning & Coordination –*** the outlet followed up with NVSO after a previous interview with Burning Man PA lead on the ground last week. Melchior asked for clarification on post-event trash collection procedures, future mitigation for security and clean-up related issues. Melchior also inquired about the timelines for planning future events. NVSO comms team emphasized our strategy of close collaboration, cooperation and coordination with event organizers and the desire to expedite processes in a deliberate manner without being overly burdensome to organizers.
>
> Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.
>
> Very Respectfully,
> Chris
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> On Thu, Aug 29, 2019 at 9:05 AM Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) <revenson@blm.gov> wrote:
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> > We have a call set up with her in about an hour.
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On Thu, Aug 29, 2019 at 7:47 AM Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) <revenson@blm.gov> wrote:

Thanks Derrick, we will make sure to get back to Ms. Melchior this morning. Thanks.

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On Thu, Aug 29, 2019 at 7:23 AM Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:

Chris/Rudy: Would your offices please reach out the Wall Street Journal on a couple of questions they had about Burning Man? They want clarification on land status, as well as where to find certain information in the EIS/ROD. Please let us know if you need any assistance, and please send any questions our way if they are about DOI-level items or national policy.

Thanks,

Derrick.

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From: **Molly Block** <molly_block@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 28, 2019 at 4:12 PM
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Quick question
To: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>
Cc: Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>, Ryan Witt <rwitt@blm.gov>, Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>, <casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov>, <andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov>

That works for me.

The writer gave me a call and said that she's hearing from BLM folks about flexibility and whatnot but the organizers are scared about complying with the permit bc of nuclear mitigation measure responsibilities.

Does that make sense?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 28, 2019, at 5:52 PM, Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov> wrote:

I was going to recommend working with NV, as they will know best.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 28, 2019, at 5:49 PM, Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:

> Molly/Jeff/Bev: Nevada has been the lead on this. Shall we have them handle?
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> Derrick
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> On Wed, Aug 28, 2019 at 3:28 PM Molly Block <molly_block@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > Can BLM help with some of the below?
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
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> > Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Melchior, Jillian" <jillian.melchior@wsj.com>
> > **Date:** August 28, 2019 at 5:25:13 PM EDT
> > **To:** "Block, Molly" <molly_block@ios.doi.gov>
> > **Subject: [EXTERNAL] Quick question**
> >
> > Hi, Molly,
> >
> > Hope all is well. I'm just headed back from Steamboat, and before heading back to New York City, I made a quick reporting detour to Burning Man to report. (They were not kidding about how dusty it is-- laundry this weekend is gonna be a bear.)
> >
> > I've been in touch with the BLM folks closely involved in this, but two initial questions-- one fairly simple and one more complex. I'm on deadline, so an answer by late morning tomorrow would be enormously appreciated.
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> > I know Black Rock Desert is a National Conservation Area. Am I right in understanding this is an even more protected status than normal federal lands? Can you give me a few details?
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> > Also, I know Sec. Bernhardt has been a huge proponent of NEPA reform with a special focus on promoting regulatory certainty, so I

wanted to get his (or Interior's) response on the EIS for Burning Man. It's really lengthy and detailed, and large portions are subject to adaptive management. The Burning Man folks I interviewed feel like they lack any regulatory certainty, and they're concerned adaptive managers will spring some new requirement on them soon that will unexpectedly add millions of dollars in cost and perhaps be prohibitive.

I've read through the EIS and Record of Decision and Special Recreation Permit, and even after talking to the BLM folks and Burning Man compliance folks, I am having a tough time figuring out what constitutes a mandate, what may be subject to further requirements under adaptive management, and what is just consideration of potential environmental impact that does not need immediate mitigation. Burning Man says they've asked for clarification but haven't gotten anything that makes them feel confident they know what success or failure would look like.

I wanted to flag this and get your take on the whole thing. I know Burning Man is unique, but I'm wondering if this is a hangover from the old and unwieldy EIS process. I'm looking to get a better sense of your thinking on this specific permitting process.

Happy to talk by phone if that's better! Just LMK when is good.

Jillian

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From: Balash, Joseph
To: Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene) E
Cc: Macdonald, Cara Lee
Subject: Re: **3 Day FRN: Burning Man
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 11:01:59 AM

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On Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 10:35 AM Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene) <gseidlit@blm.gov> wrote:

> Hi Joe,
>
> Sorry to bother you on your first full day in AK. The attached is the BLM FRN for BMAN - Temp Closure.
>
> Can you please review and clear this today. Thanks.
>
> Gene Seidlitz
> ASLM Analyst-Liaison
> 202-208-4555 (O)
> 775-304-1008 (C)
>
> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **Macdonald, Cara Lee** <cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov>
> Date: Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 10:13 AM
> Subject: Fwd: **3 Day FRN: Burning Man
> To: Joseph (Gene) Seidlitz <gseidlit@blm.gov>
>
> See below. Can you get the Burning Man docs to the boss? I am working on the Calvary Chapel FRN.
>
> Cara Lee Macdonald
> Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary
> Land and Minerals Management
> U.S. Department of the Interior
> 1849 C Street NW, Room 6624
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> (Cell) 202.578.4543
> cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov
>
> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **Hammond, Casey** <casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov>
> Date: Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 9:57 AM
> Subject: Re: **3 Day FRN: Burning Man
> To: Macdonald, Cara Lee <cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov>

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Casey Hammond
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

On Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 9:50 AM Macdonald, Cara Lee <cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Sir,
>
> The Burning Man FRN is in your DTS box. The link is below. We need to clear it off the hall today. I apologize for causing the rush--that is my fault because it was in my box.
>
> https://(b) (5)
>
> V/R,
> Cara Lee
>
> Cara Lee Macdonald
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From: Kaster, Amanda
To: Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene) E
Cc: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: Re: BLM FRN - 2019 BMAN Temp Closure Order - 3 Day Rule
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:06:33 AM

This package actually needed to go to the Federal Register today, from my understanding.

On Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 9:05 AM Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene) <gseidlit@blm.gov> wrote:

> Hi Casey,
>
> Heads up. I just sent this email to Cara Lee and I also spoke with her.
>
> Thanks
> Gene
>
> Gene Seidlitz
> ASLM Analyst-Liaison
> 202-208-4555 (O)
> 775-304-1008 (C)
>
> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene)** <gseidlit@blm.gov>
> Date: Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM
> Subject: Re: BLM FRN - 2019 BMAN Temp Closure Order - 3 Day Rule
> To: Cara Lee Macdonald <cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov>
>
> Hi!
>
> Good Morning and Sorry for My Persistence.....You have two Federal Register Notices - Three Day Rules With You.
>
> BLMR002658 - Due Date Off ASLM Hallway - June 25
> BLMR002641 - Due Date Off ASLM Hallway - June 26
>
> Have A Terrific Day,
> Gene
>
> Gene Seidlitz
> ASLM Analyst-Liaison
> 202-208-4555 (O)
> 775-304-1008 (C)

On Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 9:24 AM Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene) <gseidlit@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi and Good Morning,

This note is "just a soft reminder and resend" from Friday. I want to make sure it's on or near the top of your "emails"

Cheers To A Great and Safe Week
Gene

Gene Seidlitz
ASLM Analyst-Liaison
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From: **Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene)** <gseidlit@blm.gov>
Date: Fri, Jun 21, 2019 at 11:43 AM
Subject: BLM FRN - 2019 BMAN Temp Closure Order - 3 Day Rule
To: Joseph Balash <joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov>, Casey Hammond <casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov>, Cara Lee Macdonald <cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>

Hi!

BLMR002658 is the BLM 2019 Temporary Closure Order Package for the Burning Man Event.

This package falls under the 3 day rule and with travel and schedules occurring next week, let's strive to have the package ***cleared from the ASLM Hallway today June 21. The DTS item is with Cara Lee.***

Thanks All
Gene

Gene Seidlitz
ASLM Analyst-Liaison
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775-304-1008 (C)

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From:	Shannon, Timothy
To:	NEPA Scheduling, ASLM
Cc:	Raby, Jon K; Bogue, Janell M; McCullough, Ester M; Hall, Mark E; Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) R; Todd, Marci L; Kaster, Amanda E; Hammond, Casey B; Zarin, Hilary L; Adrienne DiCerbo; Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene) E; Moran, Jill C
Subject:	Re: Burning Man ROD, Nevada
Date:	Monday, July 8, 2019 7:36:51 PM

We are working with Amanda to schedule the briefing. There was one update to the ROD today and the new copy is loaded in the Google Drive and the DTS record. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know, TR

On Mon, Jul 8, 2019 at 12:56 PM NEPA Scheduling, ASLM <aslm_nepa_scheduling@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> TR,
>
> Mr. Hammond would like a briefing. Please work with Amanda Kaster to get it set up.
>
> Many thanks,
> Cara Lee
>
> Cara Lee Macdonald
> Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary
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>
> On Wed, Jul 3, 2019 at 1:21 PM Shannon, Timothy <tshannon@blm.gov> wrote:
>
> > Please see the attached clearance notice for the Burning Man Record of Decision. The target is have Joe Balish sign the ROD on July 15th. I have provided a link to the documents which include the FEIS and appendices as they are referenced in the ROD. If a briefing is needed, let us know and we can accomplish that the week of the 8th. BLM has a DTS record (18531) for the ROD routing to ASLM. If you have questions or concerns please let me know.
> > Thanks you for your assistance, TR
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> > --
> > ***Timothy R. Shannon***
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From: Joseph Balash
To: Kaster, Amanda E
Subject: Re: Burning Man ROD, Nevada
Date: Monday, July 8, 2019 9:20:26 PM

Yes

Joe Balash
Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

On Jul 8, 2019, at 8:35 PM, Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov> wrote:

> Casey would like a quick briefing on the ROD this week - is that of interest to you as well?
>
> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **NEPA Scheduling, ASLM** <aslm_nepa_scheduling@ios.doi.gov>
> Date: Mon, Jul 8, 2019 at 1:32 PM
> Subject: Fwd: Burning Man ROD, Nevada
> To: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>, James Voyles <james_voyles@ios.doi.gov>
> Cc: Jill Moran <jcmoran@blm.gov>, Adrienne DiCerbo <adicerbo@blm.gov>, Hilary Zarin <hzarin@blm.gov>
>
> Amanda and James,
>
> Further to our discussion about the Burning Man ROD in this morning's meeting, please see below. Can you help me in regard to what I need to do with this in our NEPA process? If I am not mistaken, this is the first time a matter at this step has come through since the administrative duties have been moved down to the Assistant Secretaries.
>
> Thanks for your guidance!
> Cara Lee
>
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From: **Shannon, Timothy** <tshannon@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Jul 3, 2019 at 1:21 PM
Subject: Burning Man ROD, Nevada
To: Depsec, NEPA <NEPA.depsec@ios.doi.gov>, ASLM NEPA Scheduling <aslm_nepa_scheduling@ios.doi.gov>, Cara Lee Macdonald <cara_macdonald@ios.doi.gov>, Tracie Lassiter <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov>, Amanda Long <adlong@blm.gov>
Cc: NEPA_Director, BLM <blm_nepa_director@blm.gov>, Jon Raby <jraby@blm.gov>, Janell Bogue <janell.bogue@sol.doi.gov>, Ester McCullough <emccullo@blm.gov>, Mark Hall <mehall@blm.gov>, Ronald Evenson <revenson@blm.gov>, Marci Todd <m1todd@blm.gov>

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<Attachment 7 - ROD and NOA Clearance Notice - EIS Review Team Briefing Paper_Final.docx>

From: Kaster, Amanda
To: Balash, Joseph R
Cc: Lassiter, Tracie L
Subject: Re: Burning Man
Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 12:53:46 PM

Sounds good. Thank you.

On Wed, Jul 10, 2019 at 12:52 PM Joseph Balash <joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Get Casey briefed. I'll let you know if I have questions.
>
> Joe Balash
> Assistant Secretary
> Land and Minerals Management
> Department of the Interior
>
> On Jul 10, 2019, at 12:51 PM, Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov> wrote:
>
> > Signed by Monday is the goal.
> >
> > On Wed, Jul 10, 2019 at 12:50 PM Joseph Balash <joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > When is the ROD needed?
> > >
> > > Joe Balash
> > > Assistant Secretary
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> > > Department of the Interior
> > >
> > > On Jul 10, 2019, at 12:49 PM, Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov> wrote:
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> > > > Would you like for us to reschedule this?
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> > > >
> > > > > My lunch is running long. I might dial in but probably not.
> > > > >
> > > > > Joe Balash
> > > > > Assistant Secretary
> > > > > Land and Minerals Management
> > > > > Department of the Interior
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> > > > > --
> > > > > Amanda Kaster-Averill

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From: Kaster, Amanda
To: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: Re: DS K. MacGregor question for BLM to provide OES
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 12:33:08 PM

That's correct.

On Wed, Jun 26, 2019 at 12:21 PM Casey Hammond <casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> It looks like there was five days.
>
> Casey Hammond
> Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
> Land and Minerals Management
> Department of the Interior
>
> On Jun 26, 2019, at 9:15 AM, Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov> wrote:
>
> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **Mullen, Steven** <steven_mullen@ios.doi.gov>
> Date: Wed, Jun 26, 2019 at 12:11 PM
> Subject: DS K. MacGregor question for BLM to provide OES
> To: Ian Senio <isenio@blm.gov>, Preston Heard <preston_heard@ios.doi.gov>, Richard Cardinale <richard_cardinale@ios.doi.gov>
> Cc: Bivan Patnaik <bivan_patnaik@ios.doi.gov>, Justin Abernathy <justin_abernathy@ios.doi.gov>, Sean Gallagher <sean_gallagher@ios.doi.gov>, Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>
>
> Subject: **Instructions from Acting Deputy Secretary (DS) K. MacGregor**
>
> Ian, Rich, and Preston –
>
> In today's 10:30am meeting, OES was tasked by the DS to reach-out to BLM for a timely response to the following question: *Why is BLM not providing the requisite five day review period for these* packages?
>
> The DS indicated the response should be timely. [Preston will follow this email with more guidance on timing].
>
> For context, included below are the packages the DS is referencing.
>
> Items 1 through 3 are the packages with the shortest turnaround. These are the packages that are likely influencing the perspective of the DS the most.

	Status	Package Description

1	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/26/2019 Alerted DS this package requires action by Wednesday 06/26 to meet BLM timeline **Pending Approval**	Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the 2019 Burning Man Permitted Event, Pershing County, NV | **DTS# LM00001692, BLMR002658, REG0009695**
2	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/24/2019 **Approved 06/25/2019**	FINAL RULE: RIN 1004-AE64: Required Fees for Mining Claims or Sites | **DTS# LM00001690, BLMR002637, REG0009690**
3	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/25/2019 DS assigned 06/25, surnamed 06/25 **Approved 06/26/2019**	Bering Glacier PLO d1 Withdrawal Partial Revocation | **DTS# LM00001691, BLML000215, REG0009692**

Items 4 through 6 were also recently delivered by OES– these are also influencing the perspective of the DS. Item 4 was moved to the DS once BLM updates were received. Items 5 and 6 were not worked immediately by OES – these were set-aside as OES addressed more pressing deliverables (which include items 7 and 8 below).

	Status	Package Description
4	OES received initial package on 06/04; returned to BLM for clerical corrections. BLM provided updated package on 06/20. Package delivered to DS on 06/21/2019. Sticky note added, labeling the package as a "medium to high" priority. Package status elevated – pulled from pile and handed to DS. Alerted DS this package requires	Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Competitive Sale in White Pine County, Nevada | **DTS# BLMR002584 LM00001629, BLMR002585, REG0009621**

	action by Thursday 06/27 to meet publish deadline. **Pending Approval**	
5	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/05/2019 DS assigned 06/24, surnamed 06/25 **Approved 06/25/2019**	Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Land in Washoe County, Nevada (Reno Air Races) | **DTS# LM00001631, BLMR002634, REG0009617**
6	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/06/2019 DS assigned 06/24, surnamed 06/25 **Approved 06/25/2019**	Notice of Realty Action: Modified Competitive Sale of 61 Parcels of Public Land in Clark County, NV; and Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Classification | **DTS# LM00001642, BLMR002616, REG0009613**

Also included for context are recent, additional examples of BLM providing the requisite five day period.

	Status	Package Description
7	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/05/2019 DS assigned 06/11, surnamed 06/14 **Approved 06/21/2019**	Notice of Availability of the Draft EA and Notice of Public Hearing for the GCC Energy, LLC, Coal Lease-by-Application COC 78825, La Plata County, CO | **DTS# LM00001635, BLMR002644, REG0009620**
8	Routed to OES in DTS on 06/05/2019 DS assigned 06/13, surnamed 06/14 **Approved 06/21/2019**	Notice of Availability of the EA and Notice of Public Hearing for the New Elk Coal Company, LLC, Coal Lease-by-Application COC 71978, Las Animas County, CO | **DTS# LM00001636, BLMR002613, BLM0017405, REG0009619**

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From:	Casey Hammond
To:	Tollefson, Christopher J
Cc:	Krauss, Jeff; Kaster, Amanda E; Beverly Winston
Subject:	Re: For review/approval: Draft Burning Man ROD Comms Materials - (Target: 7/15)
Date:	Thursday, July 11, 2019 3:28:14 PM

Looks good

Casey Hammond
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

On Jul 11, 2019, at 1:11 PM, Tollefson, Christopher <ctollefson@blm.gov> wrote:

> Casey,
>
> Attached and below are the news release and communications plan for the Burning Man ROD. State would like to distribute Monday, 7/15. Let me know if you have any questions, and when I can send to DOI. These versions reflect Amanda's edits.
>
> Thanks,
> Chris
>
> # Final Record of Decision, Special Recreation Permit Approval moves Burning Man 2019 forward
>
> *Agency approves 10-year permit keeping festival at current attendance level and conditions*
>
> RENO, Nev. – The Bureau of Land Management in Nevada has published the final Record of Decision and Special Recreation Permit approval for Burning Man 2019.
>
> The final approval, announced [today,] is the result of a lengthy deliberate process involving the cooperation of numerous government and private entities. The Record of Decision states the BLM will issue a Special Recreation Permit for the event with the same population cap of 80,000 attendees, the same duration and conditions as in 2018.
>
> "Burning Man is one of the most recognized and unique events in the world. This event not only showcases the incredibly creative talent of thousands of attendees, it's also a celebration of one of the most beautiful places not just in Nevada, but in the entire United States," Jon Raby, BLM Nevada state director, said. "The BLM is extremely pleased about reaching this milestone and look forward to working with event organizers to ensure this year's Burning Man safely celebrates its core values and the spirit of human individuality, the environment and a sense of community."

The successful process to prepare for Burning Man would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Black Rock City, LLC, the sponsors of the event, Raby said.

The Burning Man event has been held every year since 1991 in Nevada's Black Rock National Conservation Area, in the BLM Winnemucca District. The event population does not include government personnel, government contractors or BLM-permitted vendors.

The BLM Team will continue its work with Burning Man 2019 organizers up to and throughout this year's event.

"BLM and Black Rock City teams will be out on the playa, just like we have been in previous years, and focused on health and safety related issues for all of the attendees," Raby said. "We want to ensure the attendees are able to celebrate in the spirit of this event and do so in a safe environment."

The event site, which will be within an approximately 3,400-acre pentagon-shaped area, will be within a "Closure Area," the physical space that will be temporarily closed during the event. The Closure Order will last up to 74 days. There will be two phases of the Closure Order. Closure Order Phase 1 will last the entire duration and will take effect approximately 40 days before Labor Day 2019. Closure Order Phase 2, which will include a larger area for the event itself, will occur 14 days before Labor Day and will last approximately 21 days.

Each year, the event starts at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday the weekend before Labor Day and ends at noon the Tuesday after Labor Day.

-BLM-

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Chris Tollefson – Chief of Public Affairs

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From:	Krauss, Jeff
To:	Hammond, Casey B; Pendley, William P; Kaster, Amanda E; Nedd, Michael D
Cc:	Witt, Ryan C; Tollefson, Christopher J; Beverly Winston
Subject:	Updated 2019 Events List
Date:	Friday, July 26, 2019 6:57:25 AM
Attachments:	2019 Events List - July 26_Final.docx

All,

Please see attached the revised 2019 events list for the rest of CY2019.

Jeff

Internal working document, July 26, 2019

2019 BLM Events List

Events List 2019

July

- 19-Aug 3 – Boy Scout World Jamboree (New River, WV)
- 24-27 – AZ Cattle Growers Association summer convention (Scottsdale, AZ)
- 26 – Club 20 Summer policy meeting (Pagosa Springs, CO)
- 28-August 1 - Western States Land Commissioners Association Summer Conference (Whitefish, MT)
- 30 - BLM NV oil and gas lease sale (Reno, NV) - The BLM will be offering 200 parcels totaling 389,334.04 acres
- 30 – BLM MT/DKS oil and gas lease sale (Billings, MT) - 34 parcels totaling 9,437 acres.
- 31- Aug 2 - Western Energy Alliance Annual Meeting (Tabernash, CO)

August

- 5- 8 National Conference of State Legislators – Legislative Summit (Nashville, TN)
- 5-9 - American Solar Energy Society Solar 2019 Conference (Minneapolis, MN)
- Week of 5 - FYI Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-PMB and Adrienne Lucas, Deputy Asst Director for Natural Resource, OMB, will be traveling the week of August 5 on a multi-bureau site visit to the Denver and Salt Lake City areas.
- 6-8 – BLM ELT Meeting (Washington, D.C.)
- 19-21 – Peter Kiefhaber, Interior Approps majority staff, visit to BLM NV
- 21-22 - Summer NAPE (Houston, TX)
- 25-Sept 2 - Burning Man (Black Rock, NV)
- TBA - Annual Mining Claim Maintenance Fees press release

September

- 10 - Nevada oil and gas lease sale (NV) - 22 parcels, comprising about 17,478.82 acres
- 10 – UT oil and gas lease sale (Salt Lake City, UT) – 149 parcels totaling 184,228 acres.
- 10-13 – Public Lands Foundation annual meeting (Reno, NV)
- 12 - Eastern States oil and gas lease sale (ES) – (Washington, D.C.)
- 15-18 - Geothermal Resources Council Annual Meeting & Expo (Palm Springs, CA)
- 16 – WY oil and gas lease sale (Cheyenne, WY) – 212 parcels totaling 322,074 acres
- 22-25 - Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Convention (St. Paul, MN)
- 23-27 - National Clean Energy Week
- 24 – BLM MT/DKS oil and gas lease sale (Billings, MT) – 12 parcels totaling 7,496 acres
- 25-29 - Public Lands Council Annual Meeting (Great Falls, MT)
- 26 – CO oil and gas lease sale (Lakewood, CO) – 83 parcels totaling 78,691 acres
- 28 - National Public Lands Day
- TBA – WY Oil and Gas Lease Sale - 212 parcels totaling about 322,000 acres
- TBA – NV Geothermal Lease Sale - 21 parcels (totaling approximately 76,094.31 acres)
- TBA - BLM Director Announces Winners Rangeland Stewardship Awards Press Release
- TBA - BLM Director Presents Secretarial Awards - Partners in Conservation Awards Press Release
- TBA - Annual Adjustment to Drilling Fee Permit

October

- 8-11 – BLM National Lands Training for Line Officers and Program Managers (Phoenix, AZ)
- 9-13 - Society of Environmental Journalists Annual Meeting (Ft. Collins, CO)
- 25 - National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention (Albuquerque, NM)
- 29-31 – Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Meeting (Washington, D.C.)
- 30-Nov 3 - Society of American Foresters National Convention (Louisville, KY)
- TBA – National Wilderness Conference
- TBA - Partnership for the National Trails System Meeting
- TBA- BLM Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Award Winners Press Release

November

- 4 or 11 - Alaska NPR-A Oil and Gas lease sale
- 5-7 – BLM ELT Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 6-8 - IPAA Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 7 – NM Oil and gas lease sale
- 12-14 - Idaho Cattle Association Annual Convention (Sun Valley, ID)
- 19-21 - Annual Association of Oregon Counties Conference (Eugene, OR)
- TBA - National Association for Interpretation Annual Conference

December

- 2 – New Mexico oil and gas lease sale (NM)
- 5 – Colorado oil and gas lease sale (CO)
- 9 – Utah oil and gas lease sale (UT)
- 10 – Nevada oil and gas lease sale (NV)
- 13-14 - Western Governors Association Winter Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)
- TBA – Montana oil and gas lease sale (MT)
- TBA – Eastern States oil and gas lease sale (ES)
- TBA – Call for Nominations to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

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Casey –

Thank you very much for taking time yesterday to meet with me, Marian, Rich and Bob regarding the DEIS, BLM, and the immediate and long term future of Burning Man. Thank you. (And I hope the Western Caucus went well.)

Subsequent to our visit with you, BRC/Burning Man's government relations and event operations teams held their weekly EIS call with BLM (Mark Hall) and other EIS cooperators, as well as another call with just BRC/Burning Man, BLM and Assistant Regional Solicitor Janell Bogue to discuss next steps for the EIS. According to the call summary:

- Both Mark Hall and Janell Bogue stated multiple times that a DNA for 2019 was NOT an option because the draft EIS shows new significant impacts that can't be ignored. They also said they are concerned about litigation risk from third parties. (But they did not seem concerned about any litigation risk from BLM not completing the EIS properly, i.e., litigation from BRC). Bogue said she had gotten approval on this course of action from "the highest levels of BLM." (This directly conflicts with the statements Jon Raby has been making to Marian and Bob about being open to a DNA, and with your reference that a DNA was most likely for 2019.
- Hall said the Record of Decision is on schedule for a release date of mid-June, which means BRC/Burning Man does not have much time to react.
- Hall's plan is to permit the 2019 event from the forthcoming Record of Decision, but to phase in mitigations starting mostly in 2020.
- He also said he has begun to incorporate public comments and he will incorporate our operational mitigations into the final EIS.
- BRC/Burning Man presented their operational mitigations, and pointed out that Hall had not only left them out of the draft EIS, but even said previously that he did not want BRC/Burning Man to submit them.
- Hall once again asked that we negotiate the mitigations so that they are tailored to the significant impacts—otherwise he'll "just have to move forward on finalizing the EIS without BRC."

BRC/Burning Man is doing everything it can to be a good citizen, have minimal impact, and adhere to its commitment to 'Leave No Trace.' However, we are **very** concerned about the totally different messages they are getting from the various levels of the Department and look forward to your guidance on how we get to a place where we can work collaboratively. We look forward to continuing to work with you on a very short timeframe to permit the 2019 event, and work closely with the Department on a legitimate EIS process for the next ten years.

Thank you again. We look forward to hearing from you, and answering any questions you may have.

Thanks,
Scott

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WRP Steering Committee, WRP Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons –
Please consider this a friendly reminder of Wednesday, March 20, 2019 WRP SC Call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons. This call takes place from 10:00 – 11:00 am Pacific. Please dial (b) (6) and access code: (b) (6) and Webinar link: https://(b) (6)

Attached please find:

1. Current agenda (Please email me if you have any updates you would like to share on this call.)
2. Agenda item 3: 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting Notes (reference only)
3. Agenda item 4:
    a. Excel sheet documenting survey responses to this year's priority (this document has been updated to include one more response)
    b. Word document summarizing the survey response (please review for further gaps); document will continue to be refined and augmented
    c. BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) listing for the WRP Region (Update by the BLM Planning Temporary Working Group)
4. Agenda Item 5: DRAFT 2019 Resolution document (for discussion and potential action on the call)
5. Agenda Item 6: DRAFT agenda for the June 20, 2019 WRP SC in-person meeting with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons (for discussion and potential action on the call)
6. Reference item: 2018/2019 Implementation Tracker (lists upcoming dates and WRP Activities)

Thank you for your service and leadership of WRP!

2018 WRP Principals' Meeting Notes

November 14-15, 2018 • Santa Fe, NM

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2018 Western Regional Partnership Principals' Meeting

Brief Meeting Summary

Senior leaders from state, federal and tribal agencies gathered November 14-15 for the 2018 Western Regional Partnership's (WRP) Principals' Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

WRP Co-Chairs Mr. Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office (for the Honorable Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah); Ms. Allison Sands, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Infrastructure (representing Mr. Robert McMahon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment); and Mr. John F. Ruhs, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management *(for Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of Interior)* welcomed the 133 senior policy-level leaders (and their staff) in attendance, noting their interest in a productive meeting for the attendees. New Mexico welcoming remarks were provided by Keith Gardner, Chief of Staff for New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez.

Mr. Mike Mower and Brigadier General USAF (Ret) Hanson Scott, former Chair of the WRP Steering Committee (SC), provided an overview of WRP, including significant events since its formation in 2007, and presented on key decision items for this meeting. The Hanson Scott Leadership award was bestowed upon Mr. Dwight Deakin. The Tribal invocation was provided by Council members Idak Fierro, Chief Operations Officer, Pueblo of Pojoaque. The three Committees (Energy; Natural Resources; and Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness & Aviation) and two WRP Working Groups (BLM Planning and Tribal Engagement) provided updates, summarizing their past year's efforts and recommendations.

Two keynotes of significant efforts were given. Ms. Amy Lueders, Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, highlighted the U.S. Department of Interior Reorganization. Mr. Paul Enriquez, Acquisition, Real Estate, and Environmental Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS, highlighted the latest efforts regarding Border Walls and other Security Initiatives along the Southwest Border.

The bulk of the meeting consisted of four Plenary Sessions on:

- 2018 National Defense Strategy (NDS)
- Airspace Challenges and Opportunities
- Public Lands, Species, Energy and Water
- Effective Partnerships and Best Practices for Coordinated Planning

At the business session, the 2018-2019 priority focused on "*Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities*" was adopted. The WRP Charter, and WRP Mission/Vision document were reaffirmed. The WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS was sunsetted and the WRP GIS Liaisons empowered to work directly with their Committee and the WRP SC. The WRP 2019 Resolution process were adopted as well as 2018-2019 WRP SC leadership selected (DoD: Kristin

Thomasgard (Lead Co-Chair); State: Mike Mower and DOI: Casey Hammond). It was announced that the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting will take place on November 19-20 in San Diego, CA. Attendees were encouraged to read the 2018 Report given all the significant information and resources captured in that document and to sign up for a WRP account at wrpinfo.org to receive future WRP updates.

Following the business session and some additional remarks, the meeting was adjourned. Afterwards, NRCS hosted a tour of several significant natural and cultural resources in the area and the Tribal Working Group held a meeting to advance efforts.

Brief Highlight of Key Principals' Decisions and Associated Action Items

Topic Area	Description and Principal Action
WRP Charter and WRP Vision/Mission	• Reaffirmed WRP Charter and Vision/Mission Document
WRP Steering Committee Leadership	Approved the following members to be the three WRP Steering Committee Co-Chairs: • DoD: Kristin Thomasgard (Lead Co-Chair) • DOI: Casey Hammond • State: Mike Mower *ACTION: Above effort to be implemented by WRP SC*
WRP Priority	Adopted 2018-2019 WRP Priorities with the theme of "*Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities*" to guide Committee efforts for the year. *ACTION: above effort to be implemented by WRP SC and Committees and reported at next WRP Principals' Meeting; WRP agencies are encouraged to participate in WRP SC and Committees.*
WRP GIS Focus	Sunsetted the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS; empowered GIS Liaisons to work directly with Committees and Steering Committee. *ACTION: Above effort to be implemented by WRP SC*
WRP Resolution Process	Continue the WRP Resolution Process for 2019. *ACTION: Above effort to be implemented by WRP SC*
Special Recognition	Awarded the Hanson Scott award for Outstanding Leadership to Dwight Deakin *ACTION: Completed*
WRP Working Groups	Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group and BLM Planning Temporary Working Group to continue efforts. *ACTION: Above effort to be implemented by WRP SC; reports to be provided to Principals at next meeting*
2019 WRP Principals' Meeting	Next WRP Principals' Meeting to take place on November 19-20 in San Diego, CA *ACTION: Above effort to be implemented by WRP SC*

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome to New Mexico and Opening Remarks by Mr. Keith Gardner, Chief of Staff to New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez

Mr. Gardner welcomed the attendees to the 2018 Principals' Meeting and the state of New Mexico. He discussed how advocating for the importance of the West is a key goal of the State and noted the mixed land use issues in the west. New Mexico is proud of its military presence and strongly supports their efforts. He recognized the WRP as a great venue to foster collaboration. He emphasized the need to act to ensure issues in the west were addressed and also noted the need for better state and federal relations. He cited an example where the State of New Mexico has maintained successful collaboration with the Air Force to address past contamination at its installations.

II. Opening Remarks by WRP Acting Co-Chairs: Mr. Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office (for the Honorable Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah); Ms. Allison Sands, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Infrastructure (representing Mr. Robert McMahon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment); and Mr. John F. Ruhs, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management.

Mr. Mower thanked Mr. Gardner for his leadership and noted he will miss working with him; Mr. Gardner is the senior chief of staff among the 50 states and steps down in January. Mr. Mower again welcomed attendees and noted the somber absence of 13 WRP colleagues from California who were unable to attend due to the ongoing wildfires. He noted his appreciation for folks attending this week's meeting and how attendance is a reflection of how important WRP is to member organizations – the value of the partnership, the value of the military, and the value of the country. Mr. Mower also discussed the recent tragic loss of a National Guard member and North Ogden Mayor, Major Brent Taylor, last week in Afghanistan. He introduced two key Utah members in the audience: Gary Harter, Executive Director, Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, and Laura Nelson, Energy Advisor, Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development.

Ms. Sands noted she was attending this year's meeting on behalf of Mr. Robert McMahon, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, and summarized the recent OSD reorganization. WRP is new to her portfolio but she has close ties to the West and sees the value in the partnership. She referenced the 2018 National Defense Strategy (NDS) and its three main tenets: (1) build a more lethal force, (2) strengthen alliances and attract new partners, and (3) reform the Department for greater performance and affordability; WRP does all three. DoD priorities that came up during the morning's DoD-only session include the need for appropriate electromagnetic spectrum and airspace, as well as the importance of land use and accessibility while being good stewards of the land (e.g., species protection). She expressed her appreciation

for everyone attending this meeting and the value of the WRP network, which provides an opportunity for collaboration to leverage efforts.

Mr. Ruhs thanked Governor Martinez and Keith Gardner for hosting us this week in Santa Fe and he thanked the Western Regional Partnership Co-Chairs for their leadership. He is attending this meeting for Assistant Secretary Balash who wanted to be here today and sends his regrets for being unable to attend.

He noted further that WRP embodies the way DOI wants to do business – by promoting collaboration, innovation and shared solutions that protect natural and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness on federal and state lands across the West. BLM strongly supports and embraces the theme of this year's meeting – *Better Planning Through Stronger Partnerships*. The Bureau strives to incorporate this concept into the way public lands are managed to accomplish the mission for the benefit of people and communities of the West. The Travel Management Planning process brought together interdisciplinary partners in a collaborative, outcome-based manner and created action plans and timelines for completing these proposals. This planning allows the BLM to prioritize areas with access needs for high-use recreation sites and that provide access to areas contributing to economic development. This leads to outcomes that reduce user conflicts and helps better manage other sensitive issues.

He stated that efforts are underway to work with federal and state partners to streamline the environmental review process for developing oil and gas resources in a way that includes input and coordination with other Federal and state agencies and the public. BLM has made real progress in reducing backlogs for review of Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) and made other improvements designed to make it simpler and more predictable for energy developers to operate on public lands in a responsible manner. In Fiscal Year 2017, the BLM generated approximately $2.2 billion in Federal royalties, rental payments and bonus bids, all of which were split between the U.S. Treasury and the states where the development occurred. The BLM is second only to the IRS in terms of revenue generated for U.S. taxpayers. In that same period, sales of oil, gas, and natural gas liquids produced on Federal and Indian lands accounted for approximately 7 percent of all oil, 9 percent of all natural gas, and 6 percent of all natural gas liquids produced in the United States.

BLM has been working hard in close cooperation with states and federal partners to finalize the EISs and proposed plan amendments for the greater sage-grouse in order to adjust the current plans to align more closely with sage-grouse plans in each state while ensuring that listing the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act remains unwarranted. Western Regional Partnership will be an important forum for years to come. He expressed his excitement to be part of this meeting.

III. WRP Overview and Presentation of WRP Steering Committee Recommendations

Mr. Mower asked for attendees to acknowledge which agency they represent, and there were representatives from States, DoI, Tribes, DoD, Border Patrol, NRCS, Department of Energy, FAA,

FHWA, Congressional Offices, EPA, Forest Service and others. Many in the room had not attended a WRP Principals' Meeting previously. Mr. Mower noted that WRP matters. He provided an overview of WRP including the WRP tagline, Vision and Mission statement, WRP Goal, WRP Structure, and uniqueness of the region: importance to the military, the significant amount of federally managed land, large state trust holdings and over 170 Federally recognized Tribes. He noted that WRP provides a great opportunity to pick up ideas and noted the State of Utah's new law relating to licensure reciprocity for military spouses and that perhaps assisting other federal agencies would be next.

Brigadier General USAF (Ret) Hanson Scott, Former Chair of WRP Steering Committee and Interim Steering Committee, spoke about the importance of working in collaboration with states in order to be successful. He noted that all WRP states have state trust land and the importance of including these offices. He reviewed the history of the WRP, which commenced activities in 2007. He acknowledged the past WRP efforts by Amy Lueders, Mike Mower, Clayton Honyumptewa, Connie Reitman, Jan Larkin, Amy Duffy, Raul Morales, Steve Arenson, Scott Morgan, Kevin Moody, Mike Holbert, Tom Finnegan, Gabe Lovasz, Jim Holland, Dan Hicks and Carol Ostergren. He applauded WRP for the creation of and efforts by the working groups, and the progress WRP has made to date.

Mr. Mower provided background on the Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership and conferred the 2018 award to Dwight Deakin. Mr. Deakin has been engaged in WRP for years, representing the Navy, led WRP DoD Core, assisted in 2018 the Tribal Engagement Working Group and supported the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS efforts. He is retiring at the end of the month and is not in attendance for this week's meeting, but the award will be sent to him at the conclusion of the meeting, including all attendees' signatures.

Mr. Mower recognized the 2018 Secretary of Defense Environmental Award Winners in WRP Region: Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California (Sustainability, Industrial Installation); Vandenberg Air Force Base, California (Environmental Restoration, Installation); and Natural Resources Conservation Team at Naval Base Ventura County, California (Natural Resources Conservation, Individual/Team). Ms. Valerie Vartanian, from Naval Base Ventura County, is present at this week's meeting and has a display table in the back of the room for anyone interested in learning more information about this installation's great work.

The 2018 Midterm elections resulted in new Governors in four WRP states (due to term-limits) including California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada; and in Arizona the incumbent governor was re-elected.

All tasks that resulted from the 2017 WRP Principals' meeting have been completed. These included:

1. Completion of "*Advancing Regional Priorities";* details of efforts by Committees were provided and summarized in the 2018 WRP Report.
2. Established two working groups
3. Committees Completed their efforts

4. Continued to refine WRP's GIS focus
5. Shared information/conducted outreach across agencies
6. WRP SC developed and implemented a Resolution Process
7. Developed 2018-2019 WRP Priority for Principals' consideration

The key decision items to be voted on during the November 15 business meeting include:

- 2018-2019 priority: *Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment, and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration Among Federal, State, and Tribal Entities*
- WRP Administrative Items: WRP Charter and Vision/Mission document, sunset of the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS and empowerment of GIS liaisons, continuation of the WRP Resolution process for 2019, 2018-2019 SC leadership, and announcement of the 2019 Principals' Meeting.

Mr. Mower provided details on the statement of purpose, expected product and the survey questions associated with it, and the timeline with the 2018-2019 priority. He also detailed the background and recommendations associated with the WRP Administrative items.

IV. Keynote: Highlighting U.S. Department of Interior Reorganization by Ms. Amy Lueders, Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Ms. Lueders noted that currently DOI agencies all have different boundaries and the reorganization will provide better alignment and will be easier to understand. There will be 12 unified regions to provide better management on an ecosystem basis to include critical components such as wildlife corridors, watersheds, and trail systems. The new regional boundaries are based on watersheds and were adjusted to follow state lines where possible based on feedback received from Governors. DOI is aiming for the new regions to be in place by July 1, 2019. This framework excludes some agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education because these agency jurisdictions span across state lines. Common regions between agencies allows for ease of coordination with partners.

Interior Regional Directors will be established to handle cross-cutting issues by July 1, 2019. Recreation, permitting, collaborative conservation, and support functions do not have clear boundaries and may cross multiple jurisdictions creating a need for specific management. This reorganization aims to improve collaboration with federal and state agency partners. Groups within each of the 12 regions will be tasked with identifying efficiencies and opportunities for improvement.

Discussion:

- Mr. Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah, asked if the DOI reorganization required congressional action. Ms. Lueders responded by saying a reprogramming letter has been sent to Congress, which has allowed DOI to move forward with the new boundaries. Changes in funding will also require congressional action.
- Lee dePalo, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VIII, asked whether this reorganization will align with the Army Corps of Engineers regions. Ms. Lueders explained that because DOI

regions were adjusted to follow state lines as much as possible, the regions do not align with the Army Corps of Engineers regions, which are not formed around state lines.

- Frank Ramirez, National Director, National American Indian Veterans Inc., mentioned that the fires in the west are having a tremendous effect on watershed and asked if the DOI has a plan to remediate this damage. Ms. Lueders directed the question to John Ruhs. Mr. Ruhs stated that the fire management process is always being improved by enhancing state and federal partnerships. There is ongoing work to minimize damage and localize restoration efforts working across agency boundaries.
- Jeff Gaco, Tribal Council Representative, Pueblo of Laguna, asked about the reasoning behind keeping the Tribal entities separate from the regions. Ms. Lueders answered by voicing the DOI's concerns of tribal representation. Many larger tribes are split by state boundaries. Inclusion into the regions could be an option later however currently input from these tribes is a high priority.

V. Invocation by Council Member Idak Fierro, Chief Operations Officer, Pueblo of Pojoaque.

VI. **Updates by WRP Committees and WRP Working Groups**

Each of the three committees and two working groups provided 2017-2018 updates and upcoming activities.

- *NOTE: For further details please see WRP 2018 Report titled, "Advancing Regional Strategies" and associated presentations on the WRP website.*

a. ***Energy Committee Update*** *by Mr. Lucas Lucero, Deputy State Director, Arizona, Bureau of Land Management and Committee Co-Chair*

- Introduced his fellow WRP Energy Committee Co-Chairs and summarized the Committee's' goals over the past year.
- Energy programs within the WRP Region are evolving at state, federal, and Tribal levels. Mr. Lucero detailed what makes the WRP Region so unique with regards to energy production and planning. Energy production is diverse in terms of conventional and alternative sources; however, there is a recent shift in focus from renewable energy and transmission infrastructure to ensuring grid resilience while integrating all forms of energy. Early and frequent engagement is key to successful energy collaboration; WRP has been helpful.
- The Energy Committee hosted three webinars with 10 presenters highlighting Section 368 Regional Corridors Review Project; Regional Energy Market Trends and Options and Tribal Energy.
- The Energy Committee conducted a survey focusing on changing energy policy, trends and energy projects. Results from the survey indicated the energy market is changing rapidly. This change is not just occurring on federal lands, but also state and Tribal lands—across the board in the western region. The Bureau of Land Management has new DOI guidance and BLM polices on permitting and environmental reviews. A summary of the many BLM land use plans and energy projects underway was provided. Selected State activities in the region and updates on DoD Clearinghouse and Tribal energy were also provided. Mr. Lucero concluded his review of the Committee's efforts with a summary of energy trends.

b. ***Natural Resources Committee Update*** *by Ms. Abbie Jossie, Deputy State Director, Utah, Bureau of Land Management and Committee Co-Chair*

- Introduced her fellow WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chairs and summarized the Committee's' goals over the past year.
- The WRP Region represents 18% of the U.S. population and 19% of the U.S. land mass. Approximately fifty percent of the land within the WRP Region is managed by a Federal agency. There are several hundred Federally listed species, which were detailed by state. There are considerable state, federal and Tribal lands and various land management processes with the potential for unintended land use conflicts among WRP Partners.
- The Natural Resources Committee hosted three webinars with 11 presenters highlighting DoD's Natural Resources Program and the Collaborative Wildlife Protection and Recovery Initiative; Federal Agency Planning Efforts highlighting BLM, USFS, USFWS and NPS; and 2018 Federal and State Water Strategies and Collaboration.
- The Committee conducted a survey to seek input on species of concern and to finalize the Committee's Criteria for selecting a species of focus; details on the criteria including the objective were provided. The species survey information was consolidated and compared with input from 2015 and 2017. Eleven species were determined worthy of further consideration and maps overlays were made. This information was compared against the Committee Criteria and species with existing stakeholder engagement were eliminated (to ensure not to duplicate efforts). A condensed list of species and actions were identified:
    - Least Bell's Vireo: An existing forum (CWPRI) has taken lead on this species; WRP will monitor efforts and support as appropriate.
    - Sonoran Desert Tortoise: Successful efforts conducted to date; opportunity to highlight best practices.
    - Yellow-Billed Cuckoo: Species of WRP focus. Details on the Yellow-Billed Cuckoo were provided. This species is in all six states of the WRP region and is listed as threatened. WRP has developed data overlays with habitat and range.
- Selected highlights of activities important to WRP were provided and included information on DoD and DOI's Species MOU; Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Revisions; WGA's Chairman's Initiative, Invasive Species Report and Working Lands Forum; Fort Huachuca winning the 2018 REPI Challenge and NRCS funding; and Waters of the United States Rule.

c. Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness, and Aviation (MRHSDP&A) Committee Update *by Mr. Kevin Moody, Infrastructure Ecologist Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, and Committee Co-Chair*

- Introduced his fellow WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chairs and summarized the Committee's goals over the past year.
- Mr. Moody provided background on the genesis of WRP efforts in this area and explained that the Major General from MCIWest came to the first WRP Principals' Meeting noting the need for better collaboration, specifically around fire response. The Committee works to provide interim solutions until policy can be made.
- The Committee hosted three webinars and 11 presenters to highlight DoD's Aviation Mission; FEMA's Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Groups Liaisons; and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).
- The WRP Region includes:
    - Extensive training ranges, premier testing facilities and unmatched military air space

    - Significant numbers of aviation users (military, commercial, business, and general aviation, etc.) with diverse missions
    - Some of the nation's busiest airports, and
    - Diverse challenges for FEMA's regions.
- Details on the WRP DoD Management Team's role and function were provided. WRP supported DoD's Sustaining Military Readiness Conference by hosting a well-attended meet-and-greet and staffed an information booth; WRP Leaders also presented.
- Recent DoD developments include the release of the National Defense Strategy in January 2018; DoD Reorganization; release of the Final Legislative Environmental Impact Statement by the Air Force for the Nevada Test and Training Range Land Withdrawal; and Navy efforts to modernize the Fallon Range Training Complex.
- The Committee held multiple calls on cyber-related issues. Many agencies have announced plans and investment in cybersecurity strategy. WRP engagement is adapting and evolving as this issue progresses.
- The WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview Report was circulated for input and continues to receive positive feedback. The associated WRP Fact Sheet on Meteorological Evaluation Towers (and their aviation impacts) was updated to take into account new FAA law. New technology, new aircrafts, and the increased use of UAS will change how issues regarding aviation are dealt with and the MRHSDP&A Committee is working to identify gaps in policies and programs to find potential solutions.

d. Bureau of Land Management Planning Temporary Working Group *by Mr. Raul Morales, Deputy State Director, Nevada, Bureau of Land Management, and Working Group Member*

- Mr. Morales introduced the WRP Working Groups' genesis and purpose. He outlined the goal of the BLM Working Group, which is to focus on enhancing coordination between DoD and BLM and identify best practices in addressing DoD issues of concern with BLM Resources Management Plan (RMP) efforts in the WRP region. Additionally, this Working Group engaged the state perspectives to advance common interests associated with BLM and DoD planning.
- BLM provided a list of RMP planning efforts in the WRP Region; based on this, DoD produced a data overlay of DoD Resources. A map was displayed and noted that continued discussions are ongoing to ensure the latest planning information is incorporated. A summary of outcomes and information gathered over the past year was provided.
- It was recommended that the Working Group continue their efforts over the next year and assist members with contacts and issues. Specific DoD-BLM efforts to be completed over the next year were to include cross-educating staff on their respective missions, DoD developing standard language/templates to share with BLM for potential incorporation into the BLM planning process, working to create memorandum of understanding to advance collaborative efforts, and clarifying DoD's requests to BLM.

e. Tribal Engagement Working Group *by Ms. Connie Reitman, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc. and Working Group Member*

- There are 172 Federally Recognized Tribes in the WRP Region. The percentage of Indian Trust land within each of the WRP States range from 0.5% to 27.6%.
- Ms. Reitman provided background on WRP's Tribal engagement including the genesis of the WRP Tribal Relations Committee, that each WRP Committee has a Tribal Committee Co-

Chair and WRP's commitment and past actions in support of Tribes. She provided information on her involvement and the value she perceives from WRP. This Tribal Working Group was requested during the 2017 WRP Principals' meeting and established to expand Tribal involvement and to receive more input from Tribal governments. She noted: that Tribes are sovereign nations and as such they need to be consulted when policy is affecting them; and the importance of early and continued engagement with Tribes.

- She detailed outcomes from a September 2018 Working Group Meeting and associated recommendations which included the following items completed: Tribal engagement question included in WRP 2019 survey and Tribal elements included in this WRP Principals' Meeting: NRCS coordinated a Tribal Tour; optional Tribal breakfast held, and a meeting of Tribal Members and Federal and State Liaisons will be held.
- Going forward, it is recommended that this Working Group continue their efforts over the next year to develop tools and strategies to support outreach and engagement of tribal governments to support the goals and objectives of the WRP; encourage increased inclusion of tribal perspectives and improve working relationships with federal and state entities on WRP initiatives.

VII. Plenary Session #1: 2018 National Defense Strategy (NDS)

Ms. Allison Sands, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Infrastructure, as panel moderator, introduced the subject and presenters. She highlighted the significant DoD resources in the WRP Region (training ranges, testing facilities and unmatched military air space) and provided the context of the NDS released by DoD Secretary Mattis in January 2018. The NDS focus is "Sharpening the American Military's Competitive Edge" and provides DoD's strategy to compete, deter and win in the current complex security environment of rapid technological change, challenges in every operating domain, and readiness impacted by the longest armed conflict in the Nation's history on readiness.

Mr. Fred Drummond, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Force Education and Training:

- There is a need to focus on training and readiness to support individuals going to war to meet the parameters outlined in the NDS. The nature of war is unchanging. Readiness is all about people at the end of the day and there is a need to support the combat readiness of individuals. This includes utilizing partnerships and looking into non-traditional training methods in growing urban areas.
- Emphasized the need to adequately and clearly present the case for National Defense needs in order to protect these assets for the future. WRP is one tool that has effectively facilitated new partnerships and improved already existing ones. Even with effective partnerships, there are challenges and he welcomes feedback from WRP partners with new and better ways to do things.
- There have been technological pushes to use simulations and computers in the face of lost capabilities and training space; however, simulations can never replace live training, which is integral to preparing the armed forces for war.
- Offered that the MRHSDP&A Committee briefing nailed it and commended this Committee for their actions.

Rear Admiral Yancy Lindsey, Commander for the Navy Region Southwest:

- We are a nation at war; therefore, readiness cannot be undervalued. Military readiness is not achieved on the level of an individual installation, but takes a network of ranges on the land, at sea, and in the air, made up of those individual installations.
- Provided a map to highlight the military activities within the WRP Region. The offshore and undersea ranges in the western region are unparalleled anywhere in the United States, constantly bringing new systems online and improving technology. These are systems that are necessary to fight 21st century wars.
- The Navy has also found partnerships, especially with Tribal Nations, to be of great importance; it looks for ways to continue to enhance such relationships.
- The Navy appreciates its natural stewardship role and spoke of some of the efforts at San Clemente Island.
- In the San Diego region, the Navy has also been partnering with private businesses on a cost-effective approach to develop the 12.5 acre area (Broadway Complex) with a 99-year lease and will also have a new Navy HQ (current facility is a renovated older warehouse.) He also noted infrastructure challenges and innovative, more efficient ways of addressing them.

Colonel Jeff Holt, Deputy Commander Marine Corps Installations West-MCB Camp Pendleton:

- Highlighted the Off-Installation Transit Axis and Corridor Analysis Study (OITACA).
- Displayed a map of the seven installations within MCIWest and the Marines' national littoral access and movement corridors in the Southwest Region. MCIWest is developing and managing a portfolio of off-installation training venues that support evolving mission requirements. With increased development, the military conducts extensive coordination to complete mission requirements through urban areas. Training operations need to be carried out as if they were in combat and practiced multiple ways (e.g. air and ground). To meet these requirements takes strategic maneuvering to extend logistical nodes such as fueling points and communication. Two recent examples of joint operations include Desert March and Deep Strike.
- DoD UAS requires SECDEF approval for civilian support. There is significant advancement of layered UAS surveillance within the WRP Region. This ability has the potential to be useful in multiple settings, but is relatively untapped. He demonstrated how such a network could be used to find a lost hiker using surveillance tower feed, video scout feeds and feeds from other DoD resources to provide a more comprehensive picture and find the hiker quicker.

Mr. Jeff Jennings, Deputy to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence at Fort Huachuca:

- Highlighted the six Army installations within the WRP Region: Fort Irwin, CA; Yuma Proving Ground, AZ; Fort Huachuca, AZ; Dugway Proving Ground, UT; Fort Carson, CO; and White Sands Missile Range, NM. These equate to a land area of 7,919 square miles, 8,342 sq. nautical miles and an economic impact of $8.08 billion/year. He showed a map of locations along with information on when each was established.
- Summarized for the six sites their mission and challenges to complete their missions, such as long-range precision fires; deployment/readiness, etc. Four of the six sites are testing missions. To meet the threats, three areas need to be focused on: air, land, and spectrum;

these are needed to identify and confront targets. For long-range precision fire, all three are needed.

- NDS describes peer threats that have continued to improve their combat capabilities while we have been engaged in Afghanistan's and Iraq. To close that gap, DoD requires access to air, ground and land space to test and train. Capabilities like long range precision fires, autonomous vehicle development (air and ground) cyber and electronic ware fare all require adequate air land and spectrum access. The western US has far greater availability of these critical environments.
- In the West, there is accessibility to land, air, and spectrum that needs to be protected to maintain and utilize these capabilities. He stated that he is excited to work within WRP to collaborate on these and other issues of importance to the West.

Dr. David Smith, 412 TW Installation Support Director at Edwards Air Force Base:

- Spoke about the importance of airspace to testing capabilities. At Edwards AFB, the airspace is unparalleled and as such testing can be carried out unhindered. He highlighted the R-2508 complex and the joint approach taken by the services to ensure missions are accomplished.
- Before systems are tested at war, they need to be tested at home. This goes for weapons and planes and is an important function that Edwards AFB provides. In terms of radar testing, large amounts of airspace are necessary. Wind turbines and development are limiting the available airspace in many urban areas making testing missions more and more difficult to carry out. There is a need to protect this space and set the conditions for success to empower the war effort.
- Importance of people to the mission. Edwards has a base population of 11,110 (active duty, civilians, family members etc.).

Ms. Sands stated that the DoD is doing its best to facilitate joint-use of the assets available and is committed to not asking for more than what is necessary. The overall goal is to work together for a mutually beneficial partnership and address weaknesses across the board.

<u>Discussion:</u>

- In response to a question, Colonel Holt noted that three of the systems in their operational visual graphic are from local San Diego companies.
- A question relating to Tribal-DoD engagement was posed. Dr. Smith thanked the Tribal Nations that have worked with the military in the past. Edwards Air Force Base appreciates the relationship it has with Tribal Nations in the area and to learn about the land together. Rear Admiral Lindsey stated that some relationships with Tribes are better than others and that areas that need improved working relationships should be identified. Both Dr. Smith and Rear Admiral Lindsey agreed that they value these collaborative relationships and would like to maintain them.
- Scott Morgan, Deputy Director, California Governor's Office of Planning & Research, asked what states, communities, WRP, etc. can do to strengthen collaboration and position efforts better in terms of defense strategy. Ms. Sands highlighted the importance of enhancing military value at an installation (increasing capability), which is done through close

communications and collaboration. The broad concepts outlined in the NDS need to be looked at in terms of local interests. Rear Admiral Lindsey noted there are state forums such as California Governor's Military Council that provide important collaboration opportunities. Dr. Smith provided examples of installation issues at the local level such as housing shortages/lack of affordable housing, as well as quality and availability of education for local military dependents.

- Leroy Shingoitewa, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe, stated that his Tribe is supportive of the Armed Services, but would like more information about military flyovers before they occurred. He suggested that it would be helpful if DoD provided a presentation to NCAI on flyovers. Ms. Sands responded, by saying DoD could present to NCAI and she appreciated the recommendation.
- Joey Garcia, Incident Commander, Jicarilla Apache Nation, indicated support for military flyovers, but asked if there was a way to not have flyovers on certain religious holidays. One of the active duty attendees in the audience responded he would discuss this specific issue with the representative during a networking break to initiate the process to address this concern.
- Mr. Ray Suazo, AZ BLM Director noted the importance of engaging at the planning level. He regularly attends the Arizona Commanders Summit (ACS) and recommends more forums like the ACS. Brigadier General USAF (Ret) Hanson Scott observed that such commissions are great examples of how to address issues proactively.
- Mr. Drummond noted the success of the 2018 Sustaining Military Readiness (SMR) Conference and that the next will occur in 2020.

VIII. Southwest Border Security Initiatives: Border Wall Update by Mr. Paul Enriquez, Acquisition, Real Estate, and Environmental Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS

Mr. Enriquez highlighted the latest efforts regarding border walls and other security Initiatives along the southwest border along with efforts to coordinate with state, federal and Tribal partners. He commended the collaboration brought forth by WRP and addressed the need for Homeland Security to work to protect our Nation as well as Tribal Nations, resources, and lands, while still achieving their goals. The U.S. Border Patrol is tasked with ensuring security along the southern and northern border as well as the coastal waters. The Border Wall Initiative along the southern border involves the use of similar infrastructure already in place. This Initiative addresses challenges in regions such as the Rio Grande Valley, the busiest sector in the nation, and accounts for over 40 percent (FY 2017) of the illegal immigrant apprehensions. This area lacks the infrastructure, access, and technology necessary to protect the border.

Mr. Enriquez showed a video titled "The Shift." This video highlighted the decrease in apprehensions following improved infrastructure, technology and collaboration. Another video titled "Walls Work" followed. This video also explained how infrastructure and personnel along the border can decrease apprehensions.

Proposed barrier improvements include the replacement of existing older border fences, conversion of vehicle barriers to pedestrian barriers, and construction of levee barriers in the Rio

Grande Valley of South Texas. These improvements differ depending on the setting. In the rural setting of the Rio Grande Valley, the barrier must be implemented as part of the flood control levee, in which case the river acts as a primary barrier and the levee wall as a secondary barrier. In an urban setting a primary and secondary barrier would be built with an enforcement zone between them.

The FY17 replacement border wall program is approximately 40 miles and gates at a cost of $341 million. An overview was provided of what that means for the San Diego, El Centro, El Paso and Rio Grande Valley Sectors. The FY18 replacement and new border wall program is $1.375 Billion (includes $38 million for future wall planning). Mr. Enriquez detailed what changes will take place in multiple sectors, including San Diego, Rio Grande Valley, El Centro, Yuma, San Diego and Tucson. The Border Wall initiative has included coordination between federal, local, and Tribal governments to find the best way to improve infrastructure across the southern border including lands managed by the New Mexico and Arizona State Lands Offices.

IX. Plenary Session #2: Airspace Challenges and Opportunities

Ms. Tamara Swann, Regional Administrator (Acting) FAA Western-Pacific Region, as panel moderator, introduced the subject and presenters. She emphasized that airspace is a finite resource and has multiple users (commercial, business, military, state, UAS, and federal, etc.). The WRP Region has the most complex and busiest airspace. This area has four of the ten largest airports; four of the eleven MetroPlex projects (SoCal is the largest and most complex); and three of nine space ports in the United States, while accounting for 19 percent of the country's landmass and 75 percent of the DoD's special airspace. She noted the panel will highlight airspace management for multiple users in light of competing interests and that there are numerous aviation platforms with ever-increasing new technology being deployed.

Mr. Randy Willis, Air Traffic Organization Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration Manager, FAA Headquarters:

- Provided an overview of FAA's UAS integration effort.
- There are many different terms for UAS all having different meanings, but used interchangeably. The FAA defined small aircrafts as being 55 pounds or less. Over 1.2 million drones have been registered, four times the number of manned aircraft in one year. There are over 111,000 remote pilots; 269,000 registered commercial UAS, issued multiple authorizations to fly in controlled airspace, and hundreds of these aircraft are authorized for use in emergency activities.
- The challenges involving UAS integration lie in the pace of innovation, volume of aircraft, and personal nature of UAS. The industry is moving too fast to meet the demand, capabilities are expanding, operators do not need to receive training in all cases, and these are personal devices kept in homes and communities.
- Detailed the FAA's UAS Integration Strategy to ultimately lead to full UAS Integration and highlighted 2019 actions.
- In October 2017, the President issued a memo establishing the UAS Integration Pilot Program (IPP) to find innovative ways to integrate this industry and inform future policies. The Program involves collaboration with state, local, and tribal governments, including 10

organizations focused on improving specific functionalities. Highlighted UAS IPP prioritized operations including two within the WRP Region: Cities of San Diego and Reno.

Mr. Mike Cirillo, Managing Director of Air Traffic Management, Airlines for America:

- Airlines for America is a trade organization for commercial airlines.
- Provided an overview of WRP States Airport Activity, highlighting the significance of the region.
- In terms of rulemaking, the FAA has advisory committees focused in different subject matter areas to keep up with the changing industry. For example, the UAS in Controlled Airspace Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) works with Class A airspace from the controller's perspective. This ARC has recommended UAS integration including compliance with all aircraft regulations. The Airspace Access Priorities ARC includes representatives from the Commercial Space Transportation, Drone, Balloon and traditional operators, including commercial and general aviation interests. The sole policy currently governing priority of airspace access is "first-come, first-served." This method is not functional and highlights the need for improvements in airspace management and extensive collaboration among all facets of the aerospace industry to ensure our collective success.
- There are many airspace challenges and opportunities. Collaborative decision making and gathered knowledge in conjunction with subject matter specialists can dramatically improve efficiency.

Mr. John Ruhs, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management:

- Provided background on the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), which BLM is part of, and works to provide interagency coordination of wildland firefighting resources in the U.S.
- There are multiple types and sizes of aircrafts involved in fire management, all with specialized capabilities, operating in limited visibility and congested environments.
- The BLM averages over 20,000 flight hours per year serving various missions including fire, resource work, and law enforcement.
- The responsibility of airspace coordination is shared by all users. Organizations such as the National Wildfire Coordinating Group works to educate on and standardize safe and consistent approaches to solving issues involving airspace. The National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC) facilitates the development and implementation of interagency fire aviation standards, procedures, and programs to enhance safety, effectiveness, and efficiency in all areas of aviation operations.
- Incident airspace management may have some or all of the following types of aircraft: large airtankers, single engine airtankers, helicopters (in various sizes), lead planes (to manage/lead air tankers) and UAS.
- UAS incursions into wildfire areas remain a top concern for fire aviator safety. In 2018, aerial ops were shut down 22 times. There is an aggressive education campaign to alert about these safety issues. Other challenges include military jamming and testing of GPS signals can result in temporary outages and interruptions of fire aviation aircraft. These challenges can be overcome through effective partnerships. The main mission is safety.

Colonel James Frickel, Commander, HQ Utah Test and Training Range:

- Provided background on the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) and showed a map of the Western Regional Ranges.
- Highlighted the importance of the F-35 mission and detailed the F-35 bed down through 2020, which includes, in the WRP Region: NAS Lemore (22), Edwards AFB (16), MCAS Miramar (19), MCAS Yuma (48), Luke AFB (118), Nellis AFB (33) and Hill AFB (72). The F-35 requires three times the airspace that F-16s do.
- At UTTR, where there is plenty of airspace, four F-35s utilize an entire airspace footprint that used to fit twelve aircraft. To cope with this challenge, UTTR is increasing the utilization of the airspace present and increasing the altitude, thereby decreasing noise signatures, but increasing capabilities in the given area.
- National Range Challenges include meeting the NDS: test and train against the most advanced and lethal threats; not the most prolific. Generate a contested/dense electromagnetic spectrum (EMS). Airspace is extremely confined for advanced aircraft/threats and issues of EM Spectrum interference.
- The Utah government, local Tribes, and the BLM are supportive of the mission at UTTR so they are working to better utilize the airspace available currently, because it may not always be available.

<u>Discussion:</u>

- Mr. Scott Morgan, Deputy Director, California Governor's Office of Planning & Research, asked which entity has authority to enforce unauthorized drone use. Mr. Willis replied that the FAA has authority to seek regulatory fines. He emphasized that such unauthorized access has spurred the FAA to educate new aviators on restrictions and enforcement actions.
- Mr. Morgan followed up by asking how to address the lack of airspace. Mr. Willis responded by saying FAA is working to be as agile as possible to adapt and accommodate DoD airspace needs. UAS are operating in every state and the FAA has airspace demands from federal and private partners. This is one of the largest challenges in terms of limited airspace. Colonel Frickel stated that no installation is going to gain airspace, so now there is a need to utilize the three-dimensional environment to create air bridges between installations that will not affect commercial space. Mr. Cirillo commented that UAS are an inevitability and there are better ways to regulate the airspace than just creating exclusion zones (e.g. charting and mapping). Ms. Swann said that the most important practice is to "be a good steward of airspace." She also noted the collaborative forum provided by the Western Service Area Regional Airspace Council. The Southern California Basin is the most difficult due to traffic (mostly DoD). The FAA wants the military to have the space they need, but when they do not need it, it should be given back as commercial space.
- Lieutenant Colonel Noma Martini, Army Representative, U.S. Army Aeronautical Service Agency, asked if someone could speak on hypersonic and supersonic testing in terms of noise. Mr. Cirillo said that for commercial space ports there are extensive safety and environmental reviews that take noise into account and once a port is implemented, every individual operation is reviewed. Colonel Frickel said that EIS has not been done yet on

these testing programs, but they are very infrequent and occur at extremely high altitudes far from urban areas.

- Lieutenant Colonel Martini also asked if there are any updates in terms of urban mobility (e.g. Uber or Lyft). Mr. Willis said that there is no timeline in terms of addressing this, but various businesses are coming forward requesting operation in certain areas. The airframe first needs to be certified before implementation and this has to be carried out without sacrificing safety or efficiency. Mr. Cirillo added that there is a traffic management system currently working on integrating low-flying UAS.
- Major Julio Gonzalez, Regional Airspace Coordinator, MCI-West, stated that airspace is a huge, complex problem that requires balancing many factors. The shared use principle has been key, when the military is not using the airspace, they give it back to the FAA. Major Gonzalez expressed interest in working with others on the possibility of regulating this shared use on a minute-by-minute basis. Mr. Cirillo responded saying there are some efforts to create a sophisticated system involving instantaneous recognition of what is happening in a given airspace. Mr. Willis mentioned that in 2009 Congress created a committee to consult federal partners and meet a minimum of four times a year to discuss policy related to UAS.
- A member of the audience asked Mr. Willis who specifically is involved in the FAA Airspace Access ARC. Mr. Willis responded by saying that he cannot release the identities of the members to the public, but the ARC is made up of a wide range of industry stakeholders including the DoD.
- A member of the audience asked Mr. Cirillo about the status of "free flight." He responded saying that free flight was overtaken by NexGen and they are looking for more efficient methods, which are more applicable to today's environment.

X. Tribal Invocation to begin Day Two of the WRP Principals' Meeting provided by Jose Villegas, SW-I-WEMC Treasurer, Texas Band of Yaqui Indians

XI. Plenary Session #3: Public Lands, Species, Energy and Water

Mr. John Ruhs, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management, as panel moderator, introduced the subject and presenters. He highlighted several examples of BLM collaboration, including efforts to protect species on public lands in the Idaho region. Since 2006, the BLM has partnered with Idaho Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation to restore lands devastated by wildfires and build greenhouses for plant species threatened by their destruction.

Mr. Paul Souza Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS):

- Noted this is his first time attending, but he has heard about WRP for years, so is glad to be here and looks forward to future collaborations.
- Spoke about the importance of at-risk species conservation so that regulation is not necessary. One major challenge is that endangered species are seen as an inconvenience on properties due to the fear of being regulated. He noted USFWS's efforts to be proactive with conservation efforts to avoid the listing of species in the first place and avoid regulation. People will be more willing to contribute to conservation efforts if it

means avoiding regulation. There are many examples of how to support species and not regulate. He highlighted the tremendous partnership with BLM to support the Sage Grouse. Some species will still be listed, however.
- Highlighting the importance of regulatory predictability; includes capturing and implementing best practices for farming and ranching to avoid Endangered Species Act regulation.
- USFWS efforts to delist species as appropriate. For example, he looks forward to working with Admiral Lindsey regarding delisting species that deserve to be delisted at San Clemente Island; need to get the science right first. He acknowledged the great stewardship by DoD of species; cited the work being done in support of the Desert Tortoise. USFWS is using a landscape approach to species to help entities work together to manage species/habitat and reduce limitations on military operations. The Sentinel Landscape Initiative is a mechanism enabling DoD, DoI, and USDA to partner to keep working and natural lands in their current state to benefit both species and the military mission.
- The California Spotted Owl is at risk of being listed next year due to habitat loss (catastrophic fires) and competition with other owl species. USFWS needs to find a way to reward conservation efforts and implement practices that work well for specific communities.

Mr. Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:
- Noted he has been watching WRP for a long time and it has done some amazing things.
- Provided information on his background. Grew up in Ogden, Utah. Drove an oil tanker. Worked on maritime (Retired Navy Reserve Commander), Coast Guard, forestry, environmental policy, natural resources and water issues over the years; served as staff assistant to Utah Senator Orrin Hatch and staff/counsel for the House of Representatives for various Committees among other positions.
- In 2017, the President issued an Executive Order to review the "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) Rule. EPA and the Department of the Army are working to meet the objectives prescribed in the Executive Order and intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process: 1. Repeal and temporarily recodify the regulation that was in place prior to issuance of the 2015 Rule, which is being implemented consistent with court orders enjoining that rule and with the agencies' final rule. 2. Rewrite the regulations consistent with the Executive Order and provide a new definition of navigable waters based on the principles Justice Scalia outlined in the *Rapanos* plurality opinion. He detailed the court history in this area: the 2015 Rule will not be applicable until February 2020. The 2015 rules are in place in 22 states and it is enjoined in 28 states. EPA has received approximately 800,000 comments. The new definition is currently going through interagency review with OMB and is likely to be released before Christmas.
- Federal permitting process is shortening NEPA timelines. EPA is working with federal partners to put significant guidance in place. They are redrafting the handbook so that the process is more understandable.

- The EPA Office of Water is focusing on improving infrastructure and leveraging loan guarantee programs in terms of drinking water and waste water. More than $743 billion is needed to maintain, upgrade and replace our nation's water infrastructure over the next 20 years.
- EPA is working to empower states to take on the 404 Program under the Clean Water Act; to date only two states have done this. Efforts also must be taken across agencies to come up with creative ways to reduce nutrient pollution.
- EPA is evaluating how to turn wastewater into a useable resource. There are significant regulatory hurdles surrounding this issue: how to clean the water enough to put in usable aquifers. The US is facing critical water issues and cannot afford to waste any resources. For example, current usage by oil and gas productions is more than the Albuquerque area uses in a year.

Mr. Timothy Hess, Associate Administrator for Federal Lands, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):

- Highlighted the current policies, collaborative engagement, goals and challenges of the FHWA. Transportation is a means to an end; it needs to serve the community through economic development, preserving the ecosystem and quality of life, innovative technology and providing accessibility/reliable mobility.
- The national highway system costs $110 billion annually and the FHWA provides key funding for safety, infrastructure, and innovation. Robust transportation planning occurs at metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) and regional transportation organizations (RTO). There are, however, planning silos between state and federal agencies and this is an area for improvement. To address these issues and facilitate better coordination between state, federal, and Tribal entities, the FHWA is pushing new initiatives. For example, the FHWA is working closely with the National Parks Service to address gridlock on park roads.

<u>Discussion:</u>

- Colonel Jeff Holt asked where in the Southwest is it being considered to implement a Sentinel Landscape, specifically which bases. Mr. Souza replied that the plans have not progressed that far yet; however, he recommended the Colonel reach out to Kristin Thomasgard in the REPI Office. She leads the Sentinel Landscape effort for DoD. The potential Southwest Sentinel Landscape is still conceptual, the concept being to combine wildlife conservation with working lands conservation next to military installations. It is still to be determined which installations this may benefit.
- An audience member asked if there are any wildlife preservation plans to be implemented after the fires. Mr. Souza responded that catastrophic fires are occurring so often that the habitat destruction is unprecedented. There is no longer a defined fire season, as fires have continued year-round. Following fires of this magnitude, the habitat value diminishes greatly. It takes a long time for a habitat to rebound. The focus needs to be on preventing these fires from happening in the first place.
- Debbie Hughes, Executive Director, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, asked how to better involve private landowners and local governments. Mr. Forsgren reiterated

the importance of the involvement of private landowners. There are efforts to change many of the federal agencies' culture to have a proactive, creative approach. Mr. Ruhs noted the importance of local relationships in place. Robert Trujillo, Director, Wildlife, Fish and Rare Plants, and Rangeland Management, USDA Forest Service, informed the audience that the Forest Service is working across lines with state, local, and Tribal governments, as well as NGOs to achieve a better outcome in mitigation and prevention of these catastrophic fires.

- Valerie Vartanian, Natural Resources Manager, Naval Base Ventura County, asked about the permit applications for Programs 401 and 404 under the Clean Water Act, specifically whether there is a way to streamline the process. Mr. Forsgren explained that California has adopted the NPDES permitting for Program 401 whereas the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) handles Program 404 and the 35 USACE districts operate autonomously. The EPA has been encouraging states to take up both programs to streamline the permitting process.
- Karen Douglas, Commissioner, California Energy Commission (CEC), commented that California is trying to meet its climate goals. The State has formed partnerships around improving renewable energy, which provides a framework to achieve goals. CEC has found that if there are long-term goals to balance species and landscapes with missions from different agencies, there must be a collaborative approach.
- Ray Suazo, Arizona BLM State Director, informed about the great working relationships in the Fort Huachuca area (among BLM, the Fort, NRCS, State Lands, USFS, AZ State Forestry, etc.) to support natural resources. BLM has a fire crew that works out of Fort Huachuca. Admiral Lindsey asked if it is possible to contract out fire management services to save federal dollars. Mr. Ruhs replied that the BLM and the DOI are working with the Air Force to place fire management personnel on base.
- Frank Ramirez, National Director, National American Indian Veterans Inc., declared that Tribal water contamination is a huge issue relating to the pumping of groundwater in California and asked what is being done to clean this contaminated water on Tribal lands. Mr. Forsgren replied that the EPA and Office of Water have numerous projects and initiatives to manage Tribal waters and to provide clean, safe drinking water to Tribal entities. There is an employee in every region tasked only with determining Tribal needs. Certain Tribes have taken the initiative to work with states to determine their water quality standards. This is a huge problem that needs to be attacked at many different levels, and it is in the forefront of our minds.
- Joey Garcia, Incident Commander, Jicarilla Apache Nation, expressed concern over emergency management planning in New Mexico and asked how Tribal Nations are being included in the rulemaking and regulatory process. Mr. Forsgren responded that DOI, NOAA, and USDA are going from an outreach model to an engagement model with states and Tribes. In the Fall of 2017, there were nine states in a forum, and 14 Tribes in another, to discuss impacts from changes in WOTUS. This engagement needs to work at all regulatory levels. Tribes have some of the most critical water infrastructure needs, and at the same time have financial limitations due to loan programs. EPA is working on finding creative ways to maximize the use of current programs.
- Leroy Shingoitewa, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe, mentioned that they have had an arsenic problem because of droughts, which they have been trying to get

solved for years, and asked if there was any way to get agencies to come together and try to find a solution for this problem. Mr. Forsgren responded that EPA has been trying to reach out to Tribes to create a single clearinghouse where they can input a zip code and get all the information, including regulations and agencies that work in the area. EPA doesn't want Tribes to have to input data into many different agency searches to get the needed information. James Kenney, Senior Policy Advisor for Oil and Gas, U.S. EPA, stated that he is interested in working with and through the WRP on the Tribal issues that have been coming up. This forum could be used to bring the partners together and host something in 2019 that would bring to bear those agencies that have jurisdiction and explain exactly what those jurisdictions are.

XII. Plenary Session #4: Effective Partnerships and Best Practices for Coordinated Planning

Mr. Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist West, USDA-NRCS, as panel moderator, introduced the subject and presenters. He emphasized the importance of communication and collaboration. He thanked Debbie Hughes, Executive Director, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, for attending and for her efforts and noted collaborative efforts with Ray Suazo, AZ BLM Director. Sentinel Landscapes are an example of collaborative efforts between military readiness and agricultural lands, due to a common threat of encroachment. NRCS engages with private landowners in a variety of ways including institutionalizing collaborative efforts through a memorandum of understanding.

Mr. Lee dePalo, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VIII:

- Spoke on the importance of collaboration, of knowing who to contact in times of trouble. FEMA strategic goals include building a culture of preparedness; to ready the nation for catastrophic disasters; and reduce the complexity of FEMA.
- The unprecedented 2017 hurricane and wildfire season demonstrated that government resources are not sufficient to meet all community needs and there is a need for close partnerships with the private sector. The 2017 Hurricane Season FEMA After-Action Report calls for a revised National Response Framework (NRF) to emphasize stabilization of critical lifelines and coordination across critical infrastructure sectors. The fourth edition of the NRF will reflect the relationship between industry and infrastructure. Getting grocery stores, hardware stores, and pharmacies back open after a storm is a high priority. Much progress has been made in preparing the nation through setting up lifelines to address: safety and security; communications; hazardous waste; food, water, shelter; energy; health and medical and transportation.
- Another key lesson is communication. Following Hurricane Maria, there was a huge influx of food and water, but no knowledge of where to deliver it because there was no communication. FEMA is working to shift the focus onto the private sector and infrastructure to improve the availability of communication and other lifelines such as transportation in the future.
- FEMA Integration Teams are a new concept being established across the country and are intended to push FEMA personnel out into the states for improved communication and engagement. Utah was the first state selected due to its significant earthquake threat in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Edgar E. Ruiz, Executive Director, Council of State Governments (CSG) West:

- CSG, founded in 1933, is an organization established by the states to exchange ideas, strengthen legislative institutions and facilitate regional cooperation. CSG is the nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government. The current President of CSG is Utah Governor Herbert.
- CSG West is headquartered in Sacramento and includes 13 western states.
- Mr. Jim Ogsbury, Executive Director of the Western Governors' Association, was unable to make this meeting and asked Mr. Ruiz to highlight the Western Policy Network. The western region has both populated and rural areas as well as portions of the northern and southern U.S. border. The Western Policy Network serves as a catalyst for information sharing to facilitate state and federal relationships. The Network convened two summits in Washington, D.C., with many federal agencies and Congress to promote state expertise and work towards drafting federal rules to broaden state consultation and foster greater collaboration. They also have monthly conference calls to share information. In the past two years the network has expanded to 14 organizations and proving to be a wonderful partnership with many different entities. The network is currently working with EPA and Congress to ensure states' authority over Program 401 of the Clean Water Act is preserved.

Mr. Gareth Smythe, Associate Policy Advisor and Military Land Use Planner, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Governor's Military Council, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.:

- DoD's economic impact in the state of California, according to a recent economic impact study, is approximately $160 billion. This quantified the responsibility California has to protect these assets.
- California has established two supportive entities to preserve military missions in the State. The California Governor's Office of Planning and Research serves the Governor and Executive Cabinet as advisors on long-range planning and research; facilitates coordination with DoD; administers the state's OEA grants; and represents the Governor at events such as WRP. The California Governor's Military Council is statutorily created and has the mission to articulate the value of and sustain California's installations and missions. DoD operations in California are very complex and would be impossible to manage without coordination between local, state, and Tribal governments. Thirty-Five million dollars was allocated to assist installations' energy resilience projects.
- California is the third largest state in the U.S. by land mass and is 45% federally managed (of which 4% is DoD; and another .5% is Indian Trust Land).
- Beginning in 2002, California has had state laws providing baseline protection of the military mission. State Compatible Planning Laws require planners to consult the military if a development may hinder the mission. This institutionalizes the process of better coordinated planning.
- The California Military Land Use Compatibility Analyst is an online tool that allows planners to plot their development on a map and determine which installations may be affected.

- Detailed the California Advisory Handbook for Community and Military Compatibility Planning, including its purpose, history and contents. Workshops with local communities were held to provide a refresh on relevant California state laws and to obtain input to best update California State tools. This helped to create collaborative groups on the local level to accomplish local goals through local relationships.
- Provided information on case studies on inter-governmental collaborative planning:
    - Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP): Tribal members noted this collaboration on renewable energy was a best practice.
    - Tree Mortality Task Force: addressed drought and insect-induced die-off of trees in the Sierra.
    - Offshore Wind: working to de-conflict development applications from offshore wind developers.
    - Emergency Response: addressing issues of drought; fire and climate resilience.
    - UAS: Working with FAA and DoD on utilizing military UAS for emergency response; and NAS integration (San Diego DOT IPP).

Discussion:

- Mr. Ruiz noted that anyone who would like to participate in the monthly Western Policy Network conference calls contact Ward Scott at WGA. Debbie Hughes, Executive Director, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, noted an interest in being involved, and Mr. Boozer recommended that perhaps the National Association of Conservation Districts should invite the Network to provide an update at their National Meeting.
- Jose Villegas, SW-I-WEMC Treasurer, Texas Band of Yaqui Indians, commended Mr. dePalo and FEMA for having an amazing Tribal consultation policy and stated that it would be great to see this policy implemented into every agency's process.
- A member of the audience asked if communication is now a top priority following what happened in Puerto Rico and if this will be a standing policy in the future. Mr. dePalo said that communication was a priority in Puerto Rico following Maria and that FEMA needs to keep asking "what's next?" Having the private sector up and running and communication are essential to disaster relief and recovery.
- A member of the audience asked how military installations can contribute to emergency response, for example, UAS support. Colonel Brandon Newton, Defense Coordinating Officer, U.S. Army North, Defense Coordinating Element Region VIII, cautioned anyone from deploying UAS support because authorities and approvals associated with these are different in different regions. He also cautioned anyone from taking any law enforcement action. However, DoD has assisted with fire and flood emergency response. DoD has a broad authority if their assistance is requested, but it is a question of safety for use of certain assets.
- Mr. Boozer asked Mr. dePalo what he worries about most. Mr. dePalo responded that earthquakes are his greatest concern. People do not always understand how to be prepared for an earthquake because the Nation is more hurricane and fire focused.

XIII. WRP Business Session and Wrap Up Discussion

Mr. Mower and Ms. Thomasgard noted the 2018 key decision items for WRP Principals:

- Proposed 2018-2019 WRP Priority: *Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment, and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State, and Tribal Entities*. The schedule and anticipated activities and outcomes were reviewed with the Principals. Members were asked to submit their response to the brief survey questions by January 31, 2019.
    - ACTION: The proposed 2018-2019 priority was approved.
- WRP Charter and Vision/Mission Document: There were significant changes made to the WRP Charter last year. There are no proposed changes this year.
    - ACTION: The Principals reaffirmed WRP Charter and Vision/Mission documents as-is; no changes.
- Recommendation to Sunset WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS and empower GIS liaisons. GIS efforts would be done through GIS liaisons in coordination with WRP Committees and the Steering Committee.
    - ACTION: Principals approved this recommendation.
- Proposal to continue the WRP Resolution Process for 2019 to ensure transparency and ensure WRP Priorities are fully scoped before the 2019 Principals' Meeting. Agency requests are to be submitted by May 10, 2019.
    - ACTION: The Principals approved this proposal.
- Proposed 2018-2019 WRP SC Leadership: Kristin Thomasgard, DoD representative and Lead Co-Chair; Mike Mower, state representative, and Casey Hammond, DOI representative.
    - ACTION: The Principals approved this proposal.
- The 2019 Principals' Meeting was announced for November 19-20 in San Diego, California

XIV. Closing Remarks

- Mr. Mower reminded attendees that what WRP does is vitally important to the defense of the Nation, protection of natural resources, and bettering the lives of citizens and Tribal nations. He also acknowledged the hard work by Ms. Duffy to make this meeting a success.
- Mr. Ruhs thanked everyone for their questions, comments, presentations, and attendance. He continues to be excited by WRP and the value of the relationships formed here. It is so important to be listening to each other and working together.
- Ms. Sands stated her appreciation for the dedication of the leadership and attendees. The complexity of the issues at hand can be overwhelming, but it is exciting to move forward following this meeting. Congress has mandated that DoD submit a report on training and testing ranges to identify capability gaps and develop a strategic plan to fill those gaps in order to ensure readiness. This is a great group to provide input for this report. DoD's efforts must be viable and must take into account every perspective in this room. Ms. Sands stated that she hopes to provide an update on this analysis at next year's meeting. She thanked those who put this meeting together, said the event was flawless and that does not happen by accident.
- Mr. Morgan looks forward to hosting everyone in November in 2019 in San Diego.
- Colonel Jeff Holt, Deputy Commander, MCI-West, Camp Pendleton, noted his appreciation to the Tribal members for attending.

- Jeff Gaco, Tribal Council Representative, Pueblo of Laguna, thanked everyone for the information shared and the invitation and noted how much the Tribal Nations appreciate being included; and thanked the military for their service.
- Ms. Thomasgard closed the meeting by thanking Mr. Mower for his leadership. She also had two REPI updates: REPI Challenge (with focus on the National Defense Strategy) is soon to be released and the next SMR is in 2020.

Agenda and Attendee Listing

2018 WRP Principals' Meeting

November 14-15, 2018 • Santa Fe, NM

Meeting held in the Tewa Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder

Better Planning through Stronger Partnerships

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

	Partner Meetings and Breakfasts DoD-only Meeting; State Breakfast; BLM Breakfast; and Tribal Breakfast
8:00-10:00 am	**Registration** Registration set up just outside main meeting room.
10:00 - 10:15 am	**Welcome to New Mexico and Opening Remarks** by Mr. Keith Gardner, Chief of Staff to New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez
10:15 - 10:40 am	**Remarks by WRP Co-Chairs:** • Mr. Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office *(for the Honorable Gary Herbert, Governor of Utah)* • Ms. Allison Sands, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Infrastructure *(representing Mr. Robert McMahon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment)* • Mr. John F. Ruhs, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management *(for Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of Interior)*
10:40 - 11:15 am	**WRP Overview and WRP Steering Committee Recommendations** Presentation on WRP Mission and Decisions WRP Principals will be asked to make during the WRP Business Session (Day 2). Confer Hanson Scott Award for Outstanding Leadership. • Mr. Mike Mower, WRP SC Lead Co-Chair • Brigadier General USAF (Ret) Hanson Scott, Kirtland Partnership Committee (Former Chair of WRP Steering Committee and Interim Steering Committee)
11:15 -11:45 am	**Keynote: Highlighting U.S. Department of Interior Reorganization** • Ms. Amy Lueders, Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
11:45 - 12 noon	**Networking Break**

FINAL

12 noon - 1:15 pm	**Working Lunch**
	• Tribal Invocation by Council Member Idak Fierro, Chief Operations Officer, Pueblo of Pojoaque
	• Updates by WRP Committees and WRP Working Groups
	  • WRP Energy Committee
	  • WRP Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness & Aviation Committee
	  • WRP Natural Resources Committee
	  • WRP BLM Planning Temporary Working Group
	  • WRP Tribal Temporary Working Group

1:15 - 1:30 pm	**Networking Break**

1:30 - 2:50 pm	**Plenary Session #1: 2018 National Defense Strategy (NDS)**
	DoD Secretary Mattis released the NDS in January 2018. Its focus is Sharpening the American Military's Competitive Edge and it articulates DoD's strategy to compete, deter and win in the current complex security environment of rapid technological change, challenges in every operating domain, and readiness impacted by the longest armed conflict in our Nation's history on readiness. Presenters will provide an overview of the NDS and the impacts/implementation within the WRP Region along with their thoughts on how best to collaborate with DoD.
	• Panel Moderator: Ms. Allison Sands, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Infrastructure
	• Speakers:
	  • Mr. Fred Drummond, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Force Education and Training
	  • Colonel Jeff Holt, Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Installations West-MCB Camp Pendleton
	  • Mr. Jeff Jennings, Deputy to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence, Fort Huachuca
	  • Rear Admiral Lindsey, Commander, Navy Region Southwest
	  • Dr. David Smith, 412 TW Installation Support Director, Edwards Air Force Base

2:50 - 3:10 pm	**Networking Break**

3:10 - 4:30 pm	**Plenary Session #2: Airspace Challenges and Opportunities**
	Highlighting airspace management for multiple users in light of competing interests. There are numerous aviation platforms with ever-increasing new technology being deployed.
	• Panel Moderator: Ms. Tamara Swann, Regional Administrator (Acting) FAA Western-Pacific Region
	• Speakers:
	  • Mr. Mike Cirillo, Managing Director of Air Traffic Management, Airlines for America
	  • Colonel James "Flash" Frickel, Commander, HQ Utah Test and Training Range
	  • Mr. John F. Ruhs, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management
	  • Mr. Randy Willis, Air Traffic Organization Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration Manager, FAA Headquarters

4:30 - 5:00 pm	**Southwest Border Security Initiatives: Border Wall Update** Mr. Paul Enriquez, Acquisition, Real Estate, and Environmental Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS, to highlight the latest efforts regarding Border Walls and other Security Initiatives along the Southwest Border along with efforts to coordinate with state, federal and Tribal partners. Executive Order 13767, issued in January 2017, directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to plan, design, and construct a wall or other physical barriers along the Southwest Border. The U.S. Customs and Border Patrol has initiated the Border Wall System Program to plan and deploy new barriers and other assets.
5:00 pm	**Adjourn Meeting Day #1**
5:00 pm	**Principals' Meeting Photo**
6:00 - 7:00 pm	**No Host Social Hour** Location: Lobby area of Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder

Thursday, November 15, 2018

7:00 - 8:00 am	**Buffet Breakfast (optional)** • Principals-only breakfast in Barranca A • Non-Principal attendees breakfast in Tewa Grand Ballroom Main Room

8:00 - 9:30 am	**Plenary Session #3: Public Lands, Species, Energy and Water**
	Presenters will share their perspectives on current policies to streamline planning processes, efforts to ensure collaborative engagement practices and areas for improvement.
	• Panel Moderator: Mr. John F. Ruhs, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management
	• Speakers:
	  • Mr. D. Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
	  • Mr. Timothy Hess, Associate Administrator for Federal Lands, Federal Highway Administration
	  • Mr. Paul Souza, Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

9:30 - 9:50 am	**Networking Break**

9:50 - 11:30 am	**Plenary Session #4: Effective Partnerships and Best Practices for Coordinated Planning**
	Presenters will discuss their cross-collaborative efforts with state, federal and Tribal entities, highlighting best practices, opportunities to institutionalize engagement and coordination and other areas for potential improvement.
	• Panel Moderator: Mr. Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist West, USDA-NRCS
	• Speakers:
	  • Mr. Lee dePalo, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VIII
	  • Mr. Edgar E. Ruiz, Executive Director, Council of State Governments West
	  • Mr. Gareth Smythe, Associate Policy Advisor and Military Land Use Planner, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Governor's Military Council, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

11:30 am - 12:30 pm	**WRP Business Session and Wrap Up Discussion**
	• Observations on the 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting, Discussion and Action by WRP Principals
	  • Adoption of WRP 2018-2019 Priority
	  • Adoption of WRP 2019 Resolution Process
	  • Affirmation of WRP Charter, WRP Mission/Vision
	• Announcement of 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting

12:30 pm	**Adjournment of the 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting**
1:00 pm	**After WRP Principals' Meeting Dedicated to Getting Tribal Input** Meeting in Tewa Grand Ballroom Main Room of Tribal Leaders with State and Federal Agencies on Tribal Issues and Better Ways to Coordinate and Work Together.
1:00 pm	**NRCS Hosted Tour** Meet in hotel lobby.

2018 WRP Principals' Meeting
Listing by Entity

U.S. Congress

- Greg Bloom, State Director, Office of U.S. Senator Tom Udell
- Mariana Padilla, District Director, Office of U.S. Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham
- Patrick G. Duran, Acting District Director , Office of U.S. Representative Ben Ray Luján

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist – West, USDA-NRCS
- Xavier Montoya, New Mexico State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
- Timothy Wilson, Utah State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
- Debbie Hughes, Executive Director, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts
- Pedro Ramos, ASTC-Programs, USDA-NRCS

U.S. Forest Service

- Robert Trujillo, Director, Wildlife, Fish and Rare Plants, and Rangeland Management, USDA Forest Service

U.S. Department of Commerce

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

- Grant Cooper, Western Regional Director, NOAA/National Weather Service

U.S. Department of Defense

Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)

- Allison Sands, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Infrastructure, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment) (Acting WRP DoD Co-Chair)
- Fred Drummond, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Force Education and Training, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Readiness)
- Kristin Thomasgard, Program Director, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment) (WRP SC Co-Chair)
- Amy Caramanica, Lead Associate, Contract Support, REPI Program
- Maria Abadie, Consultant, Contract Support, REPI Program

U.S. Air Force

- David Smith, Senior Installation Support Director, Edwards AFB

- Colonel Brett Howard, 12th Air Force Advisor, 12th Air Force (WRP SC Member)
- Colonel Joseph Campo, Commander, 49th Wing Holloman AFB
- Colonel James Frickel, Commander, HQ Utah Test & Training Range
- Colonel Douglas Horne, Vice Commander, 58th Special Operations Wing
- Lieutenant Colonel Edward Kim, Commander, 54 Operations Support Squadron, Holloman AFB
- Steven Arenson, Deputy Director, Installations Planning, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations (WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair)
- Chas Buchanan, Director, 56 Range Management Office, Luke AFB
- Richard Lewis, Deputy Director, 27th Special Operations Group, Cannon AFB
- Jamie Spell, AF Regional Environmental Coordinator, U.S. Air Force
- Scott Kiernan, Mission Sustainment Liaison, 412 Test Wing, Edwards AFB
- Mahalingam Ravichandran, DoD Regional Environmental Coordinator, Air Force Civil Engineer Center
- Kacey Carter, Installation Community Planner, Davis-Monthan AFB
- Juan (LP) Lavarreda-Perez, Airspace Manager, Holloman AFB
- Andrew Lazar, Operations Officer, 58th SOW, Kirtland AFB
- Joseph Kimmerle, Deputy Director Airfield Operations, Cannon AFB
- Milt Hyman, Wing Airspace Manager, Cannon Air Force Base
- Will Urick, Holloman AFB
- Paul Holland, Encroachment Analyst, SAF/IEI

U.S. Army

- Jeffrey Jennings, Deputy to the Commanding General, Fort Huachuca
- Colonel Isaac Manigault, Commander, U.S. Army Environmental Command
- Colonel Ross Poppenberger, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground
- Colonel Brandon Newton, Defense Coordinating Officer, US Army North, Defense Coordinating Element Region VIII
- Lieutenant Colonel Noma Martini, Army Representative, U.S. Army Aeronautical Service Agency
- Glen Adams, Chief of Staff, White Sands Missile Range
- Joel Giblin, Acting G5, White Sands Missile Range
- Kenneth Gritton, Technical Director, Dugway Proving Ground
- Ann Wood, Chief, Environmental Services and Support, U.S. Army Environmental Command
- Edward Dunn, Senior Environmental Officer, Army Test & Evaluation Command
- Alicia Baldouf, Test Ops Div Chief, ATEC
- Matthew Walsh, Executive Liaison to the Commanding General, Fort Huachuca
- Mark Mahoney, Director, Army Regional Environmental & Energy Office – West, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Stanley Rasmussen, Regional Environmental Coordinator, USACE

U.S. Marine Corps

- Colonel Jeff Holt, Deputy Commander, MCI-West, Camp Pendleton (WRP SC Member)
- Major Julio Gonzalez, Regional Airspace Coordinator, MCI-West
- Burt Williams, Deputy Director Environmental Security, MCI-West, Camp Pendleton

U.S. Navy

- Rear Admiral Yancy Lindsey, Commander, Navy Region Southwest
- Commander Anthony Smith, Navy Representative to FAA, OPNAV N98
- Chris Stathos, Fleet Environmental Coordinator, Navy Region Southwest (WRP SC Member)
- Lt Col Kevin Lipski, Navy Representative to FAA, OPNAV
- Steve Chung, NRSW Encroachment Program Director, Navy Region Southwest
- Steve Pennix, Supervisory Range Specialist, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake
- Valerie Vartanian, Natural Resources Manager, Naval Base Ventura County
- Lieutenant Caitlyn Harrington, Flag Aide to RDML Lindsey

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

- Josephine Axt, Acting Deputy Program Manager for the Albuquerque District, USACE
- Ronald Kneebone, Ph.D. Director, Tribal Nations Technical Center - USACE
- John D'Antonio, Federal Liaison WestFAST, Western States Water Council (Deputy District Engineer, Programs and Project Management, USACE)

U.S. Department of Energy

- Rodney Bailey, Power Marketing Advisor, Western Area Power Administration

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- Michael Harrison, Associate Chief, U.S. Border Patrol
- Paul Enriquez, Director – Acquisitions, Real Estate, and Environmental, U.S. Border Patrol
- Shelly Lubin, Assistant Chief, U.S. Border Patrol (WRP SC Member)
- Javier Gurrola, Executive Director, Tucson Sector, U.S. Border Patrol
- Shane Wolchak, Contract Support to U.S. Border Patrol/Associate, Agile Group

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Lee dePalo, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VIII

U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)

- Carrie Wallace, Attorney, U.S. Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

- Pearl Chamberlin, Division Manager for Engineering, Bureau of Indian Affairs – Navajo Region

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

- John Ruhs, Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation, Bureau of Land Management (Acting WRP DoI Co-Chair)
- Raymond Suazo, State Director, Arizona, Bureau of Land Management
- Greg Shoop, Acting State Director, Colorado, Bureau of Land Management
- Tim Spisak, Acting State Director, New Mexico Bureau of Land Management
- Raul Morales, Deputy State Director, Nevada, Bureau of Land Management (WRP SC Member)
- Lucas Lucero, Deputy State Director, Arizona, Bureau of Land Management (WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair)
- Abbie Jossie, Deputy State Director, Utah, Bureau of Land Management (WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair)
- Melanie Barnes, Deputy State Director, Land and Resources, New Mexico, Bureau of Land Management
- Julie Valentine, SW Border Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management (WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair)
- Debby Lucero, Supervisory Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management
- Adrian Garcia, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Reclamation (BuRec)

- Deborah Lawler, Special Assistant, Bureau of Reclamation (WRP SC Member)

National Park Service (NPS)

- Attila Bality, Acting Director, Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Program, National Park Service Intermountain Region

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- Amy Lueders, Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Paul Souza, Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

- Roseann Gonzales-Schreiner, Acting Director, USGS Southwest Region
- Allison Shipp, Deputy Regional Director, USGS Southwest Region (WRP SC Member)

U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

- Tamara Swann, Acting Regional Administrator, FAA Western-Pacific Region (WRP SC Member)

- Randy Willis, Manager ATO UAS Integration, FAA HQ

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

- Tim Hess, Associate Administrator for Federal Lands, Federal Highway Administration
- Peter Osborn, Director of Field Services – West, Federal Highway Administration
- Kevin Moody, Infrastructure Ecologist Team Leader, FHWA (WRP SC Member and Co-Chair of MRHSDP&A Committee)
- Greg Heitman, Lead Environmental/Realty Specialist, FHWA New Mexico Division

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA
- Erin Chancellor, Chief of Staff, EPA Region 6
- Megan Garvey, Senior Counselor to the Regional Administrator, EPA Region 8
- James Kenney, Senior Policy Advisor for Oil and Gas, U.S. EPA

Native American Leadership

- Councilmember Idak Fierro, Chief Operations Officer, Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Leroy Shingoitewa, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe (Co-Chair of WRP Energy Committee)
- Jeff Gaco, Tribal Council Representative, Pueblo of Laguna
- Rosa Honani, Hopi Tribal Council Representative, The Hopi Tribe
- Connie Reitman, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc. (WRP SC Member and MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair)
- Clayton Honyumptewa, Director, Hopi Tribe – Department of Natural Resources (Co-Chair WRP Natural Resources Committee)
- Frank Ramirez, National Director, National American Indian Veterans Inc.
- Joey Garcia, Incident Commander, Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Virginia Salazar-Halfmoon, Director, Intergovernmental and Public Relations Office, Santa Clara Pueblo
- Chris Holyfield, Emergency Manager, Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Jesse Orozco, Director, Public Safety Department – Pueblo of Laguna
- Jose Villegas, SW-I-WEMC Treasurer, Texas Band of Yaqui Indians
- Theresa Lomakema, Hopi Tribal Secretary, The Hopi Tribe
- Eudane Vicenti, Jicarilla Apache Nation; Game and Fish Department
- Meranda Nutumya, Support Staff Assistant, The Hopi Tribe

States

Arizona

- Kristine FireThunder, Policy Advisor, Arizona Governor's Office
- Anthony Cox, Deputy Director, Division of Emergency Management, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
- Keith Knutson, Wildlife Contracts Branch Chief, Arizona Game and Fish

California

- Karen Douglas, Commissioner, California Energy Commission
- Scott Morgan, Deputy Director, California Governor's Office of Planning & Research
- Gareth Smythe, Associate Policy Advisor, California Governor's Office of Planning & Research, (WRP SC Member)
- Jim Bartridge, Senior Transmission Program and Policy Specialist, California Energy Commission (WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair)

Colorado

- Kathleen Staks, Executive Director, Colorado Energy Office

New Mexico

- Keith Gardner, Chief of Staff, New Mexico Governor's Office (WRP SC Member)
- Major General Ken Nava, The Adjutant General of the State of New Mexico, New Mexico National Guard
- Brigadier General USAF (Ret) Hanson Scott, Kirtland Partnership Committee (Former Chair of WRP Steering Committee and Interim Steering Committee)
- Erik J. Petago, Fire Chief, Dulce Fire Department, Dulce, New Mexico

Nevada

- Angela Dykema, Director, Nevada Governor's Office of Energy (WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair)

Utah

- Michael Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Utah Governor's Office (Acting WRP State Co-Chair and WRP Lead SC Co-Chair)
- Gary Harter, Executive Director, Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs
- Laura Nelson, Energy Advisor, Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development

Regional

Aviation

- Michael Cirillo, Managing Director, Air Traffic Management, Airlines for America

States

- Edgar, R. Ruiz, Executive Director, The Council of State Governments - West

WRP

- Amy Duffy, Consultant/WRP Coordinator, Duffy Consulting

Month	Date	Milestone/Activity	Notes
November 2018	Nov 14-15	2018 WRP Principals' Meeting	completed
December 2018	NLT December 31	Principals' Meeting Follow up: •Summary of actions/decisions from WRP Principals' Meeting (PM) sent to WRP SC •2018/2019 WRP Priority circulated to attendees and posted to WRP Website •Update WRP Website to reflect actions from WRP PM •Thank you notes/emails sent	1. email sent to WRP SC regarding WRP PM priority and survey request (Nov 29) 2. WRP website updated (Dec 4). 3. WRP PM DRAFT notes sent out to all speakers (Dec 5)
January 2019	January 4, 2019	2018 WRP PM Notes finalized, circulated to attendees and posted to WRP Website	completed
	January	Follow up/encourage responses to WRP survey	completed
February 2019	February 5-6, 2019	RCC SEG Meeting	Amy briefed WRP
	February 8, 2019	BLM-DoD Call (in support of the BLM Temporary Planning Working Group)	completed
	February 28, 2019	Agency response on approved questions on "Attaining Compatible Planning through Enhanced Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities."	survey responses compiled
	March 11, 2019	WRP DoD Core call	Completed
March 2019	March 12, 2019	WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair Call	completed
	March 13, 2019	WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair Call	completed
	March 14, 2019	WRP DoD Core call	Completed
	March 14 from 10 am to 11 am Pacific:	WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group Call	completed
	March 15, 2019	WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair Call	completed
	March 18, 2019	BLM-DoD Call (in support of the BLM Temporary Planning Working Group)	
	March 20 at 10 am Pacific	WRP SC Call with WRP Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons. Agenda items (to date): 2018 WRP PM; 2018/2019 Actions; 2019 WRP Resolution; 2019 WRP PM location options; around-the-phone updates	
	By March 22	Circulate 2019 WRP Resolution Form for WRP SC action	
	March 22: 10-11 am Pacific	WRP Energy Committee Webinar on DoD Energy (Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse and DoD Energy Resilience)	
April 2019	Ongoing	WRP SC Members: Coordinate 2019 WRP Resolution	
	Ongoing	Committee Activites	
	April 9: 8-10 am Pacific	WRP Natural Resources Committee Webinar on SWAPs/State perspectives on species management	
	April 12, 2019	WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair Call	
	April 25: 10:30 to 12:30 noon Pacific	WRP MRHSDP&A Webinar on DoD State/Regional Organizations/Forums in the WRP Region	
	April 26, 2019	WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair Call	
May 2019	NLT May 10	WRP 2019 Resolutions due	
	May 15: 11 am to 1 pm Pacific	WRP MRHSDP&A Webinar on 2019 Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness Trends and Updates	
	May 17th from 12:30 to 2:30 Pacific:	WRP Energy Committee webinar on Regional Trends and Updates (By WECC, WAPA, WIEB, California ISO (on EIM), and NASEO)	
	NLT May 31	All Resolutions will be consolidated and circulated to the WRP SC and Committee Co-Chairs.	
	Ongoing	Committee Activites	
June 2019	June 6, 2019	WRP Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair Call	
	June 7, 2019	WRP MRHSDP&A Committee Co-Chair Call	
	June 7, 2019	WRP Energy Committee Co-Chair Call	
	June 10-12	WGA Winter Meeting	
	June 19, 2018	WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group Meeting. Location:1600 Broadway, Fifth Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80202. This meeting is graciously hosted by WGA.	
	June 20 (all-day)	WRP SC Meeting with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons. Location:1600 Broadway, Fifth Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80202. This meeting is graciously hosted by WGA. Agenda items (to date): 2019 WRP PM Agenda, Review and discussion of 2019 Resolution input, confirm WRP Principals and around-the-room information sharing	
	NLT June 25	2019 WRP PM location confirmed	
	Ongoing	Committee Activites	
	TBD	Committee Webinar:	
July 2019	NLT July 2	WRP PM Website up and running	
	NLT July 31	2019 WRP PM Invitations sent out	

	Ongoing	Committee Activites	
August 2019	Ongoing	Committee Activites	
	TBD	Committee Webinar:	
	August 20 at 10 am Pacific	WRP SC Call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons. Agenda items (to date): Discussion of 2019 WRP PM; 2018/2019 WRP Actions and around-the-phone information sharing	
September 2019	Ongoing	Committee Activites	
	TBD	Committee Webinar:	
October 2019	October 18 at 10 am Pacific	WRP SC Call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liasions. Agenda items (to date): 2019 WRP PM; 2018/2019 WRP Actions and around-the-phone information sharing	
	NLT October 30	"Pre" calls for WRP PM Plenary Sessions (ensure speakers are supported/ready)	
	NLT October 30	Final report with analysis and recommendations to be circulated in preparation for presentation and review at the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting.	
November 2019	November 19-20 in San Diego	2019 WRP Principals' Meeting	

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Green highlight: event has ended
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Blue font: Non-WRP event; Partner Event

WRP Steering Committee Meeting with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons

June 20, 2019 ♦ 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
TBD (Denver, CO?)

Meeting Objectives:

- Develop Steering Committee Recommendations on:
  - WRP 2019/2020 Priority for WRP Principals' consideration
  - 2019/2020 WRP Charter (Determine if any need for revision this year)
  - WRP SC Priorities, Schedule and Leadership for 2019/2020
- Discuss and finalize WRP Principals' Meeting Planning Efforts
- Receive updates on Committee and Working Groups and Provide input on 2019 Actions
- Agency Information sharing

AGENDA

June 20, 2019

		Action Requested
9:00 am	**1. Welcome and Introductions**	
9:10 am	**2. Overview of Meeting Goals**	Information
9:15 am	**3. Brief Overview of WRP, History & Mission**	Information

9:30 am	**4. Committee and Working Group Updates in support of WRP 2018-2019 WRP Priority:** *Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities*
	• Steering Committee (SC)
	• Energy
	• MRHSDP&A
	• Natural Resources
	• Temporary Working Groups (WG):
	  o BLM Planning
	  o Tribal Engagement
		Presentation and discussion on next steps and actions

10:45 am	***Networking Break***	
11:10 am	**5. WRP Resolutions** • Review input provided • Finalize WRP SC recommendation for 2019/2020 WRP Strategic Priority	Discussion & Decision

12 noon	***Working Lunch*** **Agencies' Updates on Issues of Importance** • Please highlight issues of importance relating to the WRP Mission	Discussion
1:45 pm	**WRP SC Recommendations** • WRP SC Priorities, Schedule and Leadership for 2019/2020 • 2019 WRP Charter and Vision/ Mission Document	Discussion & Decision
2:45 pm	**6. Discussion regarding 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting** • Review meeting logistics • Discuss/finalize meeting format and meeting recommendations • Confirm Decisions to be made by WRP Principals • Confirm side-bar meetings to be held • Next steps	Discussion & Decision
3:45 pm	**7. Wrap-up, Final Recommendations and Next Steps**	Finalize any last decisions
4:00 pm	***Adjournment***	

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WRP STRATEGIC PRIORITY FOR 2018-2019

Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.

Phase one – Consolidated Survey Results

March 2019

WRP Strategic Priority for 2018-2019

The 2018-2019 WRP Year is focused on *Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities*.

Background:
In the West, there are significant military assets, varied wildlife ecosystems and extensive infrastructure such as energy and transportation. The WRP Region represents 19% of the U.S. land mass and includes 18% of the U.S. population. Leveraging of resources and inter-agency coordination are required to avoid duplication of efforts, minimize mission impacts and encourage sharing of best practices. The WRP Region land management breakout is:

- Federal (non-DoD) Managed: 46.7%
- Private Land: 35.3%
- Indian Trust Land: 7.4%
- State Trust Land: 6.3%
- DoD Managed: 4.3%

Statement of Purpose:
Agencies are streamlining planning processes (including environmental reviews and permits), making it even more imperative to have a keen understanding of the new processes and collaborative engagement practices. By working together, WRP Partners will develop best practices and models for more efficient and consistent planning collaboration.

Expected Product:
Note: This effort will be completed to the extent feasible subject to the availability of WRP partner input and WRP dedicated resources:

- Identification of specific projects, policies and plans on which WRP collective efforts may be focused and establishment of mutually agreed upon actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to demonstrate progress.
- Strategies (narrative) on processes to encourage planning efforts that avoid mission conflict; highlighting best practices and models.
- Map product highlighting areas of overlap of mission interests that could drive greater collaboration among Partners

Project Phases:
This priority will be attained through the following steps:

1. November 2018: Priority approved during 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting.
2. Request by January 31, 2019; completion date March 11: All entities complete and submit answers to questions (Attachment A). To the extent possible, federal agencies are asked to please coordinate across any management regions so that all of the WRP area (AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV and UT) is included.

3. February – October 2019: WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committees will review input provided and conduct follow-on analysis, synthesizing of data and developing draft recommendations. Facilitating additional agency coordination to establish mutually agreed upon actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to demonstrate progress.
4. June 2019: WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committee Co-Chairs will review analysis at their meeting on June 20, 2019. SC members will apprise their WRP Principal on current progress.
5. October 2019: Final report with analysis and recommendations to be circulated in preparation for presentation and review at the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting.
6. November 2019: Presentation and review of findings at the November 19-20th WRP Principals' Meeting to be held in San Diego, CA.

Guiding Principles:

- Project will highlight WRP Partners' missions and long-term goals
- Recognizing the inherent, differentiated authority of federal, state and tribal entities, encouraging communication and cooperation among those entities and avoiding interference with any entity's distinct rights and responsibilities
- Leverage efforts; not duplicate
- Information will be publicly available and highlight:
    - Energy Development
    - Military Mission Footprint or Weapon System Changes and any upcoming Military Land Withdrawals
    - Ecological Goals and large landscape-level conservation (looking for opportunities to assist with activities over key habitat and species)
    - Aviation and unmanned mission changes
    - Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness efforts
    - Regional and state-wide plans

Survey Results

March 2019

Survey was approved at 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting and shortly thereafter a request for response was sent to the WRP Steering Committee (SC) (November 29) and to those who attended the WRP Principals' Meeting (December 7) with subsequent follow-up in 2019. The timing of the survey proved to be problematic given the government shutdown, which impacted many federal agencies, Additionally, four of the six Governors within the WRP Region were newly elected in 2018 and their staffs were focused on state legislative sessions, setting up new Cabinets, etc.

The last survey response was provided on March 11; this document summarizes the collective input. WRP thanks those who responded to this survey, especially those who coordinated within their agencies in the WRP region. All survey input has proven to be instrumental to kick-off this WRP Priority.

Fifteen responses were provided from the following entities to this brief survey:

State:

- California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
- California Energy Commission
- Governor's Office of Energy, State of Nevada

Federal:

- Department of Interior (DOI):
    - Bureau of Reclamation (BuRec)
    - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Pacific Southwest Region
    - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS):
    - US Border Patrol (USBP)
    - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VIII
- Department of Defense (DoD):
    - Marine Corps Installations West (MCIWEST)
    - Navy Region Southwest (NRSW)
    - OSD, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment)
    - US Army/Fort Huachuca
    - USACE, South Pacific Region
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): EPA Region 9

Tribal:

- Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.

Planning factors that impact your entity's mission:

Please indicate what compatible planning means for your entity – what might impact your mission? What would you like other agencies to know about your mission so that they can more effectively collaborate with your organization on planning? Do you have any recommendations on how best to solve these challenges? Do you have any maps/GIS resources that help to illustrate areas of importance to your entity? What changes in planning policies (administrative or statutory) is your entity contemplating?

Compatible Planning Information

State

- CA OPR
  - In the context of WRP and working with the Military, compatible planning means collaborating with partners to find solutions that meet common goals while preserving the mission of the military in California.
  - It is important to California, local, tribal and other public partners and military partners to have the tools and resources necessary to engage in constructive dialogue relating to protecting and expanding the overarching missions of all partners.
  - Serves the Governor and his Cabinet as staff for long-range planning and research and constitutes the comprehensive state planning agency.
  - Staffs the Governor's Military Council and assists in the coordination, implementation and understanding of the California Environmental Quality Act process.
- CEC
  - Over the last ten years, more than 15,000 megawatts of renewable energy projects have come online in California. In 2018, Senate Bill 100 (de León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018) increased the renewables mandate to 60 percent by 2030 and set a goal to serve 100% of retail load with zero-carbon energy by 2045. The Energy Commission's energy, environmental, and land use planning activities will support these goals.
  - Core responsibilities are developing and advancing state energy policy, establishing energy efficiency standards for buildings and appliances, certifying thermal power plants, investing in energy innovation and research, encouraging renewable energy, transforming transportation, and preparing for fuel emergencies.
  - California coordinates with federal partners and other states on a variety of energy issues and activities, including renewable energy land use and offshore wind planning, transmission corridors, potential generation projects, environmental review of projects, and mitigation of impacts. This includes working with the Department of Interior and DoD to provide outreach to, and gather data from, local communities and stakeholders on potential offshore wind energy development, and the Bureau of Land Management and DoD on

the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Least Conflict Solar, Section 368 Corridor Review, and the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative.
    - Compatible planning requires communication, utilizing best available data and science, and providing coordinated outreach to stakeholders and potentially affected parties, when possible, to identify potential issues and better understand perspectives, goals, and objectives/desired results. Compatible planning to meet the needs of Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure requires looking at issues with a broad, landscape-scale perspective to understand the range of issues and stakeholder perspectives/needs associated with the planning area, the state's goals, mandates, and objectives, and the military's mission within it.
    - Recommendations – Frequent communication and coordination, as well as use of interactive data platforms to make information and tools available to all parties.
- Governor's Office of Energy (GOE), State of Nevada
    - Part of the mission is to ensure the wise development of Nevada's energy resources; to that effect, GOE continues to be heavily involved in the development of electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure which support transportation electrification. Input and collaboration with stakeholders and other governments will be instrumental in accomplishing this effort.

DOI

- BuRec
    - Does not use the term compatible planning, but rather planning new infrastructure or advanced planning. Reclamation conducts water and related resources implementation studies to formulate, evaluate, and select project plans for water resources development projects. Studies are conducted for supporting a report, proposal, or plan submitted to the Congress for approval, appropriations, or legislative action.
    - Through WaterSMART Program, BuRec cost-shares grants for water improvement projects, Title XVI water – reclamation and reuse research, support for collaborative watershed groups, planning and design of water conservation activities through the Water Conservation Field Services Program; and a comprehensive approach to drought planning and implementation actions that address water shortages.
    - BuRec is best known for the dams, power plants, and canals it constructed in the 17 western states and is the largest wholesaler of water in the country. It brings water to more than 31 million people and one out of five Western farmers (140,000) for 10 million acres of farmland producing 60% of the nation's vegetables and 25% of its fruits and nuts.

- BuRec is the second largest producer of hydroelectric power, with 53 power plants annually providing more than 40 billion kilowatt hours, enough to serve 3.5 million homes and generate nearly $1 billion in power revenue.
- BuRec's programs, initiatives, and activities help the Western States, Native American Tribes, and others meet water needs and balance the multitude of competing uses of water in the West.
- BuRec emphasizes fulfilling its water delivery obligations, water conservation, water recycling and reuse, and developing partnerships with customers, states, and Native American Tribes, and in finding ways to bring together the many variety of interests to address the competing needs for limited water resources.

- USFWS, Pacific Southwest
  - Compatible planning means balancing the expectations and deadlines of the current administration and collaboration with local, state and federal partners through planning and communicating with partners on primary priorities. For some projects/work, this can mean monthly, weekly or daily check-ins as well as ensuring communication happens across field staff to regional leadership. Examples of priority areas, and in some cases, implementing compatible planning:
    - California and Klamath water issues. Per the October 2018 Presidential Memo, USFWS is required to complete biological consultations on the Central Valley Water Project, Klamath water operations and the proposed raising of Shasta Dam this fiscal year. USFWS Pacific Southwest Regional Director is the lead for all three agencies (FWS, Bureau of Reclamation and National Marine Fisheries Service) for these consultations, with the intended goal of increased coordination, communication and streamlined processes. USFWS is working closely with these federal agencies and others, along with state partners, water districts, agricultural community, tribes and others on a daily basis to accomplish this work.
    - Streamlined NEPA processes. Per new Department of Interior direction, agencies are required to complete the NEPA process in new consolidated timelines and with page limits (150 pages for EIS). As part of this, USFWS is working to plan, schedule and coordinate more effectively with partners, including federal agencies such as DoD and the Corps of Engineers, and private entities such as timber and mining companies.
    - Collaborative DoD conservation projects. A priority for the USFWS is to work toward compatible planning with DoD partners on projects such as the LEIS for Desert National Wildlife Refuge and desert tortoise recovery on several bases in southern California and Nevada.
- USGS
  - Federal budgets and the availability of partner funds impact the timeline and number of projects USGS can complete in a specified timeframe. Current staffing levels are low. It can be challenging to bring on enough staff to

accomplish the work and to attract the best and brightest with temporary positions. Furloughs greatly impact the ability to accomplish the mission.

DHS

- USBP
  - USBP planning cycle can range from three to five-year plans based on a full budget. Continuing Resolution Budget affects state, local and tribal (SLT) program training and travel budget.
- FEMA Region VIII
  - Lifelines Operations and Reporting- Based on lessons learned from historic hurricane seasons in 2017-2018, FEMA is developing and implementing Lifelines, a construct for outcome-based stabilization efforts during emergency response focusing on seven critical sectors- Safety and Security; Food, Water, Sheltering; Health and Medical; Energy; Communications; Transportation; Hazardous Waste. This will change the way FEMA and federal partners organize, operate and report during response.
  - FEMA Integration Teams (FIT)- FEMA is putting multi-disciplinary integration teams into the states to strengthen partnerships and coordination. In most cases, they will be co-located with state emergency management staff.
  - FEMA is moving toward all hazard planning as opposed to hazard specific plans. You will start to see more All hazards planning and operations as Incident Management Teams are also expanding Type 3 All Hazards IMTs.
  - The agency is going back to Incident Command System in Regional Response Coordination Centers and National Response Coordination Center. This is a change from the past few years when internal organization was under National and Regional Incident Support Manual (NISM/RISM) framework.

DoD

- MCIWEST
  - Regional headquarters for Marine Corps Bases and Air Stations in the Southwest. The G-7 engages with elected officials, regulators, and community leaders to prevent or mitigate encroachment, educate officials on the impact of environmental regulation, and advocate for quality of life affecting military families.
- NRSW
  - Comprised of 9 major installations in California, one Naval Air Station (NAS Fallon) in Nevada and a Naval Observatory (Flagstaff) in Arizona. Most coastal installations (Naval Base San Diego, Naval Base Coronado, Naval Base Point Loma, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Naval Base Ventura County and Naval Support Activity Monterey) are located within highly urbanized areas. Coastal installations support the Fleet (ships, submarines, aircraft and special warfare operators) in the form by homeporting, training, testing and preparations for operational deployment. The rural installations (Naval Air Station Lemoore, Naval Air Station Fallon, Naval Air Facility El Centro and

Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake support Fleet aviation assets by basing, flight training and research development and war fighting training ranges.

- NRSW's biggest challenge is coordinating and maintaining compatible land use and growth in the vicinity of installations, Testing and Training Ranges, and network of military training routes that interconnect critical operational areas. The Navy has stationed Community Plans and Liaison Officers on primary installations whose sole function is to network with local planning agencies and stay abreast of proposed infrastructure upgrades and development projects, assessing potential mission impacts and engaging to protect and sustain mission capability. Levels of engagement include local city and county planning and regulatory agencies, larger regional agencies, such as transportation and airport boards and state and federal agencies.
- Urban installation sustainment focuses on infrastructure support, which includes energy supplies, water, and transportation. Traffic congestion is a major concern. NRSW is working with SANDAG and others to align planning efforts to create SMART Growth and increase multimodal transportation options, while ensuring mission readiness.
- Several encroachment threats are unique to rural installations that are associated with Navy test and training ranges.
    - Loss of secure and sustainable water supplies.
    - Renewable energy development, such as wind energy projects, impacts airborne radar testing, impacts research, development and testing mission capabilities.
    - Expanded sell off and use of limited frequency spectrums may impact research and development data gathering abilities.
- In response to wind energy development, DoD developed the R-2508 Risk of Adverse Impact on Military Operations and Readiness Area (RAIMORA), which identifies specific areas where wind energy development may create significant and unavoidable impacts and informs developers and land planning agencies that development in those areas could adversely impact military operations and readiness activities. Ensuring local land use jurisdictions are aware of the DoD RAIMORA and provide information on how to engage NAWS China Lake will improve collaboration on planning efforts.
- Recommend earlier communication and engagement from local planning jurisdictions on proposed projects in NRSW AOR. Earlier communication would apply to all NEPA/CEQA documentation and actions that require variances or changes to planning codes. Early engagement would give the Navy more time to ensure compatibility of land use planning and proposed projects. Better communication processes between the installations and local and state agencies and external federal agencies are needed. An understanding of the strategic importance of installations by other agencies is critical to achieving mutual goals and minimize incompatibilities where stated

objectives may differ. This level of understanding can be achieved through a combination of education (outreach materials, tours, etc.), evidence (EIAs, operational statistics), and engagement (notification procedures, cooperative planning efforts, etc.).

- OSD/US Army/Fort Huachuca
    - Compatible planning takes into account potential mission impacts resulting from planning activities and engaging all stakeholders early in the planning process in order to develop mitigating measures that reduce adverse impacts, while allowing projects and plans to move forward.
- OSD
    - From a DoD perspective, this involves consideration of current and future military requirements for testing and training activities that occur on and around installations and ranges (on land, air, and sea). DoD missions continuously evolve, so on-going dialogue is key. Coordination at the local installation or range level is the first and most critical step in the compatible planning process. In addition to local level coordination with installation and range personnel, there are several tools and resources within the DoD that can assist in compatible planning efforts:
        - Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), Compatible Use Program; please see https://www.oea.gov/how-we-do-it/compatible-use
        - DoD Energy Siting Clearinghouse; please see https://www.acq.osd.mil/dodsc/
        - Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program; please see https://www.repi.mil
    - Some issues of particular interest to DoD include regulation and planning for use of unmanned vehicles - both at the federal and state level. This includes unmanned aerial systems, as well as unmanned surface and undersurface systems, which can pose safety, scheduling, and security issues for DoD airspace and maritime interests. Coordination with federal and state agencies on use of these systems is important, and state engagement to limit or regulate such activities may be helpful moving forward.
- US Army/Fort Huachuca
    - Missions continuously evolve and the best way to keep abreast of that is to stay in constant dialogue with the military installations and ranges within your planning jurisdiction to ensure that future development takes into account those evolving requirements to the greatest extent possible. As part of the greater US Army involvement within WRP, working to develop a regional working group across the seven major installations and ranges within the region.
- USACE, South Pacific Region
    - For USACE Civil Works missions, (including flood risk management, navigation, hydropower and ecosystem restoration) compatible planning

means working with varied project sponsors (ports, flood risk and water resources entities), other stakeholders and resource agencies to develop projects that serve not only state and regional publics, but the nation. USACE is charged to solve big problems of national scope. The greatest challenges are identifying cost effective and efficient solutions that contribute to national economy and waterborne commerce in a manner embracing and accommodating natural and cultural resources protection under NEPA, ESA, NHPA, FWCA, CWA and CAA requirements. Factors include evolving national priority of missions, projects and cost effectiveness of proposed projects. An authorized mission of USACE is ecosystem restoration and funding is provided for restoration in the form of mitigation under the FWCA, CWA and ESA. Multi-purpose projects that integrate restoration are more efficient long-term than mitigation, while providing added benefits. Ecosystem restoration should be an integrated project purpose for all flood risk management and navigation projects. Assigning a higher priority to sustainable invasive species management would also improve the long-term success of restoration.

EPA

- There is no significant connection between the questions and current mission (i.e. there aren't any obvious planning issues).

Tribal

- Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.
    - Compatible planning would incorporate understanding of sovereign status of tribal nations and familiarity with laws and policy that improve provision of benefits and services for members of tribal nations and improved agency responses to identified needs of tribal governments as per public policy provisions in a timely manner.

GIS Resources

- CEC: In the BOEM-California Offshore Renewable Energy Task Force, the San Joaquin Valley Least Conflict Solar Project, and the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, the Energy Commission worked with partners to develop and gather data for a publicly-accessible, web-based gateway providing easy access to environmental and usage data, valuable transparency around the uses of the data and its limitations, and a platform for sharing data and relevant analyses as the process continues. Information and GIS data from current and previous planning activities are available at the following website: https://caenergy.databasin.org/
- BuRec: A good resource illustrating areas of importance to Reclamation is its WaterSMART Data Visualization tool, found at www.usbr.gov/watersmart. The tool is interactive, and with maps that reflect expanding areas of programmatic interest and features historical information on older and newer projects.
- NRSW: DoD RAIMORA maps/analysis

- OSD: The REPI Program has developed an online mapping tool that provides GIS information on all military installation and range boundaries, military training routes and airspace, airfield clear zones and accident potential zones, published noise contours, and locations for Joint Land Use Studies. GIS layers can be turned on and off. More information can be found at https://www.repimap.org

Changes in planning policies (administrative or statutory)

State

- CA OPR:
  - Changes in federal and state budgeting may impact OPR's overall mission.
  - OPR will see changes in the planning, funding, and development of affordable housing projects and how the state and locals plan and adapt to wildfire- and climate-related impacts.
- BuRec:
  - Appraisal Studies for Implementation Projects: Reclamation is currently developing new policy for developing appraisal-level implementation studies (an initial planning investigation performed to determine the nature of water and related resources problems and needs in a particular area, formulate and assess preliminary alternatives, determine Reclamation interest, and recommend subsequent actions)
  - Appraisal Studies for MR&R: Reclamation is also developing policy related to planning for maintenance, rehabilitation, and repair (MR&R) of facilities.
  - S. 47, Natural Resources Management: provides general authorization to facilitate the transfer title of Reclamation project facilities to qualifying entities on the repayment of capital costs. The bill passed the Senate and is anticipated it will pass the House.
  - OSD: New Federal Funding Opportunity through OEA, Compatible Use Program for all compatible use planning (Joint Land Use Studies and Compatible Energy Siting) will be released soon; updates will be provided through the Steering Committee.

Agency's Upcoming Planning Efforts

Please provide information on your entity's major planning efforts that will be initiated by 2023 and associated timelines? What is the best way to learn of your entity's planning efforts in advance?

State

- CA OPR
  - Disaster resilience and response-direction to identify geographic areas with populations that are particularly at risk during natural disasters. OPR is a leading agency in identifying actions that the Governor can unilaterally take and working with the state legislature to address wildfire resilience and recovery. OPR also houses the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery, which is a legislatively mandated body creating recommendations for the state legislature on policies to address the costs associated with wildfires in California. Also, planning and development of affordable housing in the state.
  - 2019's military affairs activities on energy resilience and infrastructure: Conducting a review of each major installation's transportation infrastructure to assess which corridors are most in need of repair to strategically leverage state transportation funding. Working on quantifying state support for energy resilience on military bases and facilitating greater partnerships between the military and state energy agencies.
  - Working with its in-state regional commands to plan for greater landscape-wide REPI and other federal conservation funding to safeguard the military's mission and the landscapes that enable and protect it.
  - OPR planning efforts are on website (opr.ca.gov) or may be obtained by contacting OPR's planning staff, Military Affairs Representative and senior leadership.
- CEC
  - Member of the BOEM-California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force to identify potential areas where offshore wind energy development may be suitable in the future. This includes coordination, data gathering, and providing outreach to local communities and governments, Native American Tribes, environmental groups, commercial fishing groups, and various other stakeholder groups.
  - Working with Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and DoD with various environmental and conservation stakeholders to understand where potential REPI and other federal conservation funding could support conservation actions at a landscape-scale while simultaneously supporting the military mission in California.
  - Conducting energy, environmental, and land use planning and coordination activities throughout California to minimize potential impacts to species and habitats and minimize land use conflicts that may be associated with renewable

energy and related transmission projects. Information on these activities are regularly included in California updates to WRP. For more information please see CEC blog: http://calenergycommission.blogspot.com/, CEC newsletter: https://www.energy.ca.gov/commission/newsletter/index.php, and on Twitter at: @CalEnergy

DOI

- BuRec
  - Through WaterSMART, Reclamation continues to work cooperatively with states, tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply through investments to modernize existing infrastructure and attention to local water conflicts. Funding opportunities/awards are announced annually using news releases and funding opportunity announcements. Implementation studies, and any interim and final communications regarding the studies, are announced using news releases, and Federal Register Notices. Information regarding WaterSMART and various implementation studies can be found on Reclamation's internet site – www.usbr.gov, which includes project-specific information posted to regional and/or area office links.
- USFWS, Pacific Southwest Region
  - Primary planning efforts center around the current administration's priorities and completed required work under tight two-year timeframes. USFWS can share its schedule for evaluated species listings and recovery over the next 10 years and discuss best ways to collaborate. Other long-term planning efforts include needed infrastructure improvements for fish hatcheries and national wildlife refuges and a vision/strategy for hiring the workforce of the future.
- USGS
  - Provides support to states and other federal agencies; planning timelines coincide with their deadlines/timelines. Science and research take time to accomplish and assess. Too often there is inadequate time to design an appropriate research/study effort, conduct the study and analyze the data, so any lead time on known needs would be appreciated.

DHS

- CBP
  - New construction for the border wall and replacement fence projects The border wall public website is still under development; updates to be provided.
- FEMA
  - FEMA Region VIII is putting significant efforts into building a resilient Wasatch Front. It has been identified as a regional multi-year strategic priority. This not only included significant planning efforts, but also active collaboration with federal, state, local, non-governmental organizations (NGO) and private sector partners.

DoD

- MCIWEST

- For the region, the continuation of the protections provided by the DRECP are of primary importance. The continuing planning priorities for MCI West are the decommissioning of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and renewal of the San Onofre State Park lease.

- NRSW
  - In the near future, NRSW will experience an expansion of vessels, aircrafts and personnel in support of the Nation's strategic focus on the Pacific theater.
  - Specific Installation planning efforts are detailed below:
    - NAWS China Lake: NAWS CL and NAWCWD are coordinating efforts with Edwards AFB towards updating the 2008 R-2508 Joint Land Use Study. The goal is to complete the update by 2021. NAWS CL is working with the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority responsible for the development of a groundwater sustainability plan in accordance with the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014. The GSP must be submitted to Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. Through conservation, water importation, implementation of other alternative water supplies and water management strategies, the plan is required to bring the Indian Wells Valley groundwater basin into sustainability by 2040.
    - NSA Monterey: A Joint Land Use Study with City of Monterey (Sponsor) and The US Army Presidio of Monterey is in early stages.
    - NAF El Centro: There are no major planning efforts, but the possible development of Holtville Airfield into a regional aviation cargo hub may impact the local air space.
    - Naval Observatory Flagstaff: The Coconino County JLUS is about to finish and will go into an implementation phase beginning on 30 JAN 2019. Implementation will be realized as resources are available through an established partnership with key stakeholders. Additionally, Observatory staff are supporting a City of Flagstaff study known as Street Lighting for Enhancing Dark Skies (SLEDS) (https://www.flagstaff.az.gov/3854/SLEDS) which will help to guide parameters for an upcoming Joint City and County Lighting Code Update.
    - Naval Base Point Loma: The Navy is investigating a potential Public –Private Venture for the Old Town Complex Redevelopment/Revitalization Project of 70 acres of Navy owned land to better accommodate SPAWAR's future facilities requirements. https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/installations/navbase_point_loma/om/otc-redevelopment.html
    - NSA Monterey: Long-term planning participation efforts focus on regional multi-model transit options, including the Monterey Airport Master Plan & Service Expansion http://montereyeir.airportstudy.com/.
- OSD and US Army/Fort Huachuca

- The release of the new National Defense Strategy (NDS) affects future planning efforts. The 2019 National Defense Authorization Act requires a strategic planning effort to identify the future capabilities and requirements that will be necessary to modernize DoD testing and training ranges to meet new challenges. Planning efforts are underway at the Pentagon with the initial progress report due to Congress in April 2019, and a Strategic Plan due to Congress by April 2020. This will become the pivotal effort within DoD going forward for the region. The WRP DoD Core Team will coordinate through the MRDPHS&A Committee, as well as the Steering Committee to provide updates on this effort as it moves forward.

- OSD
  - DoD, in coordination with USDA and DOI is continuing to advance the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership (SLP) and identify opportunities for further federal, state, local, and private collaboration in landscapes that are critical to preserving and enhancing military readiness and capability. The Sentinel Landscape Partnership is developing a strategic plan to outline goals and objectives over the next 3-5 years, and to outline federal agency commitments to the partnership. The SLP will also be developing a 2019 application process for the identification of new potential Sentinel Landscapes around the country. The timeline for the 2019 application process is still uncertain, but information will be shared with WRP as it is available. More information on existing Sentinel Landscapes can be found at www.sentinellandscapes.org.
  - DoD is developing a comprehensive initiative from 2019-2023 on strengthening water resilience on DoD installations, particularly within the WRP region. OSD will provide information and updates on this initiative through the Steering Committee.
- USACE, South Pacific Region
  - Planning efforts are identified every year in the President's budget and selected based on demonstrated project merits as laid out during the annual budget cycle. Key factors influencing project selection include life risk aspects, such that the majority of new investigations in the past several years are related to damages stemming from hurricanes. In the west, likewise, new starts have most often gone to areas with significant flood risk. Navigation new starts have focused on major ports with growth and expansion challenges, and ecosystem restoration on projects that would help mitigate ESA impacts. There is continuing USACE interest in prioritizing restoration in urban settings, where expressed need is high, but the ability to develop cost-effective projects in settings where restoring self-sustaining habitat is constrained.

Tribal

- Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.
  - Major planning related to promoting self-determination, self-sufficiency and sustainability of tribal communities.

- Seeking out and engagement of resources as provided through public policy and laws.
- Providing input as per Executive Orders at state and federal levels to access services and benefits needed in tribal communities related to natural resources (environmental) (water, clean air), education, health, social welfare and economic development with preservation of religious and sacred sites for tribal communities.

Agency's Infrastructure Efforts

What are the top (please list at least 2-3) infrastructure projects your entity is engaged with currently and any relevant information (project website, etc.)?

State

- CA OPR
  - OPR and the Governor's Military Council are helping to identify transportation funding for Naval Base San Diego, autonomous vehicle funding for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and solutions for energy/water resilience at Beale Air Force Base. OPR is also looking at possible solutions for ingress and egress issues at Fort Irwin.
- CEC
  - Evaluating power plants and critical electric system infrastructure to determine where infrastructure may be at risk from environmental hazards (such as wildfires, mudslides, and earthquakes) and from climate-related threats (including higher temperatures, sea-level rise, and increased fire threats). This effort will identify potential mitigation measures to reduce threats and maintain system resiliency and reliability.
  - Recently approved interagency agreements with the CPUC to conduct CEQA environmental reviews for electric transmission lines, natural gas storage and pipelines, and water and telecommunication projects. Depending on the nature and scope of future potential projects, the Energy Commission will also coordinate with WRP partners as appropriate.
  - Working with the Bonneville Power Administration, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Southern California Edison (SCE), and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to study increased capabilities for the transfer of carbon-free electricity between the Pacific Northwest and California. Results will be included in the CAISO Draft 2018-19 Transmission Plan.
- Governor's Office of Energy, State of Nevada
  - Transportation Electrification

DOI

- BuRec
  - Water storage infrastructure projects; Maintenance, Rehabilitation, and Replacement of water infrastructure; and hydropower development and upgrades. Information on specific projects can be found via Reclamation's web site (www.usbr.gov); via agency news releases; by subscribing to Reclamation's bi-weekly newsletter; and via project specific web pages featured on specific Reclamation Region websites. Regional websites can be accessed via Reclamation's main web page (www.usbr.gov)
- USFWS, Pacific Southwest Region

- San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge levee repair—multi-million-dollar repairs that began this year with a first infusion of about $20 million.
- Klamath sucker facility—multi-year ~$4 million construction beginning this year for an endangered Lost River and shortnose sucker facility to eventually raise about 60,000 fish per year to help overcome the fact that no recruitment of the fish has occurred for several years.
- Lahontan Fish Hatchery well field infrastructure—beginning of multi-year work to fix a failing well field that supplies the water for the hatchery, raising Lahontan cutthroat trout and cui-ui in Nevada.

- USGS
  - Converting all web pages to DRUPAL format.

DHS

- CBP
  - Top construction priorities (in order): Wall replacement projects from the 2017 budget and 2008 SBInet Tucson West Tower Project (Ajo, Tucson, Casa Grande, Nogales and Sonoita). The border wall public website is still under development; updates to be provided.
- FEMA Region VIII
  - As part of the Wasatch effort, focusing on the massive Unreinforced Masonry (URM) issue along the Wasatch fault. Will conduct a URM summit with national implications on URM and seismic planning.
  - Continues to work on major infrastructure projects on Colorado, North Dakota, and all six Region VIII states as part of FEMA's Public Assistance Infrastructure and Mitigation programs.

DoD

- MCIWEST
  - Several on installation MILCON, energy, and water projects. Nothing off-installation has been identified.
- NRSW
  - The Navy will require a combination of refurbishment / replacement of existing infrastructure (such as piers) and additional construction on installations (such as new hangers) to meet expanding mission requirements.
  - Specific Installation infrastructure projects are detailed below:
    - Naval Base San Diego: In support of improving the transportation infrastructure connecting to the installation, a primary focus area are base access gates. The Vesta Bridge Project will transform transportation system and create a multi-modal connection between educational campus and major technology/manufacturing areas. Pier and mooring recapitalization and expansion will support the expected increases in new homeported ships. Both projects are linked to mission readiness and sustainability goals through 2035.

    - NAWS China Lake: Developing a 1.5MW battery storage facility to capture power from the on-installation solar system and to replace the Harvey Field water main distribution system. Phase 2 of the project is awaiting approval. Developing plans to install PV solar panels to power the pumps for the main water production wells.
    - Naval Base Point Loma: The Miramar Fuel Pipeline Repair/Relocation project repairs and relocates 17 miles of fuel pipeline extending from Naval Base Point Loma to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/installations/navbase_point_loma/om/NBPL_Miramar_Fuel_Pipeline_and_Relocation_Project.html
- OSD
    - DoD has numerous on-installation infrastructure projects in various stages of development. DoD may work in partnership with communities or other local and state government entities to coordinate on infrastructure projects outside the installation or range boundary that benefit DoD and those neighboring communities. Examples may include roads or water treatment facilities that are used by both DoD and non-DoD entities.
    - An emerging and growing focus area for DoD is installation resilience. The FY19 National Defense Authorization Act added the following definition for Military Installation Resilience: *The term 'military installation resilience' means the capability of a military installation to avoid, prepare for, minimize the effect of, adapt to, and recover from extreme weather events, or from anticipated or unanticipated changes in environmental conditions, that do, or have the potential to, adversely affect the military installation or essential transportation, logistical, or other necessary resources outside of the military installation that are necessary in order to maintain, improve, or rapidly reestablish installation mission assurance and mission-essential functions.* FY19 NDAA provided new authority to 10 USC 2391 to address threats to installation resilience. FY19 NDAA, Section 2805 authorizes DoD (through a program administered by the Office of Economic Adjustment) to offer adjustment and diversification grants to states and local governments for assistance to address threats to military installation resilience which could hinder base operations and to enhance the military value, resilience or military family quality of life at an installation. At this time, there is no funding for this new authority. OSD will provide information and updates on this effort through the Steering Committee.
- US Army/Fort Huachuca
    - No current on-going infrastructure projects within the broader region. Each installation may have individual plans at the local level but there is no current mechanism that identifies these across the region and summarizes at that level.
- USACE, South Pacific Division:
    - San Francisco Bay Waterfront Feasibility Study
    - Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Modification Study

- Folsom Dam Raise
- San Francisco Bay South Shoreline Protection and Ecosystem Restoration Project

Tribal

- Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.
  - Safety and Protection of tribal children and Families
  - Promote provision of programs and services for tribal communities
  - Provide training, technical assistance, education and information promoting tribal self-determination, self-sufficiency and sustainability of tribal governments.

Tribal Engagement:

Please share examples of successful instances of Tribal consultation or best practices. Do you have any recommended areas of focus for the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group? Please indicate your contact to be part of the WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group (name, title, email and phone number).

Successful instances of Tribal consultation or best practices

State

- CA (OPR & CEC)
  - All state agencies and departments must develop a Tribal Consultation Policy and designate a tribal liaison.
- CA OPR:
  - Local governments must consult with tribal governments when updating or amending a general plan.
  - Notice to and consultation with California Native American Tribes is required during the California Environmental Quality Act process.
- CEC:
  - Adopted a Tribal Consultation Policy that includes consultation, outreach, information sharing, renewable energy planning, and research.
  - Cohosted a California Tribal Energy Forum with the Pechanga Tribe, the Governor's Office of the Tribal Advisor, and the California Public Utilities Commission to strengthen existing relationships, share information, and advance government-to-government cooperation.

DOI

- BuRec:
  - In fiscal year 2018, a total of 969 consultations with 172 tribes. Authority for consultation included National Historic Preservation Act, Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act and Tribal trust assets. All of Reclamation's Regional Director's participated in tribal consultations. Area Office Managers and Regional and Area Office Tribal Liaisons were most frequently involved in tribal consultations.
  - In FY19, anticipates undertaking consultations relating to operation and maintenance contracts; preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and Section 106 compliance for the Columbia River System Operations; drought contingency planning; and rural water projects.
  - Reclamation has a Protocol Guideline, "Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments", which guides Reclamation's engagement activities with Indian tribes.
- USFWS, Pacific Southwest Region
  - Engaged with tribes throughout California, Nevada and the Klamath Basin on most primary projects and at both the local and regional level. Goal is proactive communications and collaboration whenever possible.

DHS

- USBP:
  - USBP has had a fourteen year, on-and off consultation with the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho for a road project in the Idaho Panhandle. This effort demonstrated importance of coordination, respect of key stakeholders and community input.

DoD

- NRSW
  - Government-to-Government Tribal consultation has been delegated to Installation Commanding Officers to facilitate the development of personal relationships to address local issues.
  - Examples of these Tribal engagements are highlighted below:
    - Naval Base Coronado: Consultations were conducted to develop Tribal monitoring protocols during excavation for construction effort of Naval Special Warfare Coastal Campus
    - Naval Base Ventura County: Extensive outreach and consultation to multiple tribes over many years to effect the repatriation and reburial of human remains and associated funerary objects that had been removed from San Nicolas Island from years of archeological studies.
    - NAWS China Lake: Meets with local tribes twice a year. Focus is on ground-disturbing activity and construction that may impact existing cultural sites and the desire for those sites to remain undisturbed. Access to sacred sites is governed by a memorandum of agreement.
    - NAWCWD: has begun to reach out to all tribes in the RAIMORA footprint to educate and discuss renewable energy projects.
- OSD
  - Continues to improve policies and practices designed to enhance effective and meaningful consultation with federally recognized tribes on a government-to-government basis on all activities that may have the potential to significantly affect protected tribal resources, tribal rights, or Indian lands.
  - The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the DoD Components must comply with the Federal trust doctrine, treaties, judicial decisions, federal statutes, regulations, Presidential memorandums, and Executive Orders governing interactions with Indian tribes. DoD updated and reissued the Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 4710.02: DoD Interactions With Federally Recognized Tribes; the stated purpose within the DoDI is to provide procedures for tribal consultation in accordance with E.O. 13175.
  - Good faith efforts to build effective relationships with federally recognized tribes and meet its responsibilities to meaningfully consult with tribes on proposed actions, plans, or ongoing activities.
    - Consults with Indian tribes on land-disturbing activities, training, over-flights, the management of properties of traditional religious and cultural importance, the protection of sacred sites from vandalism and other

damages, access to sacred sites and treaty-reserved resources, tribal reserved treaty rights, access to subsistence resources, land use decisions, and military construction projects.

- USACE, South Pacific Region
  - Espanola Ecosystem Restoration Project, NM, was authorized this year, and contemplates restoration on two New Mexico pueblos, while benefiting a third as well. This and USACE watershed studies in New Mexico reflect ongoing partnership with pueblos.

Tribal

- Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.
  - Best Practice-cultural competency training for policy, administrative, liaison personnel to facilitate provision of relevant, applicable and trust benefits and services for tribal communities.
  - Tribal Consultation to promote inclusion in strategic planning for various agencies and tribal liaison staff to advance relevant and culturally appropriate responses and follow-through in a timely and productive manner for tribal programs and services.
  - Accountability for timely responses for training and technical assistance to promote improved tribal relations at state, regional and national levels. Accept input to outreach and engagement strategies working with tribal associations to facilitate completion of consultation, consultation outcomes including timeline for completion of projected activities and clarification on department/agency/personnel responsible for completing projected activities.

Recommended areas of focus for the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group

- Engage with transportation electrification efforts in the region.
- Recommend identifying specific areas of concern related to military activities for further coordination and development of solutions or best practices. Engage with installations to improve dialogue as new challenges to testing and training missions emerge.
- Review completed watershed studies for further study and implementation.

Contacts to be part of the WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group

- Eight staff members were recommended for inclusion to be part of the WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group; if not already included, they will be added to this distribution.

Western Regional Partnership

Seeking Key Policy Input to Best Prepare for the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting

Introduction

In 2018, the WRP Resolution process was introduced and implemented. This process enhances transparency and allows for input to be consolidated and more thoughtfully considered so that WRP is undertaking the best set of priorities and using policymakers' time must judiciously.

Each Agency is asked to coordinate with its Principal (and as appropriate other management regions within the WRP Region) to identify priorities the Agency would like the WRP Principals to consider for the next WRP year. Additionally, this process asks for early input to best scope out the plenary sessions for the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting and any recommendations to the WRP Charter, which is reviewed annually. In this way, WRP Principals will not be asked to approve proposals that have not been thoroughly vetted in the Committee structure.

To meet this goal, the following timelines have been established:

1. March 20th: WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons to review WRP Resolution and make any necessary changes.
2. By March 22, final form sent to WRP SC, Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons for their action.
3. By May 10th, agencies to submit their completed forms.
4. By May 31, consolidated resolutions to be sent to the WRP SC, Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons.
5. Week of June 3rd, Committee Co-Chairs to hold calls to determine what resolutions might make sense for their committee to undertake.
6. June 20th: In-person meeting of the WRP SC, Committee Co-Chairs, and GIS Liaisons to develop recommendations of WRP efforts for the 2018-2019 year and refine planning efforts for the WRP Principals' Meeting.
7. August 20: WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons to finalize any recommendations for WRP Principals' consideration.
8. September: Circulate WRP SC Recommendations to WRP Principals and coordinate any input.
9. October 20: WRP SC call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons to update each other on their respective Principals' input on WRP 2019-2020 priority.
10. Discussion and action on recommendations at the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting (November 19-20, 2019 in San Diego, CA)

ALL: Everyone is asked to PLEASE keep to the above dates so that all appropriate input can be included. Late input should not be considered out of respect to other WRP Partners.

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Western Regional Partnership
2019/2020 Key Policy Input

Please complete the following by May 10 and submit to amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org All input will be consolidated and considered during the upcoming WRP SC Meeting and potential action at the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting.

1. **Submitted by (Agency Name):** _____

2. **Contact Information (For Each please list Name, Title, Email and Phone Number):**
   a. Your Agency's WRP Principal[1]: _____
   b. Person Completing this Form/Point of Contact for Questions or Follow Up: _____

3. **Does your agency recommend any changes to the WRP Charter for 2019?** (Charter is to be reviewed annually; some years there are changes while others the Charter is reaffirmed).
   ___ No, Current Charter looks good; no changes needed this year
   ___ Yes, Recommend the following change to the Charter (and describe why this change is needed): _____

4. **Does your agency have any recommendations for Plenary Sessions for the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting?** *Note: We are seeking recommendations for topics and presenters that are relevant to the WRP Mission and current priority "Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment, and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.")*
   ___ No (skip to next question)
   ___ Yes, we are interested in the following plenary session ideas (please rank your top four in rank order please – 1 would indicate item of most interest)
      ___ Next Steps with National Defense Strategy (how is DoD addressing future capabilities and what does that mean for partners)

[1] Per the WRP Charter, *"WRP Principals are executive level leaders from Federal and State agencies and Tribal governments in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah."* Each agency is asked to provide the name of their WRP Principal for 2019 and indicate if that person is acting or temporary. For example, BLM Principals are the state directors from each WRP state, on occasion, this person may be serving in an acting capacity.

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___ All hazards disaster response best practices (addressing disaster resilience and response; ensuring lifelines during emergency response, infrastructure security, etc.).
___ Latest UAS trends (latest policies and emerging trends, how to effectively share the NAS)
___ Energy Resilience and infrastructure (emerging threats and recommendations)
___ Electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure (how to plan and why)
___ Enhancing awareness of new energy projects (conventional and alternative and transmission) and best practices to avoid conflict
___ Understanding of sovereign status of tribal nations and laws; best practices for Tribal engagement and compatible planning
__ Administration's priorities and required planning timeframes; how partners can best collaborate
___ USFWS schedule for evaluated species listings and recovery over the next 10 years and how partners can participate
___ Water consultation process, existing resources and best practices for stakeholder engagement

___ Please consider including the following topic (not listed above)
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____ Please consider the following speaker for the following topic
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5. **Does your agency have any strategic priorities for WRP to consider undertaking in the 2019/2020 WRP Year?**

___ No
___ Yes, please continue efforts of *"Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment, and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities.")* and consider the following tasks for the next year and how your agency might assist:

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___ Yes, please implement a new priority for 2019/2019:

A. Proposed Short Title of Strategic Priority:

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B. Goal of Proposed WRP Action:

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C. Specific Tasks and Resources Needed to Complete Action:

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D. How will your agency assist with the Proposed Actions and Tasks?

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E. For this Action to be Considered a Success, what Needs to Occur?

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Western Regional Partnership - BLM Projects and Resource Management Plans (In Progress) - February 2019

Resource Management Plan	District/Field Office(s)	Ongoing	FY2019 Target	Expected ROD (Record of	ePlanning Link
ARIZONA					
San Pedro River National Conservation Area	Gila DO, Tucson FO, San Pedro Riparian NCA	X	ROD	2019	link
Ray Land Exchange RMP Amendement and Supplemental EIS	Gila DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Sonoran Parkway Project	Phoenix DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
CALIFORNIA					
Bakersfield FO Hydraulic Fracturing SEIS and Potential RMPA	CA Bakersfield FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Crimson Solar EIS RMP Amendment	Palm Springs South Coast FO	X	FEIS	2020	link
California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan (specifically, the West Mojave Route Network Plan	CA Desert DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Central Coast RMP Amendment for Oil and Gas Leasing and Development	Hollister FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Desert Plan Amendment	CA State Office	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Desert Quartzite Solar Project	FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Area	Ridgecrest FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2020	link
Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area Management Plan	El Centro FO	X	DEIS,FEIS	2019	link*
Palen Solar Project (Palen Solar Power Project)	Palm Springs South Coast FO	X	ROD	2018	link
Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan and Land Exchange	Palm Springs South Coast FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
US Gypsum Company Mine Expansion and Modernization Project SEIS	CA El Centro Field Office	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
COLORADO					
Browns Canyon National Monument RMP	Browns Canyon National Monument	X	DEIS	2020	link
Uncompahgre RMP	Uncompahgre FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Eastern Colorado RMP	Royal Gorge DO	X	DEIS,FEIS	2020	link
Gunnison Field Office Big Horn Sheep EIS	Gunnison FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Blue Valley Land Exchange	Kremmling FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendments (2018)	CO State Office	X	ROD	2019	link
NEVADA					
Barrick Cortez - Deep Sout Expansion Project	NV Mount Lews FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Coeur Rochester Mine Plan	Black Rock FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Eureka Moly LLC - Mount Hope Project - Supplemental EIS	Mount Lews FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Gemfield Mine Project	Tonopah FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Gemini Solar Project	Las Vegas FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Haliburton - Rossi Mine Expansion Project	Tuscarora FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Hycroft Mine Expansion Phase II	Black Rock FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Mackay Optimization Project	Humboldt River FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Proposed Burning Man Event 10-Year Special Recreation Permit	Black Rock FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Southern Nevada DO RMP	Southern NV DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link

Three Bars Ecosystem and landscape Resoration Project	Mount Lewis FO	X	ROD	2019	link
Yellow Pine Solar	Las Vegas FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Carson City DO RMP	Carson City DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
NEW MEXICO					
Socorro RMP Amendment: Borderlands Wind Project	Soccorro FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Rio Puerco RMP	Rio Puerco FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Carlsbad RMP	Carlsbad FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Copper Flat Copper Mine	Las Cruces DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
TriCounty RMP Revision	Las Cruces DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Oklahoma, Kansas Texas (OKT) RMP	Oklahoma FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Farmington RMP Amendment: Mancos-Gallup Formations	Farmington FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Taos RMP Amendment: Verde Transmission Line	Taos FO	X	DEIS,FEIS,ROD	2020	link
UTAH					
Cedar City RMP	Cedar City FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Resource Management Plans	Kanab FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Bears Ears National Monument - Monument Management Plan	Canyon Country DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Sevier Playa Potash Project	Fillmore FO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link
Utah Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendments (2018)	UT State Office	X	ROD	2019	link

Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendments (2018)	NV, CA	X	ROD	2019	link
Ten West Link 500-Kilovolt Transmission Line	AZ - Colorado River DO, Yuma FO; CA - California Desert DO	X	FEIS,ROD	2019	link

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Note: Need to confirm the necessity of these projects and if they are still planned.
-Seth Flanigan

WRP SC Call with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
10:00 – 11:00 am Pacific
(b) (6) and access code: (b) (6)
Webinar link: (b) (6)

AGENDA

1. **Introductions**
   - New WRP SC Members and WRP Committee Co-Chairs
2. **Opening Remarks by WRP Co-Chairs**
3. **2018 WRP Principals' Meeting**
   - Any final thoughts on meeting
   - Recap of decisions made by Principals

ITEMS for Presentation, Discussion & Potential Action

4. **2018-2019 WRP Priority:** *Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities*
   - Review of Survey Results, WRP Updates and Upcoming Activities in support of Priority
     - Committees:
       - Energy Committee
       - Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness & Aviation Committee
       - Natural Resources Committee
     - WRP Working Group Updates
       - BLM Planning Temporary Working Group
       - Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group Update
5. **2019 WRP Resolution Document and Process**
6. **June 2019 WRP SC Meeting with Committee Co-Chairs and GIS Liaisons**
   - Review of draft agenda and logistics
7. **WRP 2019 Principals' Meeting Planning Efforts**

Information Sharing:

8. **Around the Phone Updates**

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From: Playforth, Taylor
To: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: Amodei - Burning Man
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 1:20:34 PM

Amodei is asking if we can do an in person meeting at 8:20 am or 5:00 pm tomorrow?

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Taylor Playforth
Senior Advisor
US Department of Interior
Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs
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From:	Feeney, Heather
To:	BLM_WO_100; Kaster, Amanda E; Hammond, Casey B; Tara Rigler; Krauss, Jeff; bwinston@blm.gov; Crandall, Megan; Tollefson, Christopher J; Henry, Derrick J; Wilkinson, Patrick; Ellis-Wouters, Lesli J; Cargile, Amber L; Martha Maciel; Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) R; Hall, Steven B; Piccoli, Francis P; Jones, Jennifer E; Al Nash; Rineer-Garber, Cathleen R; Campbell, Michael P; Finch, Kimberly R; Lenhardt, Kristen J; Gardetto, Jessica D
Subject:	BLM Media Wrap-up | Wed., May 29, 2019
Date:	Wednesday, May 29, 2019 6:45:49 PM

E&E News - PEER statement on a fired BLM employee (National/NV): Reporter Scott Streater sought response to a PEER news release about firing of a range management specialist in Nevada. DOI Communications responded that the agency does not comment on personnel matters. **FINAL**

Associated Press - DC District Court Order on remand of leasing decisions (CO, UT): Reporter Matt Brown asked for response to the Order from DOI and BLM. DOI Communications responded. **FINAL**

KUNR Public Radio - Massacre Rim dark skies project (CA/northwest NV): Reporter Noah Glick will visit the area on May 31st to develop a story about the application to designate an international dark skies reserve. BLM Northern California District Public Affairs Officer and Field Office Archaeologist will accompany Glick and will comment on management of public lands in this region for multiple uses. Glick also plans to interview business owners in Cedarville, CA about the potential for the designation to benefit the local tourism industry. **Story PENDING**

***San Francisco Business Times* - Burning Man 2019 permit (NV):** Reporter Ted Andersen requested an update on the EIS process and the timeline for a Record of Decision on the permit application for this year's event. A previously approved statement was used to reply. **FINAL**

WLRN Public Radio - Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse planning (ES - Miami/South Florida): Reporter Madeline Fox attended the public listening session held at the Jupiter Inlet Outstanding Natural Area (ONA) on May 22 and produced a news segment that aired on May 24. **FINAL**

***Palm Beach Post* - Jupiter Inlet Lightouse renovations (ES - West Palm Beach, FL):** Peter DeWitt, ONA Manager, has been contacted by Reporter Sam Howard spoke with ONA manager about some renovation work being planned for the property by the Loxahatchee River Historical Society, and was informed that the BLM is not involved in this effort. **FINAL**

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***The New York Times* - Twin Metals (National):** An approved statement was sent to reporters Hiroko Tabuchi and Steve Eder in response to questions for a story about what led to the decision to renew the leases. Tabuchi indicated that they intend to submit follow-up questions. **PENDING/contd.**

***Reuters* - Oil & gas statistics (National):** Reporter Nichola Groom asked follow-up questions about the 2018 oil and gas statistics. BLM Headquarters is developing draft responses for clearance. **PENDING from 5/24.**

***E&E News* - Coal moratorium Environmental Assessment (EA)**

(National): Reporter Dylan Brown had additional questions on some inconsistencies he found between the BLM's coal data website and the draft EA. WO-Solid Minerals and BLM Headquarters will review and develop responses. **PENDING/contd.**

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From:	Henry, Derrick
To:	BLM_WO_100; Kaster, Amanda E; Hammond, Casey B; Tara Rigler; Krauss, Jeff; bwinston@blm.gov; Crandall, Megan; Tollefson, Christopher J; Henry, Derrick J; Wilkinson, Patrick; Feeney, Heather A; Ellis-Wouters, Lesli J; Cargile, Amber L; Martha Maciel; Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) R; Hall, Steven B; Piccoli, Francis P; Jones, Jennifer E; Al Nash; Rineer-Garber, Cathleen R; Campbell, Michael P; Finch, Kimberly R; Lenhardt, Kristen J; Gardetto, Jessica D
Subject:	BLM Media Wrap-up | Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Date:	Wednesday, May 22, 2019 6:37:23 PM

BLM Media Wrap-up for May 22, 2019

***Associated Press* - Coal moratorium draft environmental assessment (EA) (National):** Reporter Matt Brown, responding to the BLM's news release about public comment on the EA for the coal moratorium, asked the BLM to check into conclusions he reached from tables and other information in the document. Headquarters is developing responses. **PENDING.**

***Reuters* - Oil & gas statistics (National):** Reporter Nichola Groom asked about the 2018 statistics, including why the number of overall leases dropped between 2017 and 2018 even though new leases increased during that time. She also asked about parcel protests, including who filed the protests and what led to the increase over the last four years. She was sent approved responses. **FINAL.**

***Bloomberg* - Oil & gas leasing (National):** Reporter Jennifer Dlouhy asked for BLM comment on various, critical assertions about oil and gas leasing on public lands, as made by the Center for American Progress. BLM Headquarters is coordinating a response. **PENDING.**

***Chilkat Valley News* - Chilkat River watershed lawsuit (National):** Reporter Sarah Chatta asked for comment on a litigation appeal by the Chilkat Indian Village and Earthjustice. The appeal concerns mining on the Chilkat River watershed. The BLM declined to comment due to pending litigation. **FINAL.**

***Reno Gazette Journal* - Burning Man Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** Reporter Jenny Kane asked about the status of issuing an EIS on the next ten years' worth of special recreation permits for the event. She was told that the BLM is currently analyzing comments that were received on the draft EIS and developing a final EIS for a target publication date of June 14. The reporter was also provided an overview of additional steps in the process. **FINAL.**

***KMSB-TV 11* (Fox, Tucson) - Law enforcement activity on the Ironwood Forest National Monument (AZ):** Reporter Dan Marries inquired about a video that shows law enforcement officers, including some from the BLM, pursuing a vehicle near the monument on May 20. The BLM provided the reporter information about the agency's partnership with the U.S. Border Patrol and other local law enforcement on an operation occurring on that date. The reporter was told to contact the Marana Police Department for booking information. **FINAL.**

***Arizona Cattlelog* - Interviews with range staff (AZ):** Editor Rick Bader requested an interview with a member of the range staff for an upcoming issue. He also asked for other BLM Arizona staff to be interviewed in the future, which will be scheduled. The interviews will focus on the work the staff do, and will be used for short bios in the magazine, which also features employees of various other agencies. **FINAL.**

***Topic.com* - Gold mining claims (National):** Writer Katherine LaGrave requested an interview to discuss gold prospecting and gold mining in the United States, including regulations. She was asked to send questions by email. **PENDING.**

***Las Vegas Review-Journal* - ATV death on public lands (NV):** Reporter Katelyn Newberg requested information about the May 4 death of an ATV rider on public land near Nellis Dunes. She was told that the BLM responded and located the victim, who was declared deceased on scene. The BLM told the reporter to contact the Clark County Coroner's Office for future questions. **FINAL.**

***American Archaeology* - Request for review (NM):** The BLM reviewed for accuracy a segment of an article about rock art sites in New Mexico and Arizona, specifically the Three Rivers Petroglyph Site in southern New Mexico. Editor Michael Bawaya requested the review. The publication did not reach out to BLM New Mexico while writing the article, which also includes such other national monuments and historic sites as Petroglyph, El Morro, Bandelier and Canyon de Chelly National Monuments. **FINAL.**

***Colorado Homes & Lifestyles Magazine* - Mohave Road trip guide (CA):** Reporter Alexis Whitley requested information for a road trip guide to the Mojave Road which stretches through the Mojave Trails National Monument. The BLM provided information about gateway communities, recreational opportunities, motorized recreation and tourism. **FINAL.**
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Derrick Henry | Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Washington Headquarters | (505) 954-2017

From:	Dove, William
To:	Kaster, Amanda E
Cc:	Raby, Jon K; Hammond, Casey B
Subject:	Burning Man
Date:	Friday, May 10, 2019 10:01:03 AM

Hi Amanda and Jon,

Casey and I had the opportunity to talk to the Burning Man folks yesterday about the Draft EIS and their event. I was hoping to get some more details on this info. Would it be possible to get the comments submitted by the proponents and for me to be included on any briefings or calls on the topic? Burning man mentioned that there might be some internal BLM discussions coming up. Given the sensitivity of this project and all the interest surrounding it, it would be great if I could be on any discussions for ASLM awareness.

Thanks all,

Billy

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NOTE: Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.

From: Hammond, Casey
To: scott.mason@hklaw.com
Subject: burning man
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 12:00:27 PM

Hello Scott,

I'll look forward to meeting tomorrow. My number here is 208-4070. Tracie will be in touch to finalize the appointment. I'll try to hustle back from the Hill, but I may be a few minutes behind.

Thank you,

Casey Hammond
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

From: DTS@fws.gov
To: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: DTS Assignment--Urgent: Congressman Amodei requests 30-day extension to Burning Man DEIS comment period
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 3:21:59 PM

Hello and welcome to the DTS automated email alert!

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Action Required: 3-Surname
Assigned By Office: ASLM Chief of Staff Cara Lee Macdonald User: Cara Lee Macdonald

Thank you.

From: DTS@fws.gov
To: Macdonald, Cara Lee; Balash, Joseph R
Subject: DTS Assignment--Urgent: Congressman Amodei requests 30-day extension to Burning Man DEIS comment period
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 3:45:50 PM

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Action Required: 3-Surname
Assigned By Office: Deputy Assistant Secretary Casey Hammond User: Casey Hammond

Thank you.

From:	Jon Raby
To:	Dove, William T
Cc:	Hammond, Casey B; Kaster, Amanda E
Subject:	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] BRC Comments on the Burning Man Draft EIS
Date:	Friday, May 10, 2019 10:28:23 AM
Attachments:	ATT00001.htm 2. BRC Comment Letter to Draft EIS April 29 2019.pdf 3. Exhibit A - BRC Comments on Monitoring Measures April 29 2019.pdf ATT00002.htm 1. BRC Cover Letter to Draft EIS Comments April 29 2019.pdf ATT00003.htm 4. Proponent Committed Operations and Environmental Protection and Public Safety Measures and Mitigations April 29 2019.pdf ATT00004.htm 5. BRC Appendix of Additional Comments to the Draft EIS April 29 2019.pdf ATT00005.htm

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Billy - Per your request.

Sent from my iphone so please excuse my poor texting skills.

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Raby, Jon" <jraby@blm.gov>
> **To:** Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] BRC Comments on the Burning Man Draft EIS**
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> To: <blm_nv_burningmaneis@blm.gov>
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> BLM,
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> Please find attached:

1. BRC Cover Letter to our Comments on the Draft EIS
2. BRC Comment Letter to the Draft EIS
3. Exhibit A - BRC Comments on Monitoring Measures
4. Proponent Committed Operations and Environmental Protection and Public Safety Measures and Mitigations
5. BRC Appendix of Additional Comments to the Draft EIS

Thank you,
Marnee

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April 29, 2019

Dear Mr. Hall:

Burning Man Project, a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit corporation, and Black Rock City LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Burning Man Project (BRC), provide this letter to summarize our serious concerns with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a proposed 10-year Burning Man Event Special Recreational Permit. As discussed below and as detailed further in BRC's Comment Letter (in the attached package), the DEIS is deficient in many respects and must be revised and recirculated for public review prior to finalization and issuance of a record of decision. We appreciate this opportunity to explain our concerns to you and reserve the right to submit additional comments under NEPA at a later date.

We realize that revising and recirculating the DEIS will extend the NEPA process past the 2019 Burning Man event. It is critical for all parties involved, however, that the 10-year EIS be conducted properly. In the interim, the 2019 Burning Man event should be authorized in the same manner as were the 2017 and 2018 events, pursuant to the 2012 Environmental Assessment (EA), given the 2019 event's consistency with these past events. Issuing a 10-year Special Recreation Permit based on a flawed and incomplete EIS would be fraught and is unnecessary. In light of the opportunity to issue a third Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) for the 2019 event based on the prior, properly issued EA, we urge BLM to follow precedent, issue the 2019 permit under a DNA, and take the time necessary to complete the EIS process covering a 10-year permit in an appropriately deliberative manner.

Each year since 1991 (except for 1997 when the event was held on private land), BLM has issued a Special Recreation Permit to BRC, and BRC has successfully conducted an annual Burning Man event within a small portion of the Black Rock Desert playa in northern Nevada. The playa is part of the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (the NCA). Congress established the NCA in 2000 and included express findings that large-scale, permitted recreational activities, such as the Burning Man event, are expected to continue on the site. BLM then established a resource management plan (RMP) for the area, explicitly authorizing large-scale recreational events within the NCA. Indeed, the Burning Man event is called out by name in the

RMP as such an authorized event. BLM also prepared a NEPA compliance document for the RMP, including the NCA's use for large-scale events.

The Burning Man event currently attracts approximately 70,000 self-reliant participants. Each annual event lasts for eight days and occurs within a designated area of about 4,000 acres, or less than 3 percent of the total playa surface area. As BLM knows, the main ticket sale for the 2019 Burning Man took place on April 3, 2019, and sold out within hours.

Environmental impacts from the 2019 Burning Man event (and events in future years) will be similar to those in years past. However, in keeping with our "Leaving No Trace" Principle, each year we strive with the assistance of participants, BLM and other partners to further improve environmental stewardship.

In addition to the Burning Man event itself, the Burning Man Project:

- Generates an estimated $75 million per year for the local Nevada economy;
- Stimulates cutting-edge business development in Reno;
- Led to a National Endowment for the Arts grant to build an art trail from Reno to Gerlach;
- Gifted solar power arrays installed at Nevada schools, hospitals, and tribes;
- Generates the largest influx of passengers to the Reno-Tahoe International Airport per year; and
- Fosters year-round art and community-building business and employment in Nevada.

BRC has appreciated working with BLM for nearly three decades to successfully plan for and implement the Burning Man event, protect the Black Rock Desert, and support the regional environment and communities. We were, therefore, surprised and disappointed that the DEIS failed to reflect the operational expertise and environmental record of the Burning Man event.
Our review has identified several major deficiencies in the DEIS, including, but not limited to the following:

- The DEIS fails to conform with the legally mandated NEPA format, does not provide a sufficient, concise, readily accessible and focused analysis of relevant issues, and needlessly amasses unnecessary, speculative detail in violation of applicable NEPA regulations and policies. In addition to substantive issues, this deficiency places an unreasonable burden on members of the public and decision-makers who seek to understand the impacts, alternatives and mitigation measure that are the subject of the DEIS. In short, the DEIS is an unreasonably challenging document to read and understand and does not serve its information disclosure function.

- The DEIS ignores the simple fact that the Burning Man event has taken place at this location for roughly the past 30 years. The regular occurrence of the event provides BLM substantial information from which to analyze the effects of a 10-year permit. Instead of relying on the record of experience, the DEIS in some cases looks to, among other sources, speculative, non-peer reviewed models (some of which were developed by NASA interns), and to a fictional depiction of a terrorist attack drawn from a thriller-genre novel. The DEIS, therefore, fails to rely on available information and relies, in many cases, on sources of questionable or limited validity. These same issues and others also raise serious questions about compliance with the Information Quality Act and Information Quality Guidelines for

Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Bureau of Land Management.

- The DEIS fails to consider whether certain proposed mitigation measures are technically and economically practical or feasible, and whether these measures would effectively avoid, minimize or compensate for an effect, as mandated by NEPA regulations and policies. Some of the proposed mitigation measures raise serious constitutional questions — for example, the government requiring searches of event participants by an outside security force — while others raise serious practical considerations — for example, recommending deployment of approximately 10 miles of concrete barricades on the surface of the dry lake bed.

- The DEIS fails to consider the environmental impacts and effects of certain proposed mitigation measures, as mandated by NEPA regulations and policies and as specifically required in the BLM's NEPA implementation handbook. As an example, there is no evaluation of environmental impacts associated with the placement of 10 miles of multi-ton concrete blocks or hundreds of dumpsters on the playa.

- The DEIS focuses on multiple issues, such as speculative individual behaviors, that are not major environmental effects or that occur outside of the temporary closure area and that should be addressed through the long-established process of refining event permit stipulations and consulting with regional interests.

- The timeline set by BLM, following agency related delay as discussed below, is so compressed that it is unworkable both under NEPA and practically speaking. For example, the original 55 days that BLM allotted to address public comments under its most recent schedule has now been shortened to just 19 days. Even if the DEIS did not need to be revised and recirculated, the 19 days would be insufficient for BLM to meaningfully respond to comments and make appropriate modifications to the NEPA document. As of this writing, BRC is aware of nearly 700 substantive comments that have been submitted to BLM. It is simply not possible for BLM to respond meaningfully to this volume of comments and the schedule should be revised to a realistic number of days for the scope of this project.

For these reasons, the DEIS fails to comply with NEPA and must be revised and recirculated prior to finalizing the NEPA process.

I take this opportunity to emphasize that the compressed timeframe for public review is not due to delay on the part of BRC, and BRC should not have to accept a rushed NEPA process. We note:

- The Notice of Intent for this DEIS was not published until a year after BLM and BRC agreed to its content.

- The required studies were not initiated or completed timely (e.g., cumulative air quality study).

- Eight public meetings were held, which while supporting public engagement, were not scheduled in a manner to achieve timely completion of the NEPA process.

- Already existing delays were exacerbated by a one-month government furlough.

The result of these delays is an unacceptably compressed schedule for completing the NEPA process —from 110 days to 48 days. This reduced period deprives the public, decision-makers, Burning Man participants and others the opportunity for a deliberative, well-reasoned document. Within this 48-day period, BLM would need to review and respond to comments, engage in interagency coordination, prepare a Final EIS that responds to the comments, and prepare and issue a Record of Decision, which would then be submitted to the public for a 30-day review period. The compressed period of time to complete this process would not only affect the 2019 Burning Man event, but because the NEPA process will underlie future Special Recreational Permits for the next 10 years, the rushed completion would impact the Burning Man event for years to come.

We appreciate BLM's noting that Secretarial Order 3355 requires a timely efficient process. However, given the record of delay, the Secretarial Order should not now be used as a reason to produce rushed analysis, short circuit public participation, and fail to make the changes that need to be made. We all know the nature of Secretarial Order 3355 is not intended to short circuit public and proponent opportunity for due process. It is merely intended to cut red tape.

We urge BLM to issue a DNA for the 2019 Burning Man event based on the prior, properly issued EA, and to take the time necessary to complete the NEPA process for the 10-year permit based on the Burning Man event's nearly 30-year track record of safe and environmentally compliant stewardship in the Black Rock Desert. We remain eager to work cooperatively with BLM and other partners to further enhance the Burning Man event.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures: 1) BRC's Comment Letter
2) Appendix of Additional Comments
3) Proponent Committed Operations & Environmental Protection Measures & Mitigations

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Memorandum

Date: April 29, 2019

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From: Jennifer L. Hernandez, David Friedman, Rafe Petersen, Nicholas Targ

Re: Comment Letter-- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (for a proposed 10-year Burning Man Event Special Recreational Permit

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This comment letter is submitted on behalf of Black Rock City LLC (BRC), a wholly owned subsidiary of the not-for-profit Burning Man Project, with respect to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a proposed 10-year Burning Man Event Special Recreational Permit (SRP).[1] Each year since 1991,[2] BLM has issued SRPs to BRC, and BRC has successfully conducted an annual Burning Man event within the Black Rock Desert playa in northern Nevada. The event currently attracts approximately 70,000 self-reliant participants who camp and participate in a unique experimental community in accordance with 10 fundamental principles. Each annual event lasts eight days[3] and occurs within a designated area of about 4,000 acres, or less than 3 percent of the total playa surface area of the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (the Black Rock Desert or NCA).[4] Site preparation and cleanup operations occur for a few weeks prior to and after each event.

The Burning Man event generates an estimated $75 million per year for the local Nevada economy; stimulates cutting-edge business development in Reno; led to a National Endowment for the Arts grant to build an art trail from Reno to Gerlach in Washoe County; inspired the gift of solar power arrays installed at Nevada schools, hospitals, and tribal buildings; generates the largest influx of passengers to the Reno-Tahoe International Airport per year; and fosters year-round art and community-building businesses and employment in Nevada.[5]

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[1] SRPs would still need to be issued for each annual event, but the EIS used as the basis for each SRP would last ten years.
[2] Except for 1997, when the Burning Man event took place on adjacent private property.
[3] In multiple places, the DEIS erroneously refers to the event as having a 9.5-day duration. Burning Man has never been longer than eight days, and the Proposed Action was for an eight-day event. BRC requests that BLM correct these errors, the corollary analysis of impacts, and all other factual errors in a revised DEIS circulated for public comment.
[4] The total area covered by the Closure Order is approximately 14,000 acres.
[5] *See* https://journal.burningman.org/2018/02/news/brc-news/my-how-youve-grown-the-burning-man-effect-in-nevada/.

The most recent assessment of the environmental impacts of the Burning Man event took place in 2011 and led to the issuance of a five-year environmental assessment that covered the years 2012 through 2016 and contemplated events with a maximum total population of 70,000 paid participants.

Through this EIS process, BRC has applied for a 10-year SRP for the Burning Man event that would occur at the same time and location as in previous years. BRC has publicly stated that it has no plans to increase the size of Burning Man for the 2019 event. The 10-year SRP application requested that BLM consider issuing permits for future events that could range in size from 80,000 to 100,000 participants in order to ensure that both BLM and BRC understood the potential environmental impacts of event growth, if such growth should occur, including to the playa and surrounding areas, and could make well-informed decisions about any future growth.[6] The proposed action submitted to BLM states that the actual size of each annual Burning Man event during the requested 10-year SRP period would be determined on a year-by-year basis by BLM and BRC, with appropriate SRP stipulations related to the particular event's size. During the requested permit period, the size of the yearly Burning Man event could be the same, smaller or larger than in previous years depending on the results of the decision-making process with BLM. BRC has no plans for, and is not requesting approval as part of the EIS for, any specific future growth pattern.[7]

Summary of Concerns

BRC has appreciated working with BLM during the last three decades to successfully plan and implement the internationally recognized Burning Man event while protecting the Black Rock Desert, the regional environment and communities, and event participants and other attendees. We have reviewed the DEIS, including the analysis presented in DEIS Volume 1, the figures and appendices included in DEIS Volume 2, and the multiple additional documents BLM has posted on the DEIS website. Unfortunately, however, our review has identified several major deficiencies in the DEIS, including, but not limited to the following:

- The DEIS fails to conform with the legally mandated NEPA format, does not provide a sufficient, concise, readily accessible and focused analysis of relevant issues, and needlessly amasses unnecessary, speculative detail in violation of applicable NEPA regulations and U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) NEPA streamlining policies. Furthermore, the DEIS contains numerous errors and omissions, does not consider proponent committed mitigations and fails to comply with the Information Quality Act and Information Quality Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by BLM.

- The DEIS appears to ignore the simple fact that the Burning Man event has taken place at this location for the past 30 years and is conducted based on detailed environmental protection and mitigation measures that have successfully reduced

[6] *See* https://journal.burningman.org/2017/11/black-rock-city/leaving-no-trace/eis/.
[7] *See* https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/nepa/93518/158598/193830/BurningManEIS_ProposedAction.pdf.

impacts below the significance threshold. The regular occurrence of the event provides BLM with substantial information from which to analyze the effects of a 10-year permit. Moreover, the record of experience demonstrates that the existing mitigation measures and event operation plan, including environmentally protective design, features are regularly implemented and effective.

- The DEIS fails to consider whether certain proposed mitigation measures are technically and economically practical or feasible, and whether these measures would effectively avoid, minimize or compensate for an effect, as mandated by NEPA regulations and policies.

- The DEIS fails to consider the environmental impacts and effects of certain proposed mitigation measures, as mandated by NEPA regulations and policies and as specifically required in BLM's NEPA implementation handbook.

- Although twin purposes of NEPA are to ensure that federal agencies consider environmental effects in their decision-making process and to inform the public they have considered environmental concerns, the DEIS focuses on multiple issues, such as speculative individual behaviors, that are not major environmental effects and which should be addressed through the long-established process of refining event permit stipulations and consultation with regional interests, not in a NEPA decision document.[8]

As discussed in more detail below, the failure of the DEIS to comply with NEPA requirements precludes both effective public participation and properly informed decision-making by BLM. Consequently, we respectfully request that the DEIS be substantially revised to correct these deficiencies, and recirculated for public review and comment to ensure that BLM, other federal agencies and the public are able to assess the proposed project's environmental effects in accordance with NEPA, DOI regulations and policies, and BLM NEPA policies and practice. We realize this will extend the EIS's timeline past this year's event. It is critical for all parties involved, however, that the 10-year EIS be conducted properly.

Despite assurances that the EIS will be completed within one year[9], the process has already exceeded that timeline. We are concerned that there is no way to complete the current

[8] As the Supreme Court has stated, "NEPA does not require the agency to assess every impact or effect of its proposed action, but only the impact or effect on the environment. If we were to seize the word 'environmental' out of its context and give it the broadest possible definition, the words 'adverse environmental effects' might embrace virtually any consequence of a governmental action that someone thought 'adverse.' But we think the context of the statute shows that Congress was talking about the physical environment — the world around us, so to speak. NEPA was designed to promote human welfare by alerting governmental actors to the effect of their proposed actions on the physical environment." *Metropolitan Edison Co. v. PANE*, 460 U.S. 766, 772 (1983).

[9] Statement of Black Rock Office Field Manager at Burning Man DEIS public comment meeting in Sparks, Nevada (Apr. 8, 2019).

process properly in time to support a 2019 event. Thus, the 10-year permit should be adjusted for issuance in 2020. In the interim, the 2019 Burning Man can be authorized pursuant to the 2012 Environmental Assessment given the consistency with past events. The fact that the last two Burning Man events were permitted with a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) confirms that this year's event can be permitted the same way at the same population. Issuing an SRP based on a flawed and incomplete EIS would be far less fraught than issuing a third DNA based on the prior properly issued EA.

I. The DEIS fails to provide a sufficient, concise, publicly accessible and focused analysis, in violation of applicable NEPA regulations and streamlining policies.

One of NEPA's fundamental purposes is to ensure that federal agencies incorporate environmental considerations in their planning and decision-making by preparing detailed statements assessing the environmental impact of and reasonable alternatives to major federal actions significantly affecting the environment.[10] NEPA established the federal Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to oversee federal agency environmental impact assessments and issue NEPA regulations and guidance that are binding on all federal agencies, including BLM.[11] The DOI has adopted NEPA implementing regulations[12] and BLM published a NEPA compliance handbook (BLM NEPA Handbook).[13] The DOI has issued several NEPA compliance directives, including the specification of a detailed NEPA environmental checklist (ESM 13-131) and an August 2017 order issued by the Secretary of the DOI to streamline the NEPA review process (DOI Order 3355).[14]

CEQ regulation 40 CFR Section 1502.10 and ESM 13-131 require that an "EIS contain the elements from the list below in the prescribed order" unless there is compelling reason for modification, which must be specifically explained in detail:

- Cover sheet (not to exceed one page)
- Summary
- Table of contents
- Purpose of and need for action
- Alternatives including proposed action
- Affected environment
- Environmental consequences
- List of preparers

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[10] *See* BLM Handbook H-1790-1 (2008), p. 1.
[11] The CEQ NEPA regulations are codified at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508.
[12] The DOI NEPA regulations are codified at 43 CFR Part 46.
[13] BLM Handbook H-1790-1(2008).
[14] *See* DOI, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Standard Checklist for Use in Preparing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documents and for Complying with NEPA, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), and Departmental Procedures, Environmental Statement Memorandum No. ESM 13-131, January 7 2013; DOI, Streamlining National Environmental Policy Act Reviews, Secretary of the Interior Order No. 3355, August 31, 2017.

- List of Agencies, Organizations, and persons to whom copies of the statement are sent
- Index
- Appendices (if any)

In addition, DOI regulation 43 CFR Section 46.120(a) requires that, if available, an EIS should use existing NEPA analyses for assessing the impacts of a proposed action, and procedures of adoption or incorporation by reference of such analyses must be followed where applicable. DOI regulation 43 CFR Section 46.120(b) requires that an EIS should use existing NEPA analyses and/or their underlying data and assumptions where feasible. DOI regulation 43 CFR Section 46.120(d) requires that an EIS should use existing NEPA documents by supplementing, tiering to, incorporating by reference, or adopting previous NEPA environmental analyses to avoid redundancy and unnecessary paperwork.[15] Moreover, the tiering of analysis should start at the scoping level of an EIS to avoid duplication and delay.[16]

DOI Order 3355 states:

> Both the Department [DOI] and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) have issued regulations to implement NEPA. Because the purpose of NEPA's requirements is not the generation of paperwork, but the adoption of sound decisions based on an informed understanding of environmental consequences, the regulations encourage agencies to: 1) focus on issues that truly matter rather than amassing unnecessary detail; 2) reduce paperwork, including by setting appropriate page limits; 3) discuss briefly issues that are not significant; and 4) prepare analytic (rather than encyclopedic) documents, among other measures.

The DOI has further published guidance for implementing DOI Order 3355, which includes the following:

- Analyze only issues and impacts relevant to making informed decisions.
- Avoid analyzing irrelevant and insignificant topics. Relegate the analysis of less relevant topics and documentation to an appendix or source document.
- Focus the level of detail in the analysis to reflect the importance of the issue:
    - Restrict text to pertinent facts only.
    - Exclude material not directly applicable to potential significant impacts.
    - Include only information and data needed to support the conclusions reached.
- Reference and briefly summarize detailed analyses in the main body of the document.
- Post detailed information and data online to allow stakeholders easy access to the material.[17]

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[15] See also CEQ, Memorandum to Agencies: Forty Most Asked Questions Concerning CEQ's National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (March 16, 1981). FAQ 24(c) (the function of tiering).

[16] 40 CFR § 1502.4(d).

[17] See DOI, NEPA Streamlining Tips and Tools, https://www.doi.gov/nepa/tools-employees/streamlining-tools, accessed April 2019 ("Secretarial Order 3355 requirements to

The DEIS fails to comply with these NEPA requirements. While on its face the DEIS lists the required elements in the prescribed order, the information presented is deeply flawed and presented in such a way as to thwart the goals of NEPA. The stated purpose of the EIS process is as follows:

> It shall provide full and fair discussion of significant environmental impacts and shall inform decision-makers and the public of the reasonable alternatives which would avoid or minimize adverse impacts or enhance the quality of the human environment. Agencies shall focus on significant environmental issues and alternatives and shall reduce paperwork and the accumulation of extraneous background data. Statements shall be concise, clear, and to the point, and shall be supported by evidence that the agency has made the necessary environmental analyses. An environmental impact statement is more than a disclosure document.[18]

The DEIS fails to meet many of these fundamental objectives.

A. The DEIS arbitrarily and capriciously combines the regulatorily mandated discussion of the affected environment and environmental consequences in a manner that precludes meaningful analysis required by NEPA.

Contrary to CEQ regulation 40 CFR Section 1502.10 and DOI ESM 13-131, Volume 1 of the DEIS impermissibly deviates from the mandated structure of an EIS by combining the discussion of both the affected environment and environmental consequences in a single section. The DEIS fails to provide "a compelling reason" for not following the standard and regulatorily mandated EIS structure as required by 40 CFR Section 1502.10 and DOI ESM 13-131. Consequently, the modification of the specified EIS elements represents an arbitrary and capricious departure from NEPA regulations and DOI policy.

This is not a trivial drafting error. The NEPA regulations and DOI guidance mandate that an EIS separately describe the affected environment and environmental consequences to ensure that decision-making agencies and the public are first presented with a clear understanding of existing, baseline environmental conditions.

This information is used to adequately inform the subsequent assessment of how a proposed action and reasonable alternatives could affect baseline conditions. By combining these two critical and distinct elements of an EIS without justification, the DEIS significantly truncates and obscures both the characterization of existing baseline conditions and the discussion of potential environmental effects from the action being considered.

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complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews within timeframes and page limits require some changes from the way these reviews have been done in the past. Here are some tips to successfully meet these new challenges.").

[18] 40 CFR § 1502.1

1. Issues with incorporation by reference.

The structural deficiencies of the DEIS are compounded by the unaccountable failure to provide the essential information it cites, including electronic documents posted on the DEIS website, in a readily accessible format.

Section 3 of DEIS Volume 1 states, "Where the affected environment descriptions in the Burning Man 2012–2016 SRP EA [Environmental Assessment] (BLM 2012a) are still relevant, this EIS references that information. As appropriate, this chapter provides updated information relevant to the Assessment Area to clarify, expand on, or modify the affected environment described in the Burning Man 2012–2016 SRP EA (BLM 2012a)." Although the DOI NEPA streamlining policies mandate the posting of "detailed information and data online to allow stakeholders easy access to the material," the documents provided on the DEIS website do not include the 2012–2016 SRP EA. The references section in DEIS Volume 2 likewise fails to include a link to the 2012–2016 SRP EA, although several other references include links to applicable publically accessible materials. The document is not even accurately referenced in the DEIS - which refers to it as "Recreation Permit NVW03500-12-01 Environmental Assessment," a title that generates numerous documents in various stages of preparation when used as an input for online electronic searches. Consequently, it is not possible to identify with certainty exactly which document the DEIS has incorporated by reference in its crucial discussion of environmental issues.

While the NEPA regulations contemplate incorporation by reference to cut down on bulk the incorporation must not impede agency and public review of the action.[19] The material must be adequately described and made available for inspection by the public.[20] To do otherwise, as is the case here, not only departs from regulatory obligations but violates the agency's "duty to provide the public with comprehensive information regarding environmental consequences of a proposed action and to do so in a readily understandable manner." *Oregon Environmental Council v. Kunzman*, 614 F.Supp. 657 (D. Ore. 1985).

We believe that the DEIS intends to incorporate the document entitled "Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2012-0007-EA Burning Man 2012-2016 Special Recreation Permit NVW03500-12-01" (hereinafter, the "2012-2016 EA" or "EA").[21] Assuming this is accurate, it is important to note that, unlike the DEIS, the EA conforms with the mandated NEPA format and provides a substantially more thorough and accurate description of the environmental baseline. The EA describes in much more detail the following facts: (1) Congressional action created the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA) in 2000; (2) the Black Rock Desert playa where Burning Man is located is within the NCA; and (3) the NCA enabling legislation includes Congressional findings that large-scale recreational activities in the area, such as Burning Man, would continue to occur. The EA also

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[19] 40 CFR § 1502.21
[20] *Id.*
[21] See https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/nepa/28954/37412/39212/Burning_Man_DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2012-0007-Final_EA.pdf, accessed April 2019.

more clearly explains that (4) Congress directed BLM to adopt a management plan for the NCA consistent with these and other legislative findings. In contrast with the DEIS, the EA more fully documents that, in compliance with the NCA-enabling legislation, (5) BLM adopted the current resource management plan (RMP) for the NCA in 2004; (6) the recreational use section of the RMP explicitly authorizes continued, large scale, "Class IV" recreational activities within the Black Rock Desert playa and, among other sections, Appendix M of the adopted RMP lists the Burning Man event by name as a Class IV event. Finally, the EA documents that (7) the event participation increased from about 30,000 at the time the RMP was adopted to about 50,000 by 2011, and (8) it considers potential environmental effects in compliance with NEPA regulations that could occur from growth to an event of up to 70,000 participant paid participants, which remains its current size.

Moreover, the DEIS also fails to properly incorporate or even acknowledge prior NEPA analyses for the RMP final EIS, which supports the currently applicable RMP adopted by BLM to comply with the NCA Congressional enabling legislations and the prior Burning Man EA. Despite specific NEPA regulations and streamlining policies mandating that relevant information be readily available, the DEIS unaccountably does not appropriately include the EA, the adopted RMP, or the RMP final EIS on the DEIS website.

The 2012-2016 EA has been the basis for the SRPs for the last seven Burning Man events - including the last two years when a Determination of NEPA Adequacy was issued - and the failure of the DEIS to properly reference and incorporate the EA is a clear violation of NEPA guidelines. The EA and record of the prior occurrences of the Burning Man event should be the starting point for the DEIS, which would incorporate these essential documents.

2. Issues with scoping of purpose and need and agency action.

The EA's use of the proper, regulatorily mandated NEPA format also facilitates a much more accurate and complete description of the Burning Man event, which is the essential component of the purpose and need for agency "action" that is subject to environmental analysis under NEPA. An EIS must provide a full and complete understanding of the action to adequately conduct the NEPA analysis. CEQ regulation 40 CFR Section 1502.14 and DOI Order 3355 both state that the analysis of "reasonable alternatives" to a proposed action is the "heart" of NEPA. The BLM NEPA Handbook (p. 50) acknowledges that the determination of whether an alternative is "reasonable" can "only be made in reference to the purpose and need for the action."

In contrast with the DEIS, the EA more accurately establishes the project baseline by noting that the "Burning Man event is a combination art festival, social event, and experiment in community living" (EA, p. 1-1). In contrast with the DEIS, the EA specifically references the event's "ten core guiding concepts": "radical inclusion, gifting, decommodification, radical self-reliance, radical self-expression, civic responsibility, communal effort, leaving no trace, participation, and immediacy." The EA accurately states that the implementation of these concepts "individually and in concert, attract participants to the event," and that, "other than these guiding principles" the event has "no rules save those that serve to protect the health, safety, and experience of the community at large. It is up to the participant how they contribute

and what they give to the community" (EA, p. 41). The EA carries forward BLM's long-standing recognition of the unique nature of the Burning Man event, which was specifically defined in the final EIS for the current Resource Management Plan (RMP) as "A large special recreation event that BLM typically receives an application to hold the annual event on the playa. It is a week-long combination art festival, social event, and experiment in community living."[22]

The DEIS arbitrarily and capriciously modifies the standard NEPA format and thereby impermissibly truncates discussion of the information essential to evaluating the environmental effects of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives. As discussed above, this analysis is the "heart" of an EIS.

As just one example, in contrast with the EA, the DEIS fails to adequately identify the action under consideration: the issuance of SRPs for a recreational event that Congress specifically expected to continue when it enacted the NCA legislation and that is specifically referenced as a Class IV recreational event in the NCA RMP adopted by BLM. The event has occurred on a small portion of the Black Rock Desert NCA for nearly 30 years and has grown steadily over the years, to the point that it now generates approximately $75 million per year for the northern Nevada economy. As both the RMP final EIS and the EA accurately state, but the DEIS fails to note, the event attracts participants precisely because of its experimental community characteristics that are guided by ten principles, including leaving no trace and radical self-reliance.

None of this information is sufficiently incorporated into the DEIS analysis of the proposed action: the continued permitting under the RMP of the Burning Man event consistent with many years of prior experience.

The DEIS must be withdrawn, revised, and recirculated for public review and comment to correct the arbitrary and capricious modification of the standard NEPA discussion elements mandated by the NEPA regulations and DOI policies. Specifically, the DEIS must separately and much more accurately describe the affected environment, which includes the Burning Man event as it has continuously occurred on the Black Rock Desert for nearly three decades and in accordance with the adopted RMP for the NCA since 2004. The environmental consequences of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives must be separately described with reference to the properly characterized environmental baseline so that environmental effects can be sufficiently understood in accordance with fundamental NEPA objectives. Among other revisions, the recirculated DEIS must appropriately identify and separately analyze the EA, RMP EIS, and 30-year Burning Man environmental record, including the consistently implemented project environmental design features and mitigation measures, in determining the DEIS scope and baseline of conditions.

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[22] See Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, 2003, Volume 2, p. Glossary-2), https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/101115/139041/171093/Black_Rock_High_Rock_PRMP_FEIS_vol2_appendices.pdf.

B. The DEIS fails to comply with NEPA regulations and streamlining policies by not focusing on truly significant matters, amassing unnecessary "encyclopedic" documents, and disregarding analyses from prior NEPA documents.

As discussed above, the NEPA streamlining policies and measures adopted by the DOI require that an EIS focus only on issues that "truly matter" and avoid accumulating needless information and studies that address relatively minor concerns.[23] The CEQ and DOI NEPA regulations and policies also mandate that existing NEPA information be utilized as much as feasible and applicable in an EIS.

The DEIS does not comply with several requirements. Most glaringly, it wholly fails to consider whether the 2012-2016 EA sufficiently analyzes many of the potential impacts, particularly for events of up to 70,000 participants, which the EA explicitly evaluated. Unlike the proposed installation of a brand new facility, such as a dam or a utility-scale solar and wind generation operation, the Burning Man event has a continuous, nearly 30-year history as a temporary, leave-no-trace recreational event. Since BLM adopted the current RMP, the event's size has increased from about 30,000 to 70,000 participants. BLM staff have been present at all of the Burning Man events and regularly monitor the Black Rock Desert NCA and surrounding regions. BRC produces reports documenting various stages of each event, including post-event cleanups that characterize playa and regional conditions and provide direct, empirical information about environmental conditions that is readily available. Instead of effectively utilizing existing NEPA analyses or incorporating direct, empirical information about the event, the DEIS improperly relies on voluminous technical studies based on modeled estimates and generalized information — none of which add significant new information about the effects of the action and reasonable alternatives.

Certain of the technical studies referenced by the DEIS also do not appear to be based on a balanced and objective analysis of current and potential effects that complies with NEPA and the RMP. As discussed above, the NCA was created by legislation that specifically anticipated the continuation of large-scale events, such as Burning Man. Consistent with Congressional intent, the approved RMP for the NCA provides for large-scale, Class IV recreational events and identifies Burning Man as a Class IV event. Both the enabling legislation for the NCA and the RMP make clear that the NCA management objectives include continued large-scale recreational events located on the Black Rock Desert. The RMP even expressly allows for the simultaneous conduct of a Class IV and a slightly smaller Class III event, which could include recreational uses comparable with or greater than the size of existing or potential Burning Man events. Thus, the appropriate analytical baseline for the DEIS is the nearly 30-year history of the Burning Man event, its growth to more than 70,000 participants, and the express legislative and RMP findings and policies establishing that large-scale recreational events will continue to occur on the playa.

The courts have explained that the environmental baseline is an integral part of an EIS, since it is against this information that environmental impacts are measured and evaluated.

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[23] DOI Order 3355.

Therefore, it is critical that the baseline be accurate and complete.[24] Here, the baseline is an area that has been annually impacted by the Burning Man event and other activities for 30 years. The fact of these events, as noted above, was recognized by Congress. The playa conditions are not reflective of a pristine site that may have existed prior to the occurrences of the Burning Man event on-site. This baseline was not correctly utilized in the development of certain DEIS technical studies.

1. Study of Playa Dunes.

For example, as noted in the EA, the surface of the Black Rock Desert is a flat, non-vegetated ephemeral lakebed. Surface relief changes, such as mounding, have been observed on the playa since at least the 1970s, nearly two decades before the first Burning Man event at this location (DEIS p. 3-50). Given that the mounds and other playa relief features have been observed to appear and disappear over time, the EA sensibly observed that "[w]ind and water changes the shape and size of dunes, sheets of silt and sand, and mounds" (EA, p. 3-1).

The DEIS completely ignores the analysis in the EA. Instead, BLM apparently solicited a new study conducted by college interns working at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory using satellite and synthetic aperture radar imagery dating to 1997. A brief technical memorandum, apparently drafted by BLM, is posted on the DEIS website, accompanied by dozens of playa images, many with unexplained and perplexing annotations - e.g., "*Ask Mark about flooding on the playa*" or "This 'floodplain' used to be brighter! Now this 'floodplain' is brighter.". Unaccountably, the DEIS does not utilize or even reference the memorandum in its discussion of playa mounds, instead citing to a one-page "poster" apparently summarizing the interns' project. The poster describes the project's objectives as follows:

> Since the early 2000s, wind-deposited sediment mounds have been growing and encroaching onto the Black Rock Playa of the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area. These sedimentary structures along the edge of the playa alter the natural landscape, limit recreational activities such as land sailing and high-speed racing, and potentially indicate increased dust emission. Possible sources of increased sediment input for the mounds are drought, natural processes, or anthropogenic activity. Some members of the community believe that Burning Man, a festival hosted annually on the playa, may be the primary culprit. With Burning Man's recent request to increase its population capacity, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) must evaluate the event's environmental impact through submission of an Environmental Impact Statement. To better understand contributing factors to mound growth and migration, the DEVELOP team assessed landscape changes from 1997 to 2017. Surface deformation maps were generated from Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) Earth observations from Sentinel-1, in conjunction with optical Earth observations from

[24] *See American Rivers v. Fed. Energy Regulatory Comm'n,* 201 F.3d 1186, 1195 & n. 15 (9th Cir. 2000). Under NEPA, the environmental baseline is not an independent legal requirement but rather a "practical requirement in environmental analysis often employed to identify environmental consequences of a proposed regulatory action."

> Landsat 5 Thematic Mapper (TM), Landsat 8 Operational Land Manager (OLI), and the National Agriculture Imagery Program. Historic weather data from Black Rock Playa and nearby weather stations were used to place surface geomorphology observations in the context of typical drought years, flooding events, and wind patterns. Results will help constrain the mechanism behind mound growth and migration and will assist BLM's Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office in determining if recreational activities should continue to be permitted on the playa.[25]

There are several issues of concern with this project summary. First, the purpose of the DEIS is not to analyze whether recreational use of the playa, as authorized in the approved RMP, should "should continue to be permitted." If BLM desires to revise its congressionally mandated management objectives for the NCA region and eliminate recreational use of the playa, it must do so through appropriate legislative and planning procedures, and it must clearly articulate this objective to the public and elected officials. Second, the work scope reflected in the mounding study used in the DEIS is overbroad and inconsistent with NEPA rules and regulations. The appropriate focus of the EIS is the incremental effects of the issuance of a 10-year permit on the current conditions.

In addition, the research appears to have been informed by presumptions that mounding has increased on the playa, and that the proposed event in particular, as opposed to the natural forces discussed in the EA, may be the "primary culprit." The research results demonstrate, however, that these presumptions were completely unfounded. According to the published poster cited in the DEIS, the students determined that there has been "[n]o observable mound boundary encroachment" since 2006, or for almost the entire period that the Burning Man event has operated under the RMP issued in 2004. Over this period, the event increased in size from about 30,000 to 70,000 participants. Although the poster includes imagery that identifies the event location, and the researchers were apparently directed to focus on whether the event was the cause of playa mounding, the study concluded that "[d]irect correlation between mound growth and a possible cause could not be found." Consistent with the EA, the researchers pointed to natural factors, such as the level of "annual inundation" on the playa, as a potential factor affecting mounding conditions.

None of the interns' findings, and none of the information in the technical memorandum omitted from the DEIS, adds anything new or relevant to the EA's discussion of playa relief features. Their research was based on an overbroad, improper work scope for the NEPA analysis and needlessly generated information that merely confirmed the common sense and reasonable observation made in prior NEPA documents, including the EA. Again, we urge BLM to rely on the 30 years of actual observations by BRC rather than speculating in a manner that is contrary to the obvious facts.

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[25] *See* https://develop.larc.nasa.gov/2018/spring/posters/2018Spring_JPL_BlackRockPlayaUrban_Poster.pdf.

2. Artificial Light Assessment.

Several other technical studies were prepared for the DEIS in lieu of utilizing prior NEPA analysis and were informed by overbroad and legally impermissible assumptions. For example, the EA evaluated potential project impacts to dark sky conditions and determined that during the Burning Man event, there was a "measurable decline in night sky darkness and the visibility of the dimmest stars." The analysis further noted, however, that because the event was limited in duration and located on only a small portion of the NCA, "[v]isitors to the NCA seeking dark skies free of light pollution during the Burning Man event could experience them in more northerly portions of the NCA." There would be no impact during the overwhelming majority of the year when the Burning Man event was not taking place. Consequently, the 2012-2016 EA determined that the project would not cumulatively "contribute increased light to dark skies" (EA, pp. 4-67, 4-68 and 5-34).

Rather than utilize this reasonable and common sense analysis, the DEIS solicited a new technical study of dark sky conditions and event-related light. The study utilized satellite data that required extensive modeled adjustment for moonlight effects, and included terrestrial skyglow measurements that the researchers concede were difficult to achieve and that could only be made during brief periods of time when moonlight and other effects were not present. The DEIS does not explain why this complex approach was necessary to characterize a potential effect that occurs for just a few weeks each year when the event is conducted and is entirely absent at all other times. In fact, the new study reached virtually the same conclusion as the EA, stating that "[m]ost of the year there is essentially no ALAN [Artificial Light at Night] and significant ALAN radiance is limited to a period in August with some spillover into September."[26]

The DEIS must be revised and recirculated to properly account for the EA's conclusions; assess whether they continue to reasonably and accurately characterize potential dark sky effects for existing and potential future events; and specifically identify any new information about this effect that may warrant further NEPA discussion.

3. Migratory Bird Studies.

The DEIS includes multiple flawed studies relating to potential impacts to migratory birds, including from noise, light, trash ingestion and cumulative impacts, all of which were analyzed in the EA and all of which analysis is ignored in the DEIS. Specifically, the EA noted that "[t]he playa occasionally floods between March and June. When flooded the playa supports phytoplankton, bacteria, other microbes, and crustaceans that are a rich food resource for migrating birds. The Burning Man event would take place at the end of August, during the dry portion of the year and when the playa is not wet. The Proposed Action would therefore not impact the use of the playa as a food source by migrating birds." The EA reasonably determined that effects on migratory birds "begin during event setup and would cease immediately upon completion of event clean-up" (EA, p. 4-12). The EA further determined that almost all events

[26] *See* https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/nepa/93518/167561/203999/Artificial_Light_at_Night_Assessment.pdf, p. 17.

that require a special recreation permit, including Burning Man, do not occur when the playa is muddy or flooded - i.e., when migratory birds use the playa lake for feeding. The EA concluded the Burning Man event's "contribution to potential displacement or disruption of migratory birds would occur during the permit period and would cease immediately upon completion of event clean-up" (EA, pp. 5-19 to 5.20).

The DEIS did not incorporate the EA findings, or what should be 30 years of data on potential impacts on birds. Instead, BLM solicited new noise and biological studies. The noise study was subject to numerous technical and equipment problems, and in many cases could not differentiate between event-related and wind noise.[27] The biological study does not appear to have developed or considered any empirical information based on the nearly 30-year period of event operation, such as whether post-event cleanup reports indicated any detection of any injured or deceased avian or terrestrial species or regional migratory bird counts that could help determine if the event has had any measurable effect on avian activity.[28] The report instead provides precisely the information that NEPA streamlining policies specifically discourage: an "encyclopedic" recitation of generalized information that does not meaningfully add to prior NEPA analyses, including those in the 2012-2016 EA.

For example, the biological report and the DEIS cite a 2017 laboratory experiment that subjected house wrens apparently raised in urban and rural areas to "pink" or general noise as well as "urban traffic" noise. The research objective was to determine if the birds had different corticosterone reactions to the two forms of noise. The research did not include a non-noise control, and the researchers noted that this omission limited their conclusions.[29] The study contends that rural birds appear to be affected more by urban noise than urban birds, but that "pink" noise has little or no effect on either set of wrens. Neither the biological report nor the DEIS explains how this research enhances the analysis of avian impacts in the EA in any manner. There is no discussion of whether the event noise is similar to either the "urban" or "pink" noise to which the laboratory wrens were subjected. There is no effort to evaluate whether, in the context of the enormous NCA natural landscape, rather than a laboratory, a bird that happens to fly near the event in late August would compensate for a potential "corticosterone reactions" by simply flying away from noise sources. The DEIS provides no evidence that avian corticosterone reactions from event-related noise over the nearly 30 year history of the event has caused any measurable impact on any specific bird, let alone on avian populations generally.

The DEIS must be revised and recirculated to incorporate an assessment of whether the EA conclusions continue to reasonably and accurately characterize potential migratory bird

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[27] *See* https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/nepa/93518/167562/204000/Noise_Impact_Assessment.pdf.
[28] *See* https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/nepa/93518/168659/205277/Biological_Resources_Baseline_Report.pdf.
[29] *See* S. Davies et al., Stressful city sounds: Glucocorticoid responses to experimental traffic noise are environmentally dependent, Biology Letters, 2017, https://royalsocietypublishing.org/doi/full/10.1098/rsbl.2017.0276?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori%3Arid%3Acrossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub%3Dpubmed&.

effects for existing and potential future events, and to specifically identify any new information about this effect that may warrant further NEPA discussion.

4. Public Health and Safety Report.

The Public Health and Safety Report (PHSR) is rife with poorly researched, unquantified, and irrelevant issues. What it lacks is any data regarding appreciable environmental impacts. BRC has multiple concerns with this document from a process standpoint, including its inconsistency with NEPA and complete absence of scientific data or expert analysis. It instead relies on a breathless, word-of-mouth narration of situations that have purportedly happened "numerous" (unspecified) times, and events that purportedly "almost" became problematic. The report is no more than a first-person narrative authored by a local BLM law enforcement officer with clear biases against the event and a thorough misunderstanding of the scope of BLM's law enforcement authority and the EIS process. Reliance upon flawed, unproven and incomplete studies render agency decisions arbitrary and capricious.

In a great number of instances, the information in the PHSR is false, misleading, or simply nonsensical. For instance, the section on blood borne pathogens lacks any nexus to the event whatsoever. These pathogens pose a risk to law enforcement everywhere and it is appropriate to have officers wear puncture-resistant gloves, but the PHSR presents no data showing that the Burning Man event creates any particular risks in this regard. Another example of the PHSR's lack of foundation is section 1.2.1, which refers to an airplane "crash" that was in fact termed by the FAA to have been an "incident." The PHSR also includes a lengthy discussion of the risk of civil disorder, but references not a single case in which civil disorder actually occurred at any Burning Man event in its nearly 30-year history. Virtually every page of the PHSR is replete with factual errors, unsubstantiated speculation and the biases of its author, and as a result the report fails utterly to comply with the requirements of NEPA. BRC notes that it detailed its concerns about an earlier draft of the PHSR to BLM, but the agency declined to resolve the issues in the report published with the DEIS.

The most glaring deficiency of the PHSR is its failure to include any analysis supporting its conclusions. For example, throughout the PHSR is the allegation that Burning Man causes a drought of emergency personnel and law enforcement in Nevada and nationally, as so many are required to police the event. This claim has several flaws: a lack of data showing actual harm, a lack of data showing how BLM decides the necessary staffing levels for the event and a lack of analysis of whether those staffing levels are warranted by the event's public health and safety needs. The report states only that "[t]he BLM determined 75 officers were required for the 2016-2018 Burning Man Events." It reveals nothing regarding how that determination was made, by whom, and using what data. This information is vital to an understanding of the public health risks and impacts posed by Burning Man, and BLM's failure to provide it renders the PHSR useless to the EIS process.

Another serious concern with the PHSR is its failure to distinguish between the actions of individual Burning Man attendees and the actions of BRC. For instance, in section 1.2.3, regarding disease vectors, the author does not identify a single instance of infection, but mentions only that the non-potable water used for dust abatement may be harmful if ingested,

that the organization warns participants of the risk, and that "[p]articipants do not always heed the warnings and occasionally run into dust abatement water." The exercise of free will by individuals who attend Burning Man is not an environmental impact, even if they make a decision that BLM might consider unwise (but is by no means criminal). There is no recorded event where a participant was sickened by the water used for dust abatement. There is therefore no impact. This section of the PHSR is just one example of the "what if" nature of a study that purports to be based on fact, but actually is nothing more than rank speculation.

The PHSR fails to detail any actual impacts relevant to NEPA and therefore cannot be considered in connection with the DEIS. The DEIS must be revised accordingly and recirculated.

In summary, all of these specific examples confirm that the DEIS arbitrarily and capriciously fails to conform with the standard NEPA format and level of analysis required by CEQ and BLM regulations and applicable policies. Consequently, the DEIS unjustifiably combines and severely truncates the mandatory discussion of the affected environment and potential environmental consequences. In particular, the DEIS insufficiently characterizes the environmental baseline, including existing RMP recreational policies and the nature and operational history of the Burning Man event, and fails to provide the necessary information for evaluating the purpose of the project and identifying reasonable alternatives, all of which are required by NEPA regulations and policies. The DEIS discussion of potential environmental effects is so compressed that in some cases, no substantive analysis is provided in the body of the NEPA document at all; the required information is solely confined to ancillary documents. In violation of NEPA and related streamlining policies, the DEIS does not adequately consider existing NEPA analyses that are relevant to the project. Instead, BLM solicited numerous new reports and studies, many of which have documented technical flaws and fail to generate any significant new information about potential impacts. Some of the reports appear to have been informed by legally impermissible presumptions, rendering them inappropriate for inclusion in an EIS. The DEIS must be revised and recirculated to address these deficiencies and comply with NEPA requirements.

II. The DEIS fails to comply with NEPA's mandates to consider (a) whether alternatives and mitigation measures are technically and economically practical or feasible; (b) whether they would avoid, minimize or compensate for an environmental effect; and (c) the potential environmental impacts of the proposed mitigations themselves.

NEPA Section 102 requires agencies to analyze any adverse effects which cannot be avoided.[30] CEQ regulation 40 CFR section 1502.14(f) requires "appropriate mitigation measures not already included in the proposed action or alternatives" in the consideration of reasonable alternatives. Agencies commonly adopt mitigation measures to address "significant" environmental impacts, which is the fundamental purpose of the EIS. Not every issue identified in an EIS must be mitigated and not every impact stemming from the Burning Man event must

[30] 42 U.S.C. § 4332(C)(ii).

be considered and mitigated. The SRP does not federalize every action that happens before, after and during the event.

DOI regulation 43 CFR 46.420(b) states that "[i]n addition to the requirements of 40 CFR 1502.14," the term "reasonable alternatives" includes "alternatives that are technically and economically practical or feasible and meet the purpose and need of the proposed action." DOI regulation 43 CFR 46.130 provides that the analysis of mitigation measures is a component of the alternatives assessment. CEQ regulation 40 CFR section 1508.20 establishes that the purpose of a NEPA mitigation measure is to avoid, minimize, rectify, reduce and compensate for an environmental effect.[31] It is axiomatic that a mitigation measure must not itself generate significant environmental effects. Indeed, the BLM NEPA Handbook (page 62) instructs as follows: "During impact analysis, analyze the impacts of the proposed action (including design features) and with all mitigation measures (if any) applied, as well as any further impacts caused by the mitigation measures themselves. Address the anticipated effectiveness of these mitigation measures in reducing or avoiding adverse impacts in your analysis." Consequently, to comply with NEPA, mitigation measures must be economically practical or feasible, meet the purpose and need of the proposed action, and must actually avoid, minimize or compensate for an environmental effect.

The DEIS fails to comply with applicable NEPA mitigation requirements by focusing on impacts that are purely speculative and/or outside the scope of agency review; by failing to establish a sufficient nexus between the mitigation and an identified impact; and by failing to analyze the potential impacts of the implementation of the stated mitigation. A number of the proposed mitigation and monitoring measures also have serious Constitutional defects, which will cause issues if challenged. The following sections discuss the deficiencies with reference to specific mitigation and monitoring measures listed in DEIS Volume 2, Appendix E.

A. DEIS mitigation measures AQ-1 and AQ-3.

Mitigation measure AQ-1 states that "BRC must develop solutions to reduce dust events that are twice the NAAQS for $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10}." The acronym "PM" refers to particulate matter, which within the Black Rock Desert playa largely consists of dust from the playa surface. The DEIS asserts that the implementation of AQ-1 would reduce impacts to special status species, wildlife, recreation and air quality (DEIS, Table ES-1). The DEIS concedes, however, that even if AQ-1 and other measures were implemented by BRC, $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} emissions would still be likely to exceed the referenced NAAQS criteria because "a primary factor of high particulate concentrations are high winds" (DEIS p. 3-43).

BRC has implemented dust control measures, including onsite speed limit controls and surface watering, and will continue to implement these measures in the future. Prior NEPA reviews of the event, including the EA, acknowledge that dust occurs on the playa site and affects air quality. AQ-1 is included in the DEIS — for the first time in the history of the event (and the even longer history of public use of this land, and BLM staff's operations on it) — apparently in response to modeled estimates of particulate matter air concentrations and a single

[31] 40 CFR § 1508.20

set of monitoring results from a recent event (some of which could not be used due to equipment malfunction), and during which nearby wild fires (unrelated to the Burning Man event) impacted air quality on site.[32] The Burning Man event has taken place in the Black Rock Desert for nearly 30 years, with many hundreds of thousands of participants over those decades. The DEIS provides no evidence whatsoever that the short-term exposure to playa dust — even when significant winds are present during an event or any other activity permitted under the RMP — has had a significant adverse effect on anyone, including event attendees, BLM staff or other users of the public lands.

Not only is the rationale for AQ-1 entirely lacking, the DEIS provides no information evaluating whether AQ-1 is technically and economically practical or feasible. Although the DEIS accurately characterizes wind as a "primary factor" affecting air quality, it does not explain how BRC could practically or feasibly control the force or intensity of winds on the playa. AQ-1 does not, in fact, identify any specific action that BRC might take, nor does it provide any basis for assessing the measure's economic or technical practicability and effectiveness, as required by NEPA. The DEIS also lacks any basis for characterizing the extent to which AQ-1 would avoid, reduce or compensate for dust impacts and thereby satisfy the requirements of CEQ regulation 40 CFR section 1508.20. And since AQ-1 cites no specific action that BRC must implement, there is certainly no basis in the DEIS for assessing the potential impacts of implementing the measure, as required by NEPA. For example, playa dust and particulate matter referenced in the DEIS might be controlled by applying calcium chloride or magnesium chloride to the playa surface, but the use of enhanced dust control compounds would likely affect other biological resources discussed in the DEIS, such as water quality and branchiopod eggs. The DEIS wholly fails to assess this potential effect. Mitigation measure AQ-3 proposes that "BRC should consider rerouting Gate Road to an area north of Black Rock City" because "[g]iven general wind directions, this has the potential to reduce the amount of PM25.5 and PM10 reaching the city." The DEIS contains no analysis of the effectiveness or impacts of this mitigation measure, however.

As the DEIS analysis of mitigation measure AQ-1 is legally deficient, the measure and related analysis of air quality impacts and mitigation effects must be revised, and the DEIS recirculated for public review and comment, in order to comply with NEPA.

B. DEIS mitigation measure NAT-2 (also included as measure WHS-1 and VIS-1).

Mitigation measure NAT-2 states, "To reduce litter and trash in the PLPT [Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe] Reservation and along SR 447, the proponent must place a sufficient number of dumpsters in the city and along Gate Road before its intersection with Highway 34. This is intended to reduce adverse impacts on the PLPT Reservation and SR 447. These dumpsters must be placed by 12:01 a.m. on the Friday before Labor Day and must be kept in place until Exodus is completed. To prevent overflow, BRC will be required to maintain the dumpsters during the

[32] See https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/nepa/93518/168746/205370/Air_Resources_Baseline_Technical_Report.pdf and https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/nepa/93518/168746/205370/Air_Resources_Baseline_Technical_Report.pdf.

time they are in place." The purported purpose of this measure is to address incidental deposits of trash by a small number of event participants, generally when leaving the site, in violation of the event's guiding principles and express requirements that all waste and trash be controlled and removed by each participant from the NCA for proper off-site disposal. The DEIS asserts, without any supporting evidence, that the dumpsters will reduce impacts to the PLPT, migratory birds and visual resources potentially associated with trash from the event (DEIS, Table ES-1).

From the inception of the event, BRC has stressed that, consistent with the Burning Man Principles of Radical Self-reliance and Leaving No Trace, each participant has an obligation to contain and remove all trash and waste from the site and the surrounding region. BRC has also implemented post-event onsite and regional cleanup programs, including along CR 34 and SR 447, and has coordinated with the PLPT and NDOT to address event-related trash deposits. These measures will continue to be implemented. BRC has met or exceeded all SRP trash stipulations, and event trash management and post-event cleanups have been successfully refined and improved in consultation with BLM and the surrounding community. Each year the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) videotapes the entire drive from Wadsworth to Gerlach on SR 447 both before the event and after cleanup. NDOT has concluded that the roads were cleaner after Burning Man's crew are finished with cleanup than they were before the event starts. This confirms that after BRC staff finish complying with the stipulations relating to road cleanup, no impact remains to be mitigated. Furthermore, it illustrates that much of the trash on the road is not from Burning Man participants, but from local traffic and other users during the 11 months between BRC's cleanup activities and the next year's event.

NAT-2 is included in the DEIS, for the first time in the event's 30-year history, despite the lack of any evidence suggesting that the continued refinement of BRC's trash cleanup and monitoring programs would not address incidental trash concerns. The DEIS is also devoid of any information evaluating whether NAT-2 is economically practical or feasible, including dumpster transport, event-period management, removal, insurance, dumping, transportation fuel and other expenses. The DEIS likewise fails to provide any basis for evaluating whether dumpsters would effectively avoid, minimize or compensate for any impact, including incidental trash affecting PLPT lands.

The DEIS provides no evidence whatsoever that dumpsters, as opposed to continued event cleanup procedural refinements, would effectively mitigate for incidental trash that affects the PLPT. Participants who were inclined in the past to ignore the event's heavily emphasized requirement that all trash and waste be removed from the region are likely to be even more inclined to discharge waste traveling from the site, including near the PLPT, with the provision of dumpsters during the event.

The DEIS also fails to assess any of the potential impacts of NAT-2 itself as required by NEPA. The implementation of this measure would likely result in multiple significant impacts that are ignored the DEIS. For example:

- The transportation, installation, maintenance and removal of large numbers of dumpsters would require the constant use of heavy vehicles traveling to and from the site.

- The vehicles would generate new sources of criteria air emissions, particulate emissions from diesel fuels, greenhouse gas emissions, and visual, noise and traffic impacts throughout the region, including in local communities along the route such as Gerlach, Nixon, and Wadsworth.
- The dumpsters would adversely affect visual resources and are likely to attract avian and other species to locations where they could be harmed or killed.
- The presence of dumpsters at the event would reduce participant incentives to control and remove their trash from the region in accordance with the event's guiding principles of Leaving No Trace and Radical Self-reliance. Instead, the dumpsters would provide incentives for participants to transport and dump waste on-site, rather than be responsible for containing and removing such materials from the region. Participants could be much less conscious of the need to manage their own trash and waste, which could generate additional incidental discharges from improperly managed trash onsite, notwithstanding (and indeed, as a result of) the provision of dumpsters.
- Discharges would likely occur from the conveyance of waste and trash by event participants across the playa for disposal, during the physical disposal of these materials into dumpsters, and from dumpster transportation and removal. Compared with historical events, a substantially greater amount of trash and waste is likely to be retained within the region and become exposed to wind and other risks of accidental discharge.

The DEIS analysis of mitigation measure NAT-2, VIS-1 and WHS-1 is legally deficient in every respect. These measures and the related analyses of dumpster impacts and mitigation effects must be revised and the DEIS must be recirculated for public review and comment to comply with NEPA.

C. DEIS mitigation measure PHS-4.

Mitigation measure PHS-4 states that "BRC will facilitate all structures over 10 feet to be inspected by qualified and Nevada-certified building inspectors prior to occupancy." According to the DEIS, "Inspection by Nevada-licensed building inspectors of habitable structures over 10 feet tall provides additional protection in preventing structure collapses during the Event (Mitigation Measure PHS-4; Appendix E). Implementation of licensed inspections reduces the threats of structure collapse to the health and safety of participants and first responders (BLM 2018b)" (DEIS, p. 3-31). As discussed above, the citation to "BLM 2018b" apparently refers to the Public Health and Safety Report (PHSR).[33]

PHS-4 is included in the DEIS, for the first time in the history of the event, despite the lack of evidence supporting the conclusory assertions in the DEIS that inspection is required to reduce structural impact risks. The event includes a number of temporary structures that are built specifically for the event and completely dismantled and removed each year. The PHSR states

[33] *See* https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/nepa/93518/168663/205281/Public_Health_and_Safety_at_the_Burning_Man_Event.pdf.

that "[h]istorically, there is a low occurrence of structure collapse within the city" and cites to a single instance in 2016 when a structure collapse caused three minor injuries and one trauma injury, which were fully addressed using existing event medical and safety protocols. The PHSR concludes that the event-related structural failure "remains a low-risk impact on public health and safety with minor to traumatic injuries depending on the severity of the incident."

None of these conclusions supports the determination in the DEIS that building inspections would reduce existing "low risk" effects to participants (PHSR, p. 17). There is no discussion of risk to first responders in the PHSR, notwithstanding the DEIS's citation to this document in support of this purported concern. The DEIS and the PHSR likewise provide no information of any kind evaluating whether PHS-4 is economically practical or feasible, including inspection costs, insurance, management and coordination expenses, and inspector transportation and accommodation costs. The DEIS discussion of the risks and effects of mitigation measure PHS-4 is wholly unsupported and conclusory in nature.

The DEIS analysis of mitigation measure PHS-4 is deficient under NEPA in every respect. The need for the inspections must be reconsidered, and the DEIS must be revised and recirculated with a sufficient analysis of building-related impacts and mitigation effects to comply with NEPA.

D. DEIS mitigation measure PHS-3.

Mitigation measure PHS-3 states that "BRC will be required to implement physical perimeter barriers (e.g., Jersey barriers and K-rail fence) to reduce the risk of unauthorized entry to the Event. This will be done concurrent with city and perimeter fence construction." According to the DEIS, "Hardened physical perimeter barriers, such as jersey barriers or K-rail fencing, would reduce the risk of vehicle entry through perimeter fencing (BLM 2018b)" (DEIS p. 3-31). There is no document entitled "BLM Public Health and Safety Baseline Report" in the references section of the DEIS or posted on the DEIS website. As discussed above, the citation to "BLM 2018b" apparently refers to the PHSR, which appears to provide the only substantive discussion of potential terrorism issues produced by BLM and states, in relevant part:

> Burning Man organizers resist physical barriers to prevent vehicular attacks against its population, citing vehicle operation restrictions during the event without regard for malicious intent. The event does not use barriers to mitigate high-speed avenues of approach, deny vehicle entry, and provide perimeter protection. The perimeter fence at the event is an orange plastic trash fence; the event lacks effective physical barricades for protection of unauthorized entry. In 2018, a vehicle drove through the plastic trash fence and through the walk-in camping section of the city, entering the event without authorization and at great public safety risk. The vehicle was never located by BRC or law enforcement after it gained entry to the event. Barriers would reduce vehicle speeds and prevent vehicle penetration to help mitigate concerns. Options for barriers include, but are not limited to, fixed and retractable bollards, heavy objects walls and ha-ha barriers, water obstacles, and Jersey barriers (PHSR p. 18).

The failure to provide even a cursory summary of an issue considered to be significant in a DEIS fundamentally conflicts with NEPA's public disclosure and analysis requirements. Applicable NEPA regulations and streamlining policies require that relevant facts and analysis be clearly stated in an EIS. In addition to being outside the scope of NEPA, burying the required discussion in a document that is not part of the DEIS, and improperly referenced as a source, undermines effective review of the analysis.

PHS-3 is yet another mitigation that has no nexus to an identified significant environmental impact and therefore has no place in an EIS. It is included in the DEIS, for the first time in the history of the event, apparently on the basis of a single vehicle intrusion incident (causing no injury) in nearly three decades. The PHSR includes reckless speculation about the possibility of a terrorist attack, based in part on an unidentified novel describing a fictional attack on Burning Man, and in part on the mass shooting at a country music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 1, 2017. [34] The PHSR fails to explain the relevance of the Las Vegas attack to this discussion, given that it did not involve a vehicle intrusion or the entry of the perpetrator into the event venue, and perimeter barriers would have had no effect on preventing that tragedy. The PHSR does note that "[t]he changing global culture around acts of terrorism makes this risk difficult to adequately assess" (PHSR p. 18), underscoring the negligence and impropriety of including any such discussion in a public document, let alone a draft environmental impact statement under NEPA. The bias and unsupported assertions throughout the PHSR render this report inappropriate for inclusion in this EIS, even to the extent that consideration of these issues is appropriate under NEPA's exclusively environmental framework.

BRC shares BLM's concern for event safety, contrary to the insinuations in the PHSR about "Burning Man organizers." BRC is concerned that the DEIS fails to analyze the extent to which vehicle intrusion presents a significant risk compared with other potential scenarios that could affect public safety at the event. BRC has implemented, and will continue to implement and refine, measures to prevent unauthorized site access. A detailed gate crasher contingency plan, for example, is included in Appendix 2 of the 2012-2016 EA. BRC provides round-the-clock perimeter monitoring with staff, vehicles, and sophisticated technology including radar and night vision. BLM Rangers also extensively patrol the perimeter of the city. The DEIS does not provide any assessment of whether the continued implementation and refinement of existing

[34] According to the PHSR, "A novel depicting the Burning Man Event as a terrorist target was published in 2017 and depicts weaknesses in the event security and actions to overcome existing security mitigations" (PHSR p. 18). Neither the novel nor the novelist's capacity to meaningfully evaluate event security risks are identified or discussed in any manner. The novel appears to be *Use of Force*, one of a series of "spy genre" books by Brad Thor. According to *The New York Times*, Thor has no formal military training and is primarily a media personality. Although he apparently has participated in "gaming out ideas for unconventional attacks from the terrorist's perspective" in some capacity with the Department of Homeland Security, *The Times* article discloses that he did not travel to Nevada to write his book and has never attended a Burning Man event. None of this information is disclosed in the PHSR or mentioned in any manner in the DEIS. That the author of the PHSR chose to reference this novel in a NEPA document underscores the inappropriateness of the PHSR in its entirety for consideration in connection with this EIS.

perimeter control and unauthorized entry measures would insufficiently address potential vehicular risks. The single incident the PHSR describes, where a person apparently snuck into the event and no injuries occurred, wholly fails to support the proposed mitigation.

To comply with NEPA, an impact must be rooted in the environment, and not distantly attenuated. To the extent terrorism is relevant, the DEIS discussion must include all of the relevant facts and analysis currently available only in ancillary documents. If BLM believes that terrorism is an environmental effect subject to NEPA analysis, the DEIS must describe the relevant affected environmental baseline applicable to this issue. Then, as required by NEPA, the DEIS must specifically evaluate the potential impacts to baseline conditions that could occur from the proposed project and reasonable project alternatives. The DEIS does none of this. The DEIS must be revised and recirculated to address these legal deficiencies, or more appropriately, issues of terrorism should be omitted from the revised DEIS and addressed, if at all, as a tailored permit term.

Moreover, the DEIS provides no information of any kind evaluating whether PHS-3 is economically practical or feasible, including barrier transport, installation, removal, insurance, transportation fuel and other expenses. The implementation of this measure would also likely result in multiple significant impacts that the DEIS entirely ignores. For example:

- The transport, placement and removal of thousands of heavy barriers on the playa will require the significant use of heavy vehicles and equipment traveling to, from and operating within the site.
- The vehicles would generate new sources of criteria air emissions, particulate emissions from diesel fuels, greenhouse gas emissions, and visual, noise and traffic impacts throughout the region, including in local communities along the route such as Gerlach, Nixon, and Wadsworth.
- The vehicles would increase the mobilization of dust from playa surfaces and adversely affect air quality, particularly the levels of particulates that are discussed elsewhere in the DEIS.
- The placement of heavy barriers throughout the perimeter of the event would impact playa surfaces, including by compression when emplaced and by loosening playa surfaces when removed. Similar impacts would occur from heavy equipment operating along the event perimeter to install and remove the barriers.
- According to the DEIS, the compression and decompression of playa surfaces adversely affects the prevalence of brachiopod eggs and species food sources in playa soils and could be associated with mounding activity. Hardened barriers surrounding the event site would accumulate wind-blown sediments that would likely affect the surface of the playa.

The DEIS analysis of mitigation measure PHS-3 is deficient under NEPA in every respect. The need for and effectiveness of a perimeter barrier must be reassessed by analyzing potential risks in more detail and considering other far more reasonable alternatives, including the further refinement of existing unauthorized access detection and interdiction programs. The DEIS must also sufficiently analyze the impacts that could be associated with the implementation of the proposed mitigation measure. Consequently, the DEIS must be revised and recirculated with the necessary analysis to comply with NEPA.

E. DEIS mitigation measure PHS-1.

Mitigation measure PHS-1 states, "At all portals of entry into the Event, beginning 14 days before Labor Day, BRC will be required to contract a BLM-approved, independent, third-party, private security to screen vehicles and participants, vendors and contractors, and staff and volunteers entering the Event. Third-party, private security will report Closure Order violations, to include weapons and illegal drugs, directly to law enforcement as violations are observed so that law enforcement can respond. Third-party, private security will provide an Event summary report to the BLM within 30 days of the end of the Event." According to the DEIS, "Contracted BLM-approved, third-party, private security at all portals of entry to screen participants, staff, and volunteers entering the Event (Mitigation Measure PHS-1; Appendix E) would reduce entry of firearms and other contraband into the Event (BLM 2018b). For example, events like the Electric Daisy Carnival hire security personnel for entry screening to reduce subsequent impacts on law enforcement staffing the Event from banned contraband entering the Event (BLM 2018b)" (DEIS p. 3-31). As discussed above, the citation to "BLM 2018b" apparently refers to the PHSR.

The PHSR accurately notes the following: "BRC has an illegal substance policy that clearly states the use and possession of illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia are violations of law" (PHSR, p. 13); "[p]ossession of weapons, including firearms, is prohibited during the event"; and "[p]revious BRC entrance policies have informed participants their cars would be searched for prohibited items, some of which include explosives, fireworks, firearms, loose feathers, and tubs of confetti" (PHSR, pp. 13 and 19). The PHSR then alleges that BRC entry staff should be searching for prohibited substances but have not effectively done so, and that law enforcement responses to violent event participants overextend available resources and endanger law enforcement personnel. The PHSR contends that "[i]t is imperative to note the root of violent behavior against others at the event, to include law enforcement, is illegal drug use" and goes on to conclude that "[a]ttempting to stem violent participant behavior without addressing illegal drug use will not have a significant impact on participant or law enforcement safety" (PHSR, pp. 13 to 14). These conclusory assertions are not supported by any data in the PHSR or any other documentation published in connection with the DEIS, however. As discussed above, the PHSR is a flawed document that wholly fails to comply with NEPA and is inappropriate for consideration in connection with this EIS.

Mitigation measure PHS-1 is not only contrary to NEPA, but its implementation would violate both the Fourth Amendment rights of Burning Man attendees and the Unconstitutional Conditions Doctrine. As the Supreme Court has held:

> [T]he government may not deny a benefit to a person because he exercises a constitutional right. ... [T]he unconstitutional conditions doctrine, that vindicates the Constitution's enumerated rights by preventing the government from coercing people into giving them up. ... [The Supreme Court has] recognized that regardless of whether the government ultimately succeeds in pressuring someone into forfeiting a constitutional right, the unconstitutional conditions doctrine forbids burdening the Constitution's enumerated rights by coercively withholding benefits

> from those who exercise them.... [L]and-use permit applicants are especially vulnerable to the type of coercion that the unconstitutional conditions doctrine prohibits because the government often has broad discretion to deny a permit.[35]

Thus, even though BLM could be "entirely within its rights in denying the permit for some other reason, that greater authority does not imply a lesser power to condition permit approval on [the] forfeiture of [BRC's and event attendees'] constitutional rights." *Id.* Therefore, BLM cannot justify conditioning its issuance of the Burning Man permit on a requirement to violate attendees' Fourth Amendment rights.

Suspicionless searches of public event attendees have been held unconstitutional in a long line of cases.[36] It does not excuse the Fourth Amendment violation that BLM would be requiring BRC to employ private security who would in turn be required to report to law enforcement the results of their unlawful searches.[37] BLM has no lawful basis for mandating a warrantless search of every Burning Man attendee as a condition of entry, PHS-1 must be withdrawn from the DEIS on that basis alone.

In addition to its incurable constitutional deficiencies, PHS-1 also lacks any nexus to an identified environmental impact. While BRC shares BLM's concern for event safety, there is no evidence in the PHSR or elsewhere that either firearms or illegal drug use present a health and safety issue of any significance at the Burning Man event. The DEIS also provides no assessment of the extent to which third-party entry inspections would effectively reduce firearm or illegal substance effects, as compared with other reasonable alternatives including the refinement of BRC's existing entry protocols.

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[35] *Koontz v. St. Johns River Water Management Dist.*, 570 U.S. 595-606 (2013).

[36] *See, e.g.*, *Nakamoto v. Fasi*, 64 Haw. 17, 22–23 (1981) (warrantless search without probable cause violated the constitutional rights of a concert attendee; "[O]nce having extended, through the rock concert promoter, an invitation to the public to use its arena upon paying the price of admission, [the city government] could not further condition the exercise of this privilege upon compliance with an unconstitutional requirement.") (citing *United States v. Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pac. R.R.*, 282 U.S. 311, 328-29 (1931)); *see also Jacobsen v. City of Seattle*, 98 Wash. 2d 668, 674 (1983) (pat-down searches of concert patrons are "not analogous to airport or courthouse searches or any other exception to the warrant requirement of the state and federal constitutions"); *State v. Iaccarino*, 767 So. 2d 470, 478 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2000) (the interests supporting searches for drugs do not rise to the level of "vital interests," and to hold otherwise would effectively justify any search of any person at any time and to any degree); *Ringe v. Romero*, 624 F. Supp. 417, 422–423 (W.D. La. 1985) ("[N]o court has ever approved a dragnet search of all citizens in a high crime area based upon the justification that the danger of criminal conduct would be reduced.... so a degree of public necessity alone cannot justify an otherwise unreasonable search.").

[37] The Fourth Amendment applies to the actions of a private party if it is "regarded as an instrument or agent of the state." *Coolidge v. New Hampshire*, 403 U.S. 443, 487 (1971); *see also United States v. Walther*, 652 F.2d 788, 791 (9th Cir. 1981); *United States v. Andrini*, 685 F.2d 1094, 1097 (9th Cir. 1982).

The PHSR cites to just two instances of a firearm detection at the event, one in 2015 and another in 2017 (PHSR, pp. 19), but does not contain any analysis of whether third-party entry inspections would measurably decrease the risk of unauthorized firearms entering the site. Similarly, there is no evidence that third-party inspections would deter the use of illegal substances. Although the DEIS asserts that third-party entry inspectors at the Electric Daisy Carnival, a multi-day music festival at the Las Vegas Speedway, "reduce subsequent impacts on law enforcement staffing…from banned contraband" (DEIS p. 3-31), the PHSR summary of that event does not discuss either third-party entry inspections or illegal substance searches. The sole relevant statement in the PHSR concerning third-party security at the Electric Daisy Carnival is with reference to BRC considering the hiring of private security staff for the 2017 and 2018 events (PHSR, Section 1.3.2). As BLM has been repeatedly informed, however, BRC is considering a small private security force to help within the city limits on specific calls, and not for general inspections or duties at the entrance Gate.

In addition to its failure to evaluate the effectiveness of PHS-1 at mitigating any identified impacts, the DEIS provides no information of any kind evaluating whether PHS-1 is economically practical or feasible, including security personnel hiring, insurance, transportation, liability exposure, housing costs, and management expenses. The DEIS also fails to analyze, as required by NEPA, any of the many significant impacts that would likely be associated with implementation of PHS-1. For example:

- Increased entry screening would substantially reduce the rate at which vehicles and participants are admitted to the site. A larger number of vehicles would be required to queue along roadways accessing the site for longer periods of time. Additional queuing would adversely affect visual resources, noise and traffic conditions throughout the region.
- Vehicular delays would also likely generate additional criteria air and greenhouse gas emissions from idling and vehicular air conditioning, sound system and other equipment use during longer waiting periods.
- As discussed in the PHSR, entry delays might also increase the risk of participant disorderly conduct, which in turn could place additional demands on BRC and public law enforcement and security personnel (PHSR, p. 3).
- The incidence of incidental trash or waste disposal along regional roadways during prolonged wait times for event entry would also likely increase, as would the likelihood of personal belongings being blown away or inadvertently left behind when they are removed from vehicles during the search process, resulting in increased trash deposits on the NCA.
- We understand that BLM has received a comment from Lindsay Dimitri (M.S Biology) - a field ecologist affiliated with the University of Nevada, Reno, who specializes in small mammal ecology and invasive species population genetics, with field sites throughout northern Nevada and eastern California, including the Pyramid Lake delta - noting that potential negative environmental impacts of this mitigation include disruption to kangaroo rats, increased likelihood of invasive species introduction, and increased likelihood of wildfires.
- The Burning Man event currently generates approximately $75 million per year in the Nevada, largely due to the unique, experimental community participants experience

> with the implementation of the event's ten principles. Significantly more intrusive and unconstitutional entry searches by personnel unaffiliated with Burning Man is likely to reduce the appeal of the event for significant numbers of current and future participants. A significant reduction in demand for event participation would substantially reduce the economic benefits that are generated within Nevada, and the failure to permit the event would eliminate these benefits entirely. The DEIS does not include any discussion of the extent to which PHS-1, or any of its other new and unprecedented mitigation measures, could adversely affect the demand for the event and reduce the economic benefits that are generated within Nevada.

The DEIS analysis of mitigation measure PHS-1 is deficient under NEPA in every respect. The DEIS must therefore be revised and recirculated with the necessary analysis to comply with NEPA and resolve the constitutional issues identified herein.

F. DEIS mitigation measure ECON-1.

Mitigation measure ECON-1 states, "BRC will negotiate with Washoe County to provide cost recovery for maintenance of CR 34 associated with Event traffic." This measure must be withdrawn because it goes well beyond the scope and authority of an EIS and is unsupported by any NEPA-compliant analysis.

The DEIS fails to note that County Road 34 is a county-maintained road that was designed and built in the early 1970s; expected to last about 30 to 40 years (without consideration for Burning Man, of course, as the first such event in the Black Rock Desert was not until 1990); and has reached its expected lifespan with year-round traffic from residents, land owners, businesses, law enforcement, tourists, tribes, ranchers, and nature lovers. Fuel taxes are imposed on drivers to pay for road maintenance, but the road will need replacing, not just repairing. BRC understand that Burning Man traffic adds considerably to the use of CR 34 during summer months and has been working with closely with Washoe County for several years to measure and study the road, and to understand the options and costs for replacing sections of the road between Gerlach and Jackson Lane. The DEIS ignores the work Washoe County and BRC have done and continue to do together and instead imposes a command and control solution that Washoe County did not suggest and does not support. Had BLM engaged Washoe County appropriately, it would have confirmed the County's collaborative work with BRC to find a lasting solution for CR 34 instead of more temporary fixes, and the fact that the parties believe they may have found such a solution. BRC understands that a number of other mitigations have been designed without the input of the central stakeholders and objects to BLM's failure to engage cooperators appropriately in this EIS process.

BRC has also worked diligently and successfully with the Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Highway Patrol, Washoe County, and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to reduce traffic on the roads leading to Black Rock City, through initiatives like the Burner Express Bus, incentivizing carpooling through our vehicle pass program, and expanding capacity of the BRC Airport. Mandated cost recovery above and beyond those efforts exceeds the scope of NEPA and the authority of BLM to regulate via an EIS. Measure ECON-1 must therefore be withdrawn.

G. DEIS mitigation measure PHS-2.

Mitigation measure PHS-2 states, "The BLM will contract a sexual assault response team beginning 7 days prior to Labor Day through Tuesday following Labor Day to better facilitate investigations and prosecutions of sexual assaults on public lands. BRC will compensate the government for this expense through cost recovery."

As with so many of the other proposed mitigations in the DEIS, PHS-2 has no relationship to the physical environment and therefore no place in an EIS. And even if the infrequent occurrence of a particular person-on-person crime at the event were appropriate subject matter for an EIS, this mitigation would be wholly unwarranted. The DEIS lacks sufficient data to support the proposed mitigation and appears to entirely disregard the resources already provided by BRC and the systems already in place for handling reported sexual assaults at the Burning Man event. Furthermore, BRC has evidence spanning several years confirming negative outcomes for participants whenever BLM and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office have ignored existing BRC sexual assault resources. The DEIS should take these resources into account.

While BLM's main focus may be on "investigating and prosecuting" a case of sexual assault (and BRC appreciates their role), the Department of Justice, RAINN and many other governmental and nongovernmental agencies concur that the primary objective in cases like these should actually be to support the survivor. It is no accident that both Nevada law (Assembly Bill No. 97, 2017, NRS 49.2541-49.2549) and federal laws and guidelines (including the Violence Against Women Act) seek to protect the right of survivors to choose what resources to access, how, and when. These laws and guidelines have resulted from a healthy and rigorous conversation about the best interests of survivors and the best public policy for addressing issues of sexual violence. Yet this mitigation, as well as Stipulation 20 in BRC's 2018 SRP, ignore the rights of survivors by requiring law enforcement engagement immediately, rather than at the request of the survivor.

The current process for handling sexual assault reporting at the event provides for certified community-based advocates, air transport to Reno for an examination in an authorized state-licensed SART center, immediately accessible advanced-level care in an area hospital should it be needed, and support after the exam, including lodging, meals, additional advocacy, and transport back to the event if desired. This system has proven highly effective and is used by local governments including Pershing County and is endorsed and supported by Reno-area sexual assault support services organizations. Only when BLM and PCSO law enforcement have failed to engage BRC's on-site advocacy team has the system become ineffective. As the DEIS disregards these BRC-supplied resources in its analysis of this issue, its recommendations lack a legal and operational foundation.

Given the lack of any evidence that measure PHS-2 would mitigate a significant environmental impact, and the failure to engage in any analysis of the impacts of the mitigation itself, this proposed mitigation must be removed and the DEIS must be revised and recirculated to comply with NEPA.

H. DEIS mitigation measure PHS-5

Mitigation measure PHS-5 states, "During the Closure Order, BRC will minimize disruption of services to the PLPT and local communities for art installation arrivals and departures." This proposed mitigation should be deleted, as it has nothing to do with the environment and therefore no place in an EIS. The DEIS also fails to provide supporting evidence to show that a disruption of services due to art installation arrivals and departures has proven to be an issue with significance environmental impact.

The DEIS analysis of mitigation measure PHS-5 is legally deficient. The need to minimize disruption of services to the PLPT and local communities must be reassessed by stating the services disrupted and the resulting significance, and by analyzing potential risks in more detail and considering reasonable alternatives. The DEIS must also sufficiently analyze the impacts that could be associated with the implementation of the proposed mitigation measure which it fails to do. Consequently, the DEIS must be revised and recirculated with the necessary analysis to comply with NEPA.

I. DEIS mitigation measure PHS-6

Mitigation measure PHS-6 states, "During pre- and post-event times within the Closure Order, BRC will contract an ambulance service for emergency services." As this mitigation has nothing to do with the environment, it has no place in the DEIS. Even to the extent a mitigation measure of this nature complied with EIS guidelines, this mitigation would be inappropriate because it fails to sufficiently analyze existing systems and relative risk.

Following each event cycle, BRC's Emergency Services Department performs a risk assessment, analyzing the numbers and acuities of patients seen, and dates of care delivery to consider modifications to BRC's pre-, during, and post-event medical coverage and capabilities for subsequent event cycles. During the approximately 65 days of the Closure Order when on-site ambulance services are not available, the average number of off-playa ambulance/air transports over the last five (5) years has been three (3). BRC works closely with local ground and air ambulance services to provide swift triage and expedited transport, experiencing no adverse outcomes since establishing these processes decades ago.

The DEIS likewise provides no information of any kind evaluating whether PHS-6 is economically practical or feasible, including labor costs, insurance, management and coordination expenses, and accommodation costs. Preliminary figures suggest this mitigation would cost BRC approximately $500,000, or $167,000 per transport. This mitigation is economically impractical and lacks any evidence showing it is necessary to provide for the health and safety of the small pre- and post-event population.

Measure PHS-6 must be withdrawn for failure to comply with NEPA.

J. DEIS mitigation measures WET-1 and WHS-8

Mitigation measure WET-1 provides, "BRC must ascertain with the ACOE if a Clean Water Act Section 404 Nationwide Permit 33, and/or Nationwide Permit 18 is needed. If so, the proponent must obtain those permits and provide copies to the BLM 30 calendar days before the start of the Closure Order." Mitigation measure WHS-8 provides, "To prevent unnecessary and undue degradation, for BRC's fuel storage facilities, BRC will create a spill prevention control and containment plan in accordance with 40 CFR 112, or if determined impracticable, a written plan in accordance with 40 CFR 109 that includes a written commitment of manpower, and equipment and materials required to expeditiously control and remove any quantity of oil discharged that may be harmful or considered as a hazardous waste."

Neither the DEIS nor any of the studies provided in connection with it provide any evidence that the cited regulations apply to the NCA or to BC's activities related to fuel storage at the event. Both of these proposed mitigations should be deleted.

K. DEIS mitigation measures REC-1

Mitigation measure REC-1 provides, "Vendor and film permit applications associated with the Event must be submitted 194 calendar days before Labor Day. The costs of BLM employee labor will be recouped via cost recovery from BRC."

This measure must be deleted from the DEIS as it has no basis in NEPA. BLM has identified no impacts in the DEIS to which this proposed mitigation would be directed, let alone a substantial impact that requires mitigation, nor has BLM explained the effectiveness of this measure at mitigating the unidentified impact.

To the extent this measure is directed at "film permit applications" or expressive speech it also presents serious constitutional concerns. BLM cannot restrict the exercise of participants' First Amendment rights by placing restrictions on filming or other expressive activities at the event, with the exception of *reasonable* restrictions on the time, place, and manner of the expressive activity that "are content-neutral, are narrowly tailored to serve a significant government interest, and leave open ample alternative channels of communication."[38] BLM has not demonstrated that its 194 calendar day timeline for permit applications is reasonable or that this proposal could otherwise withstand First Amendment scrutiny.

Absent any evidence that this mitigation measure is appropriate in a NEPA document, it must be removed from a revised draft EIS.

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[38] *Perry Education Assn. v. Perry Local Educators' Assn*, 460 U.S. 37, 45 (1982).

L. DEIS mitigation measure REC-2

Mitigation measure REC-2 provides, "The proponent will submit to BLM and Pershing County its Final Operating Plan for each year's Event at least 45 calendar days before the first Closure Order begins for that year's Event." Pershing County does not regulate the Burning Man SRP, and BRC has no legal obligation to share its Operating Plan with Pershing County, nor does BLM have the authority to require this of BRC pursuant to an EIS. Measure REC-2 must be withdrawn.

M. DEIS mitigation measures SPEC-2 and VIS-3

Mitigation measure SPEC-2 provides, "Require BRC to reduce the amount of light pollution by banning the use of high-energy lasers and search lights being pointed straight up, and requiring shields on sources of light at night where feasible." Mitigation measure VIS-3 provides, "BRC and the BLM must implement shielding intervention on mast-mounted work lights."

Both mitigations are being proposed, for the first time in the event's history, on the basis of flawed studies discussed above, heedless of the fact that none of the studies indicate that a single bird has ever actually been harmed at a Burning Man event. These requirements would place a wholly speculative need to protect a *de minimus* number of migratory birds who might traverse the playa above the personal safety and First Amendment rights of free expression of the event attendees.

BLM has failed to define "shielding intervention on mast-mounted work lights" and a Google search for this term returns no results. Assuming BLM is referring to the placement of shields above lights to limit upward light pollution, then this mitigation is not supported by the analysis. Work lights, and the full light from them, are necessary for public safety at worksites during nighttime. Many artists and theme camps choose to work at night due to cooler temperatures and other factors, and BRC staff supports these efforts. Dimming or "shielding" these lights would likely result in increased risks to health and safety, while having no discernible benefit to wildlife or cultural values.

Both SPEC-2 and VIS-3 must be withdrawn for failure to comply with NEPA.

N. DEIS mitigation measures CULT-1, CULT-3, VEG-1, NAT-1, SPEC-3, SPEC-4, WHS-2, WHS-3, WHS-6, AQ-4

Mitigation measure CULT-1 provides, "BRC must educate participants of the Nobles Trail through production and dissemination of pamphlets, showing trail maps on the front and trail facts on the reverse to be distributed at the Event."

Mitigation measure CULT-3 provides, "Through the website, social media, and other means approved by the BLM, BRC will inform staff volunteers, vendors and contractors and Event participants that collection, excavation, or vandalism of historical/archeological artifacts or sites is illegal."

Mitigation measure VEG-1 provides, "BRC will provide noxious weed and fire education safety information to participants."

Mitigation measure NAT-1 provides, "Through consultation with the PLPT, BRC will educate participants via its website, social media, and other means approved by the BLM, on issues of concern to the PLPT."

Mitigation measure SPEC-3 provides, "BRC must educate and discourage participants from disturbing, harassing, feeding, or watering wildlife."

Mitigation measure SPEC-4 provides, "BRC must educate and encourage participants to report wildlife if found at the event.

Mitigation measure WHS-3 provides, "BRC will encourage vehicle operators to inspect and repair their vehicles before arriving at the Event."

Mitigation measure WHS-5 provides, "BRC will educate participants on safe hauling methods, such as how to properly tie down materials and safe trailer hauling."

Mitigation measure WHS-6 provides, "The proponent will educate participants, vendors and contractors, and staff and volunteers on all wastewater (e.g., grey and black) management from motor homes, campers, and service trucks."

Mitigation measure AQ-4 provides, "BRC must provide written notice to participants, staff and volunteers, and vendors and contractors of air quality health risks prior to the Event and upon arrival."

These mitigations have several points in common: they violate NEPA because the DEIS fails to show that they would mitigate a significant environmental impact; they are unconstitutionally vague; and they would compel BRC to engage in particular government-mandated speech in violation of the First Amendment and the Unconstitutional Conditions Doctrine.[39]

While BLM may request that BRC make, and bear the costs of making, such communications, and BRC may, at its sole discretion agree to make the requested statements and/or others concerning these topics, BLM may not condition the granting of BRC's permits on compelled speech. Courts have long held that "freedom of speech prohibits the government from telling people what they must say."[40] The government is equally prohibited from compelling a

[39] BRC incorporates by reference in the comments submitted by Allan B. Gelbard, Esq. who raises many valid issues related to the First Amendment.

[40] *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic & Institutional Rights, Inc.*, 547 U.S. 47, 61 (2006); *see also West Virginia Bd. of Ed. v. Barnette*, 319 U.S. 624 (striking down a state law requiring schoolchildren to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and salute the flag for violating the

speaker to express the government's chosen message (as contemplated by many of the proposed mitigation measures set forth above) as the message of another speaker, such as the PLPT.[41]

BRC is a strong advocate on behalf of the environment, but BLM has failed to provide sufficient data to justify any of these proposed mitigations. BLM has not shown significant impacts from the Burning Man event related to these proposed mitigations and is improperly compelling BRC to fulfill BLM's responsibility for public education about public lands. This type of education is part of BLM's federally-mandated mission. BRC pays 3% of its gross revenues to BLM — over $1 million per year on top of $3.5 million in permit fees and cost reimbursement — and BLM is required to use those funds in service of the NCA, including public education. BLM also maintains a large, fully staffed interpretive camp on-site at the Burning Man event expressly for these purposes. BRC cannot lawfully be conscripted to do BLM's job.

With respect to mitigation measure NAT-1, BRC has always supported the PLPT in sharing their messaging with Burning Man participants around the event, including on-site PSAs recorded by tribal leadership and throughout the year, on our multiple communications channels, and in meetings with the Tribe throughout the year. All of these efforts will continue, and BLM has not shown that measure NAT-1 would avoid, minimize or compensate for any significant environmental impact.

With respect to mitigation measures AQ-4, WHS-2, WHS-3, and WHS-5, as it has for years, BRC will continue its public outreach efforts about the health risks of particulate matter in the atmosphere on-playa; vehicle maintenance and inspection guidelines; best practices for securing vehicle loads and haul trailers; and tips for ensuring that vehicles do not leak fluids onto the playa surface, using all appropriate communications channels, including the Survival Guide that BRC provides to all ticketholders and publishes on Burning Man's website.[42] BLM has not shown that these proposed mitigations would avoid, minimize or compensate for any significant environmental impact.

With respect to mitigation measure WHS-6, BRC already provides information via all appropriate communications channels, including the Survival Guide, regarding proper wastewater management.[43] BRC could not possibly educate participants, vendors and contractors, and staff and volunteers on "all wastewater management" from motorhomes, campers, and service trucks, however. This proposed mitigation, like so many others in the DEIS, is infeasible and exceeds the scope of NEPA by requiring a private operator to take responsibility for the actions of attendees while they are not on site. This mitigation does not

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Constitution); *Wooley v. Maynard*, (1977) 430 U.S. 705 (requiring New Hampshire motorists to display the state motto—"Live Free or Die"—on their license plates was unconstitutional).

[41] *Rumsfeld*, 547 U.S. at 63 (the First Amendment prohibits the government both from forcing speakers to personally speak the government's message and from forcing one speaker to host or accommodate another speaker's message).

[42] *See, e.g.*, http://survival.burningman.org/transportation-traffic/travel-tips-reminders/.

[43] *See, e.g.*, https://burningman.org/event/preparation/playa-living/gray-water/; https://burningman.org/event/preparation/playa-living/human-waste-disposal/.

apply to any users of other sensitive public lands, including National Parks, and is well beyond the scope of BLM's regulatory authority.

O. DEIS mitigation measure NCA-1

Mitigation measure NCA-1 provides, "BRC must post a reclamation bond sufficient to remove large art installations and theme camps left behind after Exodus. This bond is intended to remove the risk of unnecessary or undue degradation to the NCA and defray the costs to taxpayers."

This measure is being proposed, for the first time in the event's history, because of a single project that had trouble leaving the NCA at the end of the 2018 event. This project still did leave the Burning Man closure area mere days after the event ended (during the time period that projects are allowed to remain on site for dismantling), creating temporary tracks in the playa surface. BLM has charged the creators of that project directly for all costs BLM incurred as a result of the Special Recreation Permit issued to the project.

BLM has no authority to use the Burning Man EIS to address the risk of unnecessary or undue degradation to the NCA outside of the Burning Man event closure area by charging BRC a bond. BLM has also improperly conflated the actions of a separate party with BRC's responsibilities under its own permit. BRC is not responsible for a participant's violation of BLM regulations. As BLM has no data to justify this proposed mitigation, NCA-1 must be withdrawn.

P. DEIS mitigation measures SOIL-2

DEIS mitigation measure SOIL-2 provides, "BRC must require burn barrels for camp fires, which would be elevated at least 10 inches to prevent burn scarring." This proposal has been made for the first time despite no evidence that it would be effective at mitigating a significant environmental impact.

BRC has long required on-site burn barrels to be operated and monitored safely, using physical protections that avoid burn scars or other heat damage to the playa surface. BRC's current recommendation is for burn barrels to be raised 6 inches above the playa surface, which it has found to be more than sufficient at preventing burn scar damage. Raising barrels to 10 inches or more would make them less stable and more prone to falling over, while not providing any significant additional burn scar protection. The DEIS fails to consider the environmental impacts of this proposed mitigation.

Measure SOIL-2 must be withdrawn for failure to comply with NEPA.

Q. DEIS monitoring measures

BRC objects to a number of the proposed monitoring measures in the DEIS due to their failure to comply with NEPA, in particular those monitoring measures that are related to mitigation measures that fail to withstand scrutiny under NEPA. BRC's concerns with the monitoring proposals are detailed in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this letter by

reference. All monitoring measures that lack a sufficient evidentiary foundation in the DEIS and supporting studies must be removed.

III. The DEIS improperly utilizes the NEPA review process to address non-environmental issues, including individual behaviors.

Section 2 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 states that the purposes of the Act include: (1) the declaration of "a national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment"; (2) the promotion of "efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man"; and (3) enriching "the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation" (42 USC § 4321). NEPA is an environmental statute. Its fundamental intent is to ensure that the potential environmental effects of a federal action are considered before the action is implemented and inform the public that the agencies considered environmental concerns in the decision-making process. NEPA is not intended to address all social ills. As noted prior, it is not appropriate for an EIS to address every impact or effect of the proposed action that the agency can think of, no matter how attenuated or indirect. Rather, the EIS is supposed to alert the agency of the significant effects the proposed action is likely to have on the physical environment.

The DEIS improperly uses the NEPA process to address and attempt to regulate individual behaviors or other activities that do not have any significant environmental effects within the meaning of NEPA and which are outside the scope of the agency action. This is in sharp contrast to the final EIS adopted for the RMP, for example, which considered potential recreational activity impacts, including the Burning Man event, on law enforcement. That EIS noted large recreational events would affect BLM and other regional law enforcement services, including from arrests, incarcerations, and trial costs, and yet, it concluded that:

> Effective mitigation has been provided over the years as BLM and its Burning Man Organization cooperators have learned from experience. The Special Recreation Permit stipulations have grown more sophisticated and appropriate to the issues of managing such a large event and have proven to be increasingly effective. Other than continuing to refine the constraints imposed by the Special Recreation Permit stipulations, there is little that BLM can do to guarantee lawful human behavior.[44]

The DEIS significantly departs from the reasonable and common sense approach reflected in the RMP final EIS. Instead, it seeks to misapply the NEPA process to regulate individual activities that are not properly within the purview of NEPA. For example, the entire PHSR is rife with bias, speculation and factual errors, as seen in this excerpt:

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[44] *See* Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, 2003, Volume 1, page 4-43, https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/101115/139040/171092/Black_Rock_High_Rock_PRMP_FEIS_vol1.pdf (emphasis added).

> Illegal possession, use, and distribution of a controlled substance at the Burning Man Event are a public health and safety concern, and are potential impacts from the rise of the national opioid epidemic. The "gifting culture" of the Burning Man Event results in people accepting items from strangers and ingesting substances unknown to them. Participants who believe they are ingesting one substance only to find out they have ingested something completely different may overdose. After the 2014 event, the event medical provider, Humboldt General Hospital, reported an increase in the use of synthetic illicit drugs and Gamma- Hydroxybutyrate (GHB, commonly known as liquid ecstasy). The report stated illicit drugs can cause life- threatening complaints and require immediate clinical intervention (PHSR, p. 12-13).

It is highly unusual and entirely improper for an agency to use the NEPA process as a vehicle to address individual behavior at such a minute level. It is additionally in appropriate to base analysis on unsupported, speculative or erroneous information.[45] Event security, law enforcement and other non-federal and non-environmental issues, such as local traffic control, are much more commonly coordinated by consultations between event organizers, federal agencies and local officials as necessary during the pre-event planning process. As recognized by the RMP final EIS, the primary and most appropriate vehicle for BLM to address these matters is via the refinement of the SRP stipulations and conditions.

The DEIS represents a significant, if not unprecedented, degree of NEPA "mission creep." Instead of focusing on the major environmental objectives that NEPA was enacted to achieve, the DEIS devotes significant discussion to individual behavior that is attenuated from any environmental effect or cause and often unsupported by any evidence.[46]

BRC has a proven track record of working diligently with BLM, local stakeholders and agencies, and the PLPT to address event-related concerns. This record is explicitly acknowledged in the RMP final EIS, which states that "Burning Man has proved to be a very efficient organization and a very good neighbor. It is the largest 'Leave No Trace' event in the world. Hundreds of its workers and volunteers spend countless hours preparing the site both before and after the festival. BLM has found no evidence of environmental damage caused by any of the Burning Man events."[47]

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[45] For example, there is no support in the PHSR for the conclusion about Burning Man's "gifting culture" and the cited 2014 report is rife with factual errors.

[46] For example, as there is no relationship whatsoever between "the national opioid epidemic" and the Burning Man event, which has experienced no opioid-related overdoses in its 30-year history. The reference has no place in an analysis of the event's public health and safety concerns, even if an analysis of this kind were appropriate under NEPA.

[47] *See* Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, 2003, Volume 1, page 3-78, https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/101115/139040/171092/Black_Rock_High_Rock_PRMP_FEIS_vol1.pdf.

Subsequent NEPA documentation and the successful history of the event have confirmed BLM's prior assessment. BLM has no basis for departing from the pragmatic and reasoned approach to the NEPA review of the Burning Man event reflected in the RMP final EIS and to instead elect to improperly utilize NEPA mitigation measures to impose security and requirements that should be discussed in more appropriate event planning and permitting contexts.

The DEIS mission creep is also inconsistent with DOI NEPA streamlining policies. DOI Order 3355 states that "[t]he purpose of NEPA's requirements is not the generation of paperwork, but the adoption of sound decisions based on an informed understanding of environmental consequences" by a "focus on issues that truly matter." Individual behavior issues should be and have been addressed in BLM event permit stipulations and in consultation with other interested and potentially affected parties. None of these issues constitute significant environmental effects within the statutory framework or intent of NEPA. The DEIS must be revised and recirculated to provide a legally defensible, thorough and complete analysis of the environmental effects of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives that is consistent with NEPA, applicable regulations and NEPA streamlining policies.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we very much appreciate the opportunity to review and provide comments on the DEIS. We sincerely believe that, with appropriate revision and recirculation, the DEIS analysis will correct the legal deficiencies in the DEIS and facilitate the required evaluation of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives, including mitigation, in full compliance with NEPA. Please do not hesitate to contact if you have any questions concerning this comment letter.

EXHIBIT A: BRC'S COMMENTS ON PROPOSED MONITORING MEASURES

MONITORING MEASURE NUMBER	RECOMMENDED MONITORING	BRC COMMENTS
SPEC-3	he BLM or BLM-approved contractor will monitor dust aerosols during the Closure Order he costs o BLM employee and contractor labor will be recouped via cost recovery rom the proponent	BLM has not shown this proposed monitoring measure is directed at any signi icant impact or would be e ective at monitoring any such impact he E S cannot be used by BLM to charge BRC or the costs o monitoring measures that ail to comply with NEPA like this one
WE -1	he BLM will monitor participant use o hot springs during the Closure Order	BLM has not shown this proposed monitoring measure is directed at any signi icant impact such that it is appropriate under NEPA to include this in the E S his measure is particularly suspect because it requires a government agency to "monitor" the conduct o individuals without just cause in violation o their constitutional rights to be ree rom government surveillance
NA -2	he BLM will consult with the Pyramid Lake Paiute ribe on litter and road damage within the reservation associated with the Event	BLM has not shown this proposed monitoring measure is directed at any signi icant impact BRC already per orms the unction o consulting with the Pyramid Lake Paiute ribe regarding these potential impacts his duplicative and unnecessary measure should be deleted
PHS-1	he BLM will monitor illegal substance activity or the ull duration o the Closure Order using contracted resources i necessary he costs o BLM employee and contracted labor will be recouped via cost recovery rom the proponent	his measure is deeply constitutionally suspect BLM does not have the authority to conduct surveillance o individuals without probable cause or reasonable articulable suspicion o wrongdoing he agency cannot contract a third party to violate the constitutional rights o BRC sta and event participants his measure must be deleted
PHS-2	he BLM will monitor the e ectiveness o perimeter barriers (e g Jersey Barriers and K-rail encing) rom the time o installation until removed	his proposed monitoring measure relates to a proposed mitigation measure (PHS-3) that has no basis in NEPA and no support in the E S BLM has not denti ied any substantial impact that the proposed "perimeter barriers" would e ectively mitigate Like the companion mitigation measure this monitoring measure must be deleted
PHS-3	he BLM will monitor the e ectiveness o building inspections by documenting incidents o structure collapse or other structure-related incidents resulting in injury	his proposed monitoring measure relates to a proposed mitigation measure (PHS-4) that has no basis in NEPA and no support in the E S BLM has not denti ied any substantial impact resulting rom the collapse o structures or structure-related incidents resulting in injury he companion mitigation measure is nonsensical technically impossible and greatly exceeds the scope o BLM's authority Both it and this monitoring measure must be deleted
PHS-4	he BLM will monitor disruption o services in Gerlach via public compla nts Washoe County government personnel ederal government personnel and other eedback	his proposed monitoring measure presumes a "disruption o services in Gerlach" creating a substantial impact that must be monitored he dra t E S does not support such a presumption
PHS-5	he BLM will monitor e ectiveness o BRC's and the BLM's environmental and vending compliance programs	hrough dedicated internal work and cooperation with BLM over the year BRC has implemented tremendously success ul environmental and vending compliance programs hese programs are run by BRC as they should be BRC understands rom BLM's Authorized O icer that the language o this proposed monitoring measure disguises BLM s real intent to "catch" and punish individual actors throughout the Closure Order period rather than assess ng overall per ormance a terwards his proposed monitoring measure is nonsensical and is likely lead to situations where BLM cites ndividuals or ailure to provide secondary uel containment i they have just arrived on playa and in the act o unpacking place their uel can on the ground while they unload the secondary container Such government surve llance without cause is unconstitutional and in violation o NEPA
PHS-6	he BLM will monitor through Pershing County reporting crimes against people and missing juveniles at the Event site during the Closure Oder	his monitoring measure is redundant and unnecessary his in ormation is already report on a daily basis to the ier 1 group via the Situation Status (SitStat) reports
WHS-1	he BLM will review the e ectiveness o the required dumpsters in reducing litter in and around the Event site including SR 447 during the Closure Order or 7 days a ter Labor Day	his proposed monitoring measure relates to a proposed mitigation measure (NA -2) that has no basis in NEPA and no support in the E S as discussed elsewhere in BRC's comments BLM has not shown that mitigation measure NA -2 would be e ective at mitigating a substantial environmental impact nor has BLM assessed the substantial environmental impacts o the measure itsel Mitigation measure has no basis in NEPA and this companion monitoring measure must likewise be deleted
WHS-2	n order to quanti y and assess on how oil is depositing on the playa during the Event the proponent must und a third party to conduct an oil drip survey during the irst year o the permit and midway through the permit he sampling will be completed during the playa restoration period ollowing the Event and the results o the survey will be submitted by January 1 o the ollowing year he oil drip survey will include a scienti ically valid methodology or sampling collection veri iable results discussion regarding the results as well as actions to reduce the amount o hydrocarbon waster (i e oil) i it is shown to be increasing at the playa he study design (methodology) will be coordinated with the BLM Hazardous Materials Specialist and approved by the BLM Authorized O icer prior to implementation he BLM Authorized O icer will approve personnel conducting the study prior to study implementation he proponent will be responsible or the costs associated with the monitoring program and any potential operational changes that may be necessary (as determined by the BLM) as indicated by the research results	his monitoring measure greatly exceeds the scope o BLM's authority under NEPA BLM has not shown that this monitoring measure is directed at any denti ied signi icant impact nor has it shown any nexus between this proposed monitoring and the unidenti ied purported impact his proposal reads like a ish ng expedition intended to waste BRC's money BLM's burden was to prepare a NEPA-compliant dra t E S with studies o su icient relevance and scienti ic rigor to meet NEPA guidelines BLM has ailed to meet that burden and cannot use E S monitoring measures in order to shi t the responsibility or identi ying a potential impact to BRC BLM must delete this monitoring measure because o the lack o any nexus to any signi icant env ronmental impact identi ied in the course o the E S process
WHS-3	BRC will monitor solid waste disposal he BLM will audit the e ectiveness as necessary	his proposed monitoring measure is too vague to provide BRC with an opportunity or meaning ul comment t is unclear what BLM means by "monitor solid waste disposal" or by "audit the e ectiveness as necessary "
WHS-4	he BLM will audit the e ectiveness o roadside cleanup by BRC along SRs 445 446 and 447 and CR 34 post-Event	his appears to be within the jurisdiction o the Nevada Department o ransportion not BLM BLM is authorized to conduct this monitoring it must supply the metrics by which itwill "audit the e ectiveness" o BRC's roadside cleanup activities Given that the dra t E S ailed to su iciently account or BRC's roadside activities it appears BLM may not be capable o airly auditing their e ectiveness

AQ-1	BLM law en orcement and BRC will monitor speed limits within the Closure Area during the Closure Order	he "speed limits" within the Closure Area are imposed by BRC and should be monitored by BRC BLM has not identi ied the substantial impact to which this proposed monitoring measure is directed nor provided any analysis o this proposal's e ectiveness at mitigating that unidenti ied impact
AQ-2	he BLM or BLM-approved contractor will monitor dust aerosols during the Closure Order he costs o BLM employee and contractor labor will be recouped via cost recovery rom the proponent	BLM has not shown this proposed monitoring measure is directed at any signi icant impact or would be e ective at monitoring any such impact he E S cannot be used by BLM to charge BRC or the costs o monitoring measures that ail to comply with NEPA like this one
SO L-2	he BLM will continue to monitor erosion o the playa	While BRC does not object to BLM monitoring erosion o the playa o course BRC must note here that the lack o scienti ic rigor with which the entire dra t E S was compiled does not inspire con idence in BLM's ability to e ectively monitor anything relating to the Burning Man event
V S-1	he BLM will implement monitoring measure o the Burning Man Event Night Skies Study (Carine and Craine 2017) he costs o BLM employee and contractor labor will be recouped via cost recovery rom the proponent	As discussed elsewhere in BRC's comment submission and in many other public comments received by BLM rom third parties the "Burning Man Event Night Skies Study" is deeply lawed and ails to comply with NEPA he entire report is based on a single data point totaling less than 1 second in a 5-year period his questionable study cannot be used as the basis or a monitoring measure and this proposal must be deleted
V S-3	BRC will monitor mast-mounted lights in the Closure Area during the Closure Order	his proposed monitoring measure like measure V S-1 is based on a study whose scienti ic integrity is extremely questionable BLM has not shown a su icient basis or requiring this monitoring and absent such evidence this measure must be deleted
V S-4	he BLM will monitor to ensure high-energy lasers and large lights (e g spotlights) are not used during the Event	his proposed monitoring measure like measures V S-1 and V S-2 is based on a study whose scienti ic integrity is extremely questionable Furthermore this measure is written so vaguely and broadly that it would e ectively give BLM the authority to stop almost any light source it chooses without justi ication his is an authority that BLM does not have and cannot use the E S process to commandeer
W R-1	he BLM and BRC will monitor all wastewater spills in the Closure Area during the Closure Order	BRC already monitors wastewater spills and leaks through its extensive env ronmental compliance program BLM does not need to additionally monitor wastewater spills BLM holds BRC accountable or complying with our SRP at the end o the event and does not need to run a parallel operation to BRC s
NCA-1	he BLM will monitor and assess recreation use studies every 5 years within the National Conservation Area	t is unclear why this monitoring measure is being proposed in connection with the dra t E S BRC understands this to be BLM's responsibility regardless o whether the Burning Man event takes place in the National Conservation Area
REC-1	he BLM will work with BRC to develop and independent third-party population monitoring system or the Event he purpose would be to ensure that the total number o attendees visiting the playa during the Closure Order is equal to or less than the maximum permitted population	For the past ew years BRC has labored to demonstrate to BLM the accuracy o the population reporting systems BRC has put in place BLM has not shown that BRC has misled BLM or that the present system is technologically ine ective as it must in order to demand that BRC pay or an external vendor to replicate work that has already been done at BRC's expense Absent such evidence this measure should be deleted
REC-3	he BLM will monitor and assess visitor use numbers patterns and activities and determine i desired experiences are being achieved	his monitoring measure lacks any oundation in NEPA and underscores the extent to which BLM is abusing the E S process to exceed the bounds o the agency's authority BLM has no authority or ability to "determine i desired experiences are being achieved " BLM has no mandate to judge or establish either what a desired experience is or whether or not it is being achieved at a private event and any attempt to do so would be suspect under the First Amendment his measure must be deleted
REC-4	hrough post-Event inspections the BLM will assess the magnitude distribution and subsequent impacts o all debris generated by the Event	his monitoring measure is nonsensical and as written ar exceeds the scope o BLM's authority and jurisdiction BLM clearly lacks the ability to assess "all debris generated by the Event " given that the vast majority o this debris either never makes it to the event site in the irst place or leaves with the participants who pack it out and o ten pack it all the way back to their homes with them o the extent that a debris monitoring measure is appropriate at al it must be su iciently limited in scope to protect the rights o event attendees to be ree o unwarranted government surveillance
REC-6	he BLM will monitor vendor SRPs associated with the Event or the processing time and authorization schedule	BLM has not shown this proposed monitoring measure is directed at any signi icant impact or would be e ective at monitoring any such impact Absent such a show ng this monitoring measure is improper in an E S
REC-7	he BLM will monitor an assess recreation use studies every 5 years within the National Conservation Area	t is unclear why this monitoring measure is being proposed in connection with the dra t E S BRC understands this to be BLM's responsibility regardless o whether the Burning Man event takes place in the National Conservation Area
RAN-1	he BLM will install tra ic counters at 12-Miler and Gate Road 14 days be ore Labor Day and they will remain in operation until 7 days a ter Labor Day he costs o the equipment and BLM employee labor will be recouped via cost recovery rom the proponent	his proposed monitoring measure is redundant and unnecessary he Nevada Department o ransportation has installed counters on SR447 and BRC scans all vehicles entering the event t is unreasonable or BLM to use this E S in order to orce BRC to pay or an external vendor to validate work that is already being conducted success ully

BRC Committed Operations and Environmental Protection and Public Safety Measures and Mitigations

Environmental Protection Measures
- A Culture of Leave No Trace and Accountability.
- Communications and Participant Education
- Leave Nevada Beautiful
- Nevada Highway Patrol, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT)
- Road Layout, Traffic, Driving Rules, and Dust Abatement
- Mitigating Oil and Fuel Risks
- Event Entry Inspections
- Environmental Compliance During the Event
- Post Event Environmental Compliance - Playa Restoration Phase
- Highway Clean-Up and Remediation
- Sanitation

Public Health and Safety Measures
- Security and Safety Summary
- Gate Security- Main Gate, Point 1, Point 5
- Perimeter Monitoring
- Emergency Services Department
- Dispatch
- Rampart Emergency Health Care Facility
- Emergency Transport
- Fire and Rescue
- BRC has comprehensive plans for the following:
- Airport Safety
- Burner Express Air Passenger Safety
- Black Rock Rangers
- Safety
- Fire Art Perimeters
- Fuel Storage

Population Monitoring

Sexual Assault Response

Trash and Litter Mitigation

Perimeter Security

Commercial Filming

I. Environmental Protection Measures

A. A Culture of Leave No Trace and Accountability.

1. Burning Man, an annual event and global year round community for over 20 years, has made environmental sustainability a part of the fabric of its culture. Environmental protection is enshrined in the 10 Principles the event is built upon, and has become part of the identity of attendees and participants. Not only does BRC produce extensive communications on this topic year-round in a variety of media, but participants have a culture of policing their own actions and holding each other accountable. Through enculturation, new attendees are coached about appropriate items to bring onto the NCA, how to properly keep and leave camping areas clean, how to contain and store fuel, how to prevent and repair engine oil drips, how to contain, transfer and store fuels, how to manage water (potable, non-potable, gray and black), and to continually collect tiny pieces of trash as they traverse and explore the city.

2. Each year the Playa Restoration Team releases a map showing the condition of each camp site, based on the amount of "MOOP" or "Matter Out Of Place" found on the ground. This map is published, and highly anticipated. The MOOP Map is a tool for learning and inspiring greater participation in our Leaving No Trace ethos. We have seen the map turn more green over the years, reflecting the commitment of Black Rock City residents to cleaning up after themselves and great awareness about the importance of public land stewardship.

3. BRC has never failed to satisfy or surpass the stringent inspection standard imposed by BLM. At no point has the BLM had to conduct any operations to repair or clean the NCA after the Burning Man event. We have risen to the occasion every year.

B. Communications and Participant Education

1. Throughout the year, BRC produces media content across multiple platforms informing participants, potential participants, and the broader community about the importance of Leaving No Trace and environmental stewardship of public lands, as well as the public health and safety provisions described in Section II below. Using print, radio PSAs, websites, weblogs, emails, online journal articles, the Jack Rabbit Speaks email series, lectures, and various visual aids there is a constant effort to educate participants about the nature of the event, the nature of the NCA, and the importance of keeping the NCA pristine. This educational effort mitigates the kind of substantial messes observed after other like-sized events. The advice includes granular level instructions, best practices, and general awareness education.

2. Examples include detailed instructions in the Survival Guide on how to plan and pack to avoid MOOP (e.g. removing packaging, not bringing glass bottles, carrying ashtray tins, laying down tarp in high-use areas, preparing to pack out all trash, avoiding astroturf with fraying edges, etc). There is a detailed explanation on how to build a temporary grey water evaporation pond. The Survival Guide and website also have instructions and visual aids for proper fuel storage and transfer.

C. Leave Nevada Beautiful

1. BRC created the Leave Nevada Beautiful campaign to make it easier for out of town participants to find local businesses that accept trash, recycling, and RV waste products.. This campaign encourages participants to carry the Leave No Trace ethos out of the NCA into the rest of the state and the world at large. This mitigates impacts from waste to surrounding environs and communities.

2. BRC collaborates with local businesses that collect waste and recycling, pump out RVs, and offer potable water. These businesses appreciate the additional income this program brings, and some donate the funds to charities such as the Children's Miracle Network, which supports Renown Children's Hospital.

3. BRC confirms and prints this information each year onto a hang-tag provided to every vehicle as it enters the Burning Man event site, and it is also available in flier form on the website, and is promulgated via various communications channels.

4. BRC pays the permit fees for two of the waste management sites -Whole Foods and Savemart - thus helping to provide additional waste collection sites in the surrounding counties. Whole Food and Savemart find the program brings business to their stores.

D. Nevada Highway Patrol, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT)

1. BRC works year round with NDOT and PLPT to discuss best practices and strategies to keep road ways clean and clear of abandoned vehicles and unlicenced trash collection points. Fostering healthy communications with both of the entities during the year helps to quickly solve any issues, such as an abandoned vehicle or over-full dumpster, that could potentially arise during or after the event.

2. BRC executes a Funding Agreement with the PLPT to ensure that the Tribe is adequately supported in mitigating any environmental impacts caused by attendees.

3. BRC teams of highway clean-up volunteers monitor the roads and highways leading to Black Rock City. These teams remove trash and debris from the roadsides each year. Much of what they find and remove was not left behind by Burners but instead has accumulated throughout the year.

4. BRC and NDOT maintain a close working relationship throughout the year. The BRC highway clean up teams are permitted by NDOT. The organization remains in close contact with NDOT during the times that the Nevada roads are impacted by the event. Not only are road hazards identified and shared, but any vehicles or waste found in public right of ways are addressed as soon as feasible.

5. BRC maintains private financial agreements with Nevada Highway Patrol and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to compensate these agencies for

additional officer hours and resources, and aids them in addressing issues related to the roads.

E. Road Layout, Traffic, Driving Rules, and Dust Abatement

1. In order to avoid surface area disturbance, dust, ruts and other damage to the Black Rock Desert, BRC carefully lays out the playa roadways leading into the city, and the city roads themselves.

2. BRC builds a curved grid that confines drivers in the city to those roads. Participants may not drive off of the roadways.

3. Speed limits are prominently posted and strictly enforced. All vehicles must conform to the 10 miles per hour limit on Gate Road and 5 miles per hour speed limit inside the event during the event to prevent undue damage to the playa surface. After the event, the Restoration Team carefully rakes and repairs any ruts left on the playa surface.

4. Driving by participants is only permitted to and from camps when arriving or departing the event. Otherwise, all transportation (aside from a small number of official vehicles, handicapped vehicles (usually golf carts) and "Mutant Vehicles"), must be done by bicycle or foot. A significant number of the official vehicles are golf carts or UTVs.

5. BRC abates the dust resulting from the surface area disturbance associated with wind and event activities by watering the Black Rock City roads. BRC runs 12 to 14 water trucks with an average capacity of 5,000 gallons (mix of 6,000 and 4,000 gallon capacity). Each truck performs seven rounds per day, spraying a total of 420,000 gallons per day during peak activity. BRC may use as much as 14,700,000 gallons of water to abate dust. The water is acquired from a local, privately-owned ranch and has no known significant negative impacts on either the source or the Black Rock Desert itself.

6. BRC applies for a Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Surface Area Disturbance Permit which approves our dust abatement methods.

7. BRC engages Nevada Licensed Traffic Control Supervisors with a pool of ATSSA certified personnel, with NDOT experience to flag and control traffic on HWY 447.

8. BRC uses a pool of ATSSA certified personnel to manage traffic on HWY 34 at the 8 mile entrance to the Black Rock Desert.

9. BRC manages a year-round cooperative relationship with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and Washoe County Roads Division (WCRD). BRC submits all traffic control permit applications required by NDOT and Washoe County Roads to their respective offices.

10. BRC works with Washoe County year round to identify solutions to CR34 maintenance issues.

11. BRC Gate, Perimeter, and Exodus Operations has a Traffic Operations Center (TOC) sub-department that monitors and analyzes all relevant traffic information sources available (including potential inputs from outside agencies) and serves as the primary source of authorized traffic information for all of BRC communications (including BMIR, GARS, social media and other outputs).

12. BRC Gate, Perimeter, & Exodus team coordinates with an outside vendor to deploy live feed cameras along HWY 447, in Empire, and in Gerlach to monitor traffic conditions and make adjustments as needed in real time.

F. Burn Impact on Playa Surface Mitigations

1. Scarring the playa is a primary risk when burning material in the NCA. Burn scars are discoloured, baked playa surfaces resulting from high heat applied directly to the alkali pan. To prevent burn scars, BRC assembled extensive protocols and directions to mitigate this risk. The Fire Art Safety Team (FAST) must inspect and approve the burn shield and burn plan for environmental impact and safety before a project may be burned. FAST is a team of fire safety personnel and industry professionals whose mission is to ensure the safe use of fire at the BRC event. FAST assists artists in the safe execution of open fire, flame effects, and/or pyrotechnics in installations, theme camps and Mutant Vehicles.

2. The most important piece of environmental risk mitigation in the burn context is the proper construction of a “burn shield”. Burn shields protect the playa floor from baking or scarring when exposed to heat, and capture debris such as ashes, wood chips, nails, etc. that can settle into cracks in the playa surface. Burn shields must be designed in such a way as to extend beyond the width of the artwork and catch any flaming debris that may fall, as well as catch the artwork should it fall to one side.

3. BRC provides construction parameters for burn shields, thus mitigating the risk of inadequate shielding. Burn shields may be made from appropriate sized pads of disintegrated granite (DG) laid down thickly enough to protect the playa from the burning material and any smoke damage. The DG is carefully scraped off of the playa and stored on private land for reuse. Participants may also use corrugated steel burn pads (elevated off of the playa surface are constructed on supports no more than two (2) feet (0.6m) apart to support the weight of walkers or heavy objects. No painted metal is allowed. Any paint must be removed from the metal before it is allowed onto the playa. Aluminum, which will melt at a moderately high heat (~1200°F/650°C) is not allowed.

4. To prevent the creation of MOOP, nails, screws, or other steel fasteners used in the construction of the burned installation must be carefully cleaned from the burn site by hand and with magnet rakes. Flammable liquids may only be deployed in a way that ensures it will not soak into the playa surface. Plastics and synthetics in an installation must be removed before it may be burned. Post-burn clean up must occur promptly the following day.

5. BRC provides and stewards large burn barrels called “Burn Gardens” and onsite wood recycling for clean wood attendees may not want to transport off the playa. These are utilized at the latter end of the event and are constantly monitored by organization staff. The floor of the barrels are at least two feet off of the playa surface.

G. Mitigating Oil and Fuel Risks

1. BRC communicates with participants to prevent and prepare for spills and leaks, including oil and fuel spills and leaks. Communication outreach includes educational person to person interactions during the event,

emails, blog posts, journal articles, pamphlets, videos, and mailers sent with tickets to mitigate the risk of oil or fuel spills or leaks, and to aid in the quick response to a spill of any size.

2. All RVs and travel trailers rented through OSS must be equipped with a spill kit including a bucket large enough to capture any leaks, a shovel, and a way to remove polluted/toxic materials and dispose of them at a state licensed disposal site.

3. Staff trained in proper fuel handling oversee and continually monitor fuel storage, containment, transfer and fueling operations. Participants are informed of proper containment, storage, use and transportation of fuels, and the Environmental Compliance Team goes into participant camps to discuss fuel storage. Participants may not store over 110 gallons of liquid fuel of any type. If they require additional dyed diesel or gasoline they may, with pre-approval, utilize the BRC administered fuel depot. Mutant Vehicles requiring fuel must use the BRC facilities.

H. Event Entry Inspections

1. Before any vehicle is allowed to enter the event site it is searched for event prohibited items, as posted in the "Survival Guide" and in multiple other medias:
    a) Explosives, aerial flares, rockets and fireworks
    b) Firearms, including BB guns, air rifles and paintball guns
    c) Hand-held lasers (all other lasers must be registered)
    d) Items that cause MOOP (Matter Out Of Place): wood chips, loose feathers, tubs of confetti, etc.
    e) Anything that will break up and/or blow away in the wind
    f) Unregistered Mutant Vehicles
    g) Plants, living or dead
    h) ATVs and scooters
    i) Motorcycles that are not a participant's transportation to Black Rock City
    j) Animals

2. Any vehicle with prohibited items are invited to leave the event site to store or dispose of the item in question properly. Anyone found to be

acting against the event policies or closure order stipulations could be subject to citation from law enforcement.

3. Any human caught attempting to gain access to the event without proper credentials, will be turned away and may be subject to citation from Law Enforcement. Anyone found harboring stowaways will have their tickets invalidated and the entire vehicle will be denied entry to the event.

I. Environmental Compliance During the Event

1. The mission of BRC's Environmental Compliance Team is to ensure BRC's compliance with the SRP requirements and to promote Leave No Trace principles amongst participants and staff in order to mitigate the environmental impact of the event.

2. During the week-long event, BRC operates a 24 hour environmental compliance dispatch to streamline communications and reporting of environmental issues identified on playa. The Environmental Compliance Team works closely with the Department of Public Works, Black Rock City Rangers, Playa Restoration and Emergency Services Division Hazmat teams to remediate issues.

3. BRC provides georeferenced environmental compliance tracking software to trained volunteer teams using the Fulcrum application, enabling intuitive tablet application design, data visualization, and incorporation into GIS programs. From the beginning of build week through Wednesday after the Event, volunteers use GPS-enabled tablets loaded with the Fulcrum application to document environmental issues (e.g. blackwater or oil drips), take georeferenced pictures, and track the mitigation of the issues ranging from blackwater to vehicle oil drips. All environmental compliance related contacts made with participants and staff are tracked using the application.

4. As participants leave, a period known internally as "Exodus", Environmental Compliance teams canvass the City looking for violations as camps pack and clean. Any issues are immediately resolved and documented in the Fulcrum app. Teams look for gray and black water spills and oil leaks in areas that participants have left, then document and remediate them. This phase continues through Wednesday post event,

after which the Playa Restoration phase of environmental compliance begins.

5. In 2018, 4,339 environmental compliance outreach contacts were made and 1,047 issues were identified. The Environmental Compliance Team's overall adjudication (resolution) rate was 91.6%, up from the adjudication rates of 87.5, 83 and 70% in 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

6. The remaining 8.4% of issues were, in the rare case, elevated to BLM, and the resolved during the playa restoration phase.

7. The BRC Earth Guardians, headquartered in Center Camp, are volunteers trained in environmental compliance. They monitor and protect the local hot springs, and give talks and workshops on protecting the Black Rock Desert.

J. Post Event Environmental Compliance - Playa Restoration Phase

1. BRC uses a 180 person clean-up team during the weeks following the event to return the site of Black Rock City to its natural state. This task includes, but is not limited to, removing all temporary structures, systematically picking up MOOP, raking road ruts, eradicating dunes, and remediating any burn scars. The restoration-phase, which involves roughly 16,000 hours of labor, culminates with the BLM Post-Event Inspection.

K. Highway Clean-Up and Remediation

1. The Environmental Compliance Team registers for a Temporary Right of Way Permit from NDOT to walk local routes 34 east and west and 447 north and south and 446 east and west to collect all refuse and abandoned material, including any refuse abandoned by licensed trash collectors. This work commences immediately after participant "Exodus".

2. BRC teams of highway clean-up volunteers monitor the roads and highways leading to Black Rock City. These teams remove trash and debris from the roadsides each year. Much of what they find and remove was not left behind by Burners but instead has accumulated throughout the year.

3. The Playa Restoration Team works with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to ensure that active trash collection points have been permitted by the Tribe. Unlicensed trash and recycling collection points are reported to NDOT and those collection points are remediated.

4. Post-Event Environmental Compliance also supports the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe in maintaining the cleanliness of the Pyramid Lake shorelines.

L. Sanitation

1. BRC contracts with United Site Services (USS) to provide environmentally sound porta-potties. USS delivers and services approximately 1,700 units including Americans with Disabilities Act compliant and "standing room only" potties. In addition to portable toilets, USS also removes all gray water produced by the staff and BLM commissaries and staff facilities.

2. BRC's Environmental Compliance Teams constantly monitor the toilet banks, as well as any toilets provided to camps for leakage. Units are replaced throughout the event to prevent any leaks from the toilets. All spills are remediated as quickly as feasible, usually a team is dispatched immediately upon reporting of the leak.

3. A specialized Environmental Compliance Team "Scooby-Poos" are responsible for responding to any reports of human waste on the playa. Using GPS it is possible to flag and remove waste quickly.

4. BRC works in close conjunction with the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health to ensure that bathroom facilities, outside services water deliveries, ice supplies, potable water sources, and staff commissaries are clean and safe.

II. Public Health and Safety Measures

A. Security and Safety Summary

1. BRC takes the security of the event extremely seriously. The perimeters are monitored at all times by the Perimeter Team, the entrance into the

Event Closure Order requires credentials and all vehicles are searched by the Gate staff. Those flying in are subject to TSA searches before boarding to fly in as well as to fly out. The 800-strong Black Rock Rangers monitor the city and open playa on foot and by bike 24 hours a day for the entire 8 day event. There is a Nevada-licensed Independent Center for Emergency Care, and medical aid stations strategically placed around the event site. Fire and rescue teams are likewise staged, and are professionals with appropriate licensing and certifications. The team leads for hazmat and technical rescue (i.e. high angle rescue, etc) are the foremost experts in the US.

B. Gate Security- Main Gate, Point 1, Point 5

1. There are three entrances to the BRC event.

2. There is an entrance/exit at Point 1 that services management staff, vendors, emergency services, and agency personnel. The Point 1 Entrance is staffed 24 hours a day for approximately 44 days to ensure safe, secure, legitimate, and reported work site access pre/during/post-event.

3. There is an entrance at Point 5 the location of the Black Rock City Municipal Airport (BMA) that services participants using the Burner Express Air Program and General Aviation community. The Gate staff at Point 5 ensure safe, secure, legitimate, and reported event site access through the BMA. The Point 5 Entrance is staffed for 18 operational hours a day, and is sealed and monitored by the Perimeter team at night, for 13 days.

4. The main Gate Entrance is staffed 24 hours a day for approximately 15 days. This entrance is manned by multiple operational teams including teams that manage parking in the Will Call lot, parking in the Staging Lot, special event access circumstances in the D-lot, pre-sorting of traffic at Apex, all exiting Black Rock City traffic, staff/volunteer health and safety teams, and teams working to manage the integrity of the road and mitigate any environmental degradation.

5. Gate operations requires a minimum of 23,700 staff and volunteer hours to conduct basic operations at the three entrance locations for the duration of the stipulations. This does not include the hours required for infrastructure

build out of the operations areas, Gate road, haul road, or for camp management

6. The Gate, Perimeter, and Exodus (GPE) staff and volunteers have 20 years experience managing traffic flow, traffic safety, and safeguarding ticketed site access, and population reporting at the BRC event.

C. Perimeter Monitoring

1. BRC currently installs a nine-mile orange trash fence around the event site, which serves as our visual perimeter and is heavily monitored and patrolled by the Black Rock City Gate, Perimeter, and Exodus Staff 24 hours a day using sophisticated radar, night vision, and patrol intercept trucks in coordination with BLM Rangers.

2. This closure area is monitored by radar capable of detecting the shape signature of anything larger than a jackrabbit both within the perimeter fence and for several miles outside or approaching the perimeter fence. Simply put, the BMP Gate, Perimeter, Exodus team has the ability to pinpoint any human being from several miles away, and can radio an intercept vehicle instantly to the exact location of any person or vehicle headed toward the city from outside the perimeter fence. It is a remarkably efficient system. It is extremely difficult and unlikely under the current paradigm for a person or vehicle to breach the trash fence undetected, as supported by data from previous years, and no life threatening event has occurred or even “almost occurred” because of such a breach.

3. The Perimeter Team deploys ground sensors which detect vehicle vibrations entering or leaving the Black Rock Desert at the two railroad crossings from Jungo Road. This provides redundancy and ample notification to intercept traffic on the East side of the city and specifically, traffic near the runways of BRC Municipal Airport.

D. Emergency Services Department

1. The extremely robust emergency services department (ESD) at BRC is dedicated to the safety and well-being of all who are present at Black Rock City. ESD encompasses medical services, including first-aid and Rampart - the Nevada-licensed Independent Center for Emergency Care -

emergency medical response, fire response, hazmat response, technical rescue, and crisis intervention services.

2. ESD Services and Points for Aid

    a) ESD services are available 24 hours a day in Black Rock City. There are six (6) strategically placed locations where anyone at Burning Man may go for medical assistance. These medical outposts provide first aid care, and can also transfer patients to Rampart (the Nevada-licensed Independent Emergency Care Facility) if need be.

    b) The location of the medical stations are clearly identified on maps handed to each participant as they come onto the Closure Order. All stations are made highly visible from a distance by illuminated and elevated red crosses.

    c) Black Rock Rangers are alert to medical issues, and as they patrol the city, can contact mobile medical assistance at any time by contacting the BRC 911 dispatch center.

    d) The locations of medical assistance areas are disseminated to participants via:
        (1) The Survival Guide
        (2) The Burning Man Project website
        (3) The Journal
        (4) The on-playa radio station
        (5) BMIR PSAs

3. ESD Medical Personnel

    a) All medical personnel in ESD are fully and currently medically licensed, however ESD only provides first aid. Anyone requiring more care is shuttled by ESD or transported by a Delta (ground ambulance) unit to Rampart for medical care. Only 5.6% of ESD fire and medical volunteers are from Nevada, and thus have little impact on the Nevada emergency response infrastructure.

b) ESD utilizes licensed medical providers capable of initial evaluation, competent triaging, and other emergency care measures. All are CPR trained. Of note, in each of the last two years, ESD personnel have successfully resuscitated participants in full arrest using one of the 14 AEDs utilized by the department.

E. Dispatch

1. BRC's Emergency Services Division utilizes a Computer-Assisted Dispatch (CAD) system. In 2018, ESD Dispatch processed 1,292 requests for service. Over the five busiest days of the 2018 ESD Dispatch handled in excess of 150 calls for service per day.

2. For the past three years ESD Dispatch utilized a CAD system that is shared with BLM Dispatch, allowing for seamless communication between the BLM and Black Rock City systems, assigning calls across entities and sharing vital information.

F. Rampart Emergency Health Care Facility

1. Rampart is a licensed Independent Center for Emergency Care staffed by paid personnel hired by BRC's Advanced Life Support (ALS) vendor. Rampart handles both walk-in cases and those transported in by mobile medical units. They provide ALS ambulance response throughout Black Rock City and transports to Reno via ground and air ambulances, as necessary. Rampart is staffed at minimum one (1) Physician and one (1) Registered Nurse, two (2) Paramedics and two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians at all times during the operational period. Staff levels increase and decrease based on population.

2. Staffing information from the 2018 event showed Rampart utilized 34 physicians, 1 pharmacist, 45 nurses, and a large number of EMTs and paramedics. In total, Rampart had 235 employees on site and/or working as flight staff. About 34% of the Rampart staff are Nevada residents, and many of those are included in the flight teams who service this part of Nevada.

3. Rampart provides patient care beginning at 0700 on Wednesday prior to the event opening and ending at 0700 on the Wednesday following the event end.

4. The following is a sampling of services available at Rampart:
    a) Intravenous hydration
    b) Radiology services
    c) OB-GYN services
    d) Sonography
    e) Laboratory services
    f) Pharmacy
    g) Wound care, including suturing
    h) Orthopedic care, including fracture reduction, casting, splinting
    i) Electrocardiograms
    j) Rapid sequence intubation (RSI)
    k) Critical care services, including cardiac monitoring, mechanical ventilation, minor surgery

G. Emergency Transport

1. Air medical transport is on-playa 24/7 beginning the Saturday before event opening and ending Tuesday evening following the event closing.

2. There are three options for patient transport available at Black Rock City. Ground transportation (ambulance), fixed wing (airplane) and rotor-wing (helicopters). The Lead Physician at Rampart determines which is method of transport is most appropriate.

3. 88NV, the Black Rock City airport, provides a dedicated patient transport runway. A fixed-wing transport plane is available on site at all times. If a fixed wing transport is required, another fixed wing leaves from Reno at the same time as the patient transport leaves Black Rock City, thus ensuring that another transport resource is available if needed.

4. Eight ambulances are available for on-site transportation and are strategically staged around the playa with at least 1 unit each at Stations 3 and 9. Additional units are staged near the various “burns”, when art projects are set alight as part of their performance, and other “events”, including large entertainment events and at the main gate during ingress

and egress. Changes in staging are determined as deemed necessary at the daily 0930 Medical Meeting or by the Battalion Chief.

5. Black Rock City roads are laid out to ensure that fire and emergency response vehicles can access all parts of the city. BRC staff ensure that access roads remain clear throughout the event.

H. Fire and Rescue

1. The risk of fire within the city itself is heavily mitigated by careful planning and the use of professional fire engine teams. In addition to fire response, BRC ensures that there are teams professionally equipped and trained to address health and life safety concerns and perform life saving interventions should the need arise. In 2018, a 38 year old participant with a pre-existing heart condition collapsed. He survives today because of quick thinking on the part of an ESD firefighter rapidly responded to the scene, confirmed his heart was not beating, and swiftly placed an AED on the participant, restarting his heart. All responders are highly trained, and the Black Rock City specific plans are reviewed annually by international experts in the field. These areas include:
    a) Fire Response
    b) High Angle Rescue
    c) Hazardous Materials Mitigation
    d) Structural Collapse

2. Black Rock City is laid out with access roads large enough to fit response vehicles. These access roads are monitored during the event to ensure they remain clear of blockages.

3. The following is a list of fire response resources that BRC has on site for the event:
    a) Station 5 Type-1 engine
    b) Station 5 Type-6 engine
    c) Station 5 Tender
    d) Hazmat Rescue-3
    e) ESD Type-6 engine 3
    f) ESD Type-6 engine 9
    g) Fire Duty Chief (FDC)

h) Fire Incident Technician (FIT)
i) Battalion Chief (BC)
j) Battalion Chief Assistant
k) Fire Chief on Call (F1&F3)
l) Ambulance(s)
m) Airport Type 1 engine
n) Airport Tender

4. Every year BRC staffs between 115 to 125 firefighters with wildland and/or structural firefighting certifications. All firefighters have wildland and/or structural firefighting certifications and experience and most have both.

5. All firefighters have ICS 100, 200, and 700 at a minimum; most have several more FEMA or firefighting specialty certificates (Hazmat, technical rescue, etc).

6. Over 80,000 gallons of water are collected from a BRC-owned Ranch to be used for firefighting. 20,000 gallons are stored in trucks ready for immediate deployment, and 60,000 gallons are held in tanks staged around the playa.

7. Crisis Intervention Team

    a) Nevada experts in crisis intervention are available at all times during the event to assist staff and participants. They are highly trained professionals with extensive experience as sexual violence and domestic abuse advocates.

    b) Please see Sexual Assault Response section below for an in-depth description of BRC's sexual assault response capabilities.

I. BRC has comprehensive plans for the following:

1. Evacuation
    a) There are detailed plans created for evacuation of the playa should such an event be necessary.

2. Fuel Spills

a) BRC has created fuel spill protocols that protect both people and the playa. Working with outside industry experts BRC has developed procedures dependent on size and type of spill. These procedures are industry-standard and involved the proper reporting to local authorities.

3. Weather Preparedness

    a) BRC has developed plans to keep participants, staff, and others safe in the case of a severe weather event.

    b) ESD teams are prepared for adverse weather events, and participants are educated through the means listed above, such as the Survival Guide, listed above, to prepare them for what the playa can provide. From food, to first aid, to how to construct safe camps.

4. Mass-Casualty Incident

    a) BRC has a detailed MCI plan. This plan is reviewed annually and communicated to all ESD and Rampart staff in trainings that occur with their team members pre-event.

J. Airport Safety

1. 88NV, the Black Rock City airport, is a fully licensed airport. All safety measures are ensured by our professional staff, and regulated by the Federal Aviation Association.

2. Pilots wishing to land at 88NV must be pre-approved to do so. Pre-approval requirements include providing proof of credentials and participating in 88NV trainings. In addition, all pilots are vetted beforehand to ensure they have complied with BLM restrictions and SRP requirements. There are no charter air services allowed, outside of the Burner Express Air program. Participants may fly themselves to Black Rock City, but they may not charge to deliver and remove passengers.

3. Fire response engines are staged at the airport for immediate response.

K. Burner Express Air Passenger Safety

1. Inbound passengers:

    a) Burner Express Air inbound participants are checked in by TSA trained personnel. Staff must go through TSA training in order to work as check-in staff. They are trained to look for irregularities or odd behaviors, and they check passenger lists against the no fly list. The majority of Burner Express Air participants have taken commercial flights into Reno, and so have already passed through official airport security once.

    b) Any item not allowed on a commercial flight is not allowed on a Burner Express flight, particularly explosives, compressed air cartridges, lithium ion batteries, firearms, and other weapons.

    c) Participants are reminded that they are flying onto BLM managed land, and will be subject to federal law, and may be searched by BLM law enforcement or the Pershing County Sheriff's Office upon arrival on the playa, as often happens (sometimes seemingly without probable cause).

2. Outbound passengers

    a) All participants flying out of Black Rock City are checked in by TSA-trained staff, and it is essentially the same procedure as above. Staff look for all the same things and double check the no fly list. All items banned on commercial flights are banned on Burner Express Air flights.

    b) Private pilots (i.e. not working for Burning Express Air as charters but flying themselves and their party to Burning Man) must enter via the Main Gate and must be searched. These pilots face heavy penalties for flying with dangerous material on board.

L. Black Rock Rangers

1. The Black Rock Rangers are a 24-hour, 820+ public safety presence on the playa. For the entirety of the event this highly trained, veteran group of volunteers don distinctive khaki colored clothing and a khaki hat with the ranger insignia and patrol the city on bike and foot, making themselves available to participants looking for assistance, mediating tense situations, responding to emergency situations, working closely with law enforcement and emergency services, and generally providing a calming, reassuring presence.

2. The Rangers are not a security force, however, along with Gate, Perimeter & Exodus Staff fulfill many security functions. Rangers specialize in non-confrontational mediation and can help resolve disputes or complaints before they escalate. For example, camp disputes or noise problems. Rangers help reunite lost children with their families. Specially trained Rangers provide perimeter support for events like the Man burn and for public safety.

3. Participants are informed about the ubiquitous Rangers in all the same medias discussed above, and are encouraged to use them as a resource. Participants know and trust the Black Rock Rangers from years and years of service to the community.

M. Safety & Mutant Vehicles

1. Public safety is paramount in Black Rock City. Mutant vehicles are carefully vetted and monitored for safety and safe operations, requiring night and day permissions and inspections. Speed limits are strictly set at 5 miles per hour, and Black Rock Rangers are specially trained in intercepting speeding vehicles. BMIR plays PSAs reminding people of safe mutant vehicle behaviors (only get on and off when fully stopped), and any large vehicle must always be surrounded by spotters and a perimeter when in motion.

2. Art pieces that allow for climbing are inspected for integrity.

N. Fire Art Perimeters

1. All art that is intended to burn publicly must ensure it has adequate volunteers to staff and protect the piece's safety perimeter. In conjunction

with FAST - the Fire Art Safety Team - projects determine how many people will be necessary to hold the perimeter, and to ensure the volunteers are adequately trained keep observers a safe distance away from the burning installation. The Black Rock Rangers are instrumental in keeping perimeters safe as well.

2. For the burning of the Man and the Temple there are additional levels of security that have been established over the years to ensure participant safety.

O. Fuel Storage

1. In order to decrease the risk of fuel spills the BRC Fuel Program was put in place to reduce the amount of traffic transporting larger loads of fuel into the event as well as the need for larger amounts of fuel stored in camps. This fuel safety program is for registered Art Projects, Mutant Vehicles and Theme Camps, as well as registered support vehicles.

2. BRC delivers dyed diesel directly into generators at qualifying camps and art projects and also delivers a limited supply of fuel drums with gasoline to certain groups with gasoline needs who meet safety criteria.

3. No more than 110 gallons of fuel may be stored in any camp and 100 feet must be maintained between fuel storage areas of neighboring camps.

4. Groups who do not need delivery, such as Mutant Vehicles, go to the participant fuel station located at the 9:45 radial road between the outside of the city and the fenceline where staff fuel attendants can fill their vehicles with fuel.

5. Participants must apply to be a part of the fuel program before coming to the event and their applications are reviewed and fuel safety education is provided to that all Participants, Staff and Vendors receiving fuel can follow the strict safety guidelines, including:

    a) Camp generators must be no more than 20’ away from their frontage street with a straight access for the fuel hose to reach it from the road, or on the 16’ fire/servicing lane in order to be fueled.

b) Camps must maintain a clear path to the generator(s). Fuel deliveries are not made to if there are obstructions in the path of the fuel hose or access roads are blocked.

c) Use a handcart, trolley or bike & trailer with secondary containment to pick up fuel.

d) Camps that are 150'x150' or larger OR storing 21+ gallons of fuel must include a 16' fire lane.

e) A safety radius must be maintained between the generator or fuel storage and any sources of ignition or open flames.

f) Fuel account registration closes June 15th allowing the Fuel Managers time to review all applications and educate participants on safe fuel practices. Once the pre-approved group arrives they must meet with the BRC Fuel Department to have a staff member come to their site and assess their layout, generator and fuel storage placement and approve deliveries to begin the following day.

g) There are no account registrations on-playa. All fuel registrations must take place in the fuel registration window.

h) Camps are required to designate a Fuel Lead who monitors the fuel levels and safety radius around their generator and fuel storage areas.

i) All fuel containers, regardless of size, must have secondary containment. A secondary containment device must be capable of holding 110% of the largest single container placed within it.

j) Fuel containers may not be filled more than 80% of capacity to allow for heat expansion.

k) Fuel must be transported with secondary containment and stored in containers designed and rated for the type of fuel within. These containers must meet visual inspection standards and be free from

defects or leaks as well as be CARB and EPA certified. be in good working order. Black Rock City Fuels reserves the right to refuse containers found to be unusable or a hazard.

l) Use of a handcart, trolley or bike & trailer with secondary containment to pick up fuel is acceptable.

m) Spill response and containment control materials must be present near generators, fuel storage areas, and in vehicles transporting fuel. Basic kits include a shovel and a sealable container such as a 5-gallon bucket. Information is distributed to Participants on responding to fuel spills and how to report them.

n) At least one hand-held portable fire extinguisher with a 40-B rating is required for any fuel storage area.

o) BRC distributes the following safety brochure to participants. (Please note that the access lane width requirement is 16 feet not 20 feet, an update that is being made this year.)

Don't risk your life

or the lives of your community

-use an approved fuel container

Safety Reminders

Store fuel away from any running generator or heat source.

Do not fill the fuel tank on a generator while the engine is hot or running, and do not overfill it. Any spark, including static discharge, can ignite fuel vapors.

For further information please contact:

petrol@burningman.org

Use an approved fuel container...

It's not only illegal to use an unapproved fuel container – it's also extremely dangerous

2018

Why use an approved fuel container in Black Rock City?

If you need fuel for your generator, mutant vehicle, art project, general theme camp use or simply want to store a small supply in your camp in case of emergencies, ensure you use a container that is approved to hold fuel. Containers not designed to hold fuel may be damaged by fuel and leak. Containers that have previously held other substances are not suitable as residue from these substances may react with fuel.

What is an approved fuel container?

Fuel can only be stored and transported in containers designed and rated for the type of fuel within. These containers must be in good working order and free from defects or leaks. Black Rock City PETROL reserves the right to refuse containers found to be unusable or a hazard.

Steel drums and jerricans should meet DOT specifications and be in good condition. They will be marked with "UN 1A1" for steel drums and "UN 3A1" for steel jerricans. They must also be clearly labelled or marked to identify the fuel and the potential hazards e.g. gasoline - flammable.

Portable fuel containers should be CARB and EPA certified. These containers must have an appropriate sealing cap and be made of metal or a durable plastic that will not react with the fuel. They should also be clearly labelled or marked to identify the fuel and the potential hazards e.g. gasoline – flammable.

Containers unsuitable for storing fuel

Examples of containers that should NEVER be used for storing/transporting fuel include:

- Plastic soft drink bottles.
- Glass bottles or jars.
- Containers previously used to store other types of hazardous substances (oil, laundry detergent, dishwashing powder, fertilizer, poison, weed killer, drench, etc).

IF IN DOUBT, DON'T USE IT!

How much fuel can I transport and store?

In Black Rock City you are allowed to store no more than 110 gallons (two 55 gallon drums) in your camp. Drums of fuel can be pre-ordered and delivered to your camp.

Fuel containers are designed to only be filled to 80% of capacity in order to allow expansion caused by temperature change and the sun. Do not overfill!

Fuel containers must remain closed except when filling or dispensing fuel. Proper seals must be ensured on all lids, caps, bungs or valves to prevent spills or leaks. All containers should be securable to prevent tampering.

Fuel must not be stored in close proximity to any source of heat which could cause the fuel to ignite and must **never** be stored inside or under a living area such as a camper. Label storage area with signs "***FLAMMABLE***."

Know how to respond in case of a spill

preparation is key

Secondary Containment System

All fuel containers, regardless of size, need to have secondary containment. A secondary containment device should be capable of holding 110% of the largest single container placed within it.

Fuel drums will require a hand pump for dispensing. When not in use, you should always place the nozzle in a holder above the drum height, such as a nozzle hook on a pole. If the nozzle is placed in the secondary containment or in a position lower than the level of the fuel in the drum, a suction can be created and all of the fuel will be drawn out of the barrel in a big spill.

Separation & Emergency Egress

A distance of at least 10 feet must be maintained between any stored fuels (liquid fuels or compressed or liquefied gases) and tents, equipment, public areas, RV's and all camp structures.

A fire lane of 20 feet shall be kept free of obstructions to provide emergency access for fire vehicles if needed. No fuel storage area shall be closer than 100 feet from another fuel storage area.

All fuel storage must be protected from vehicle collision. A safety area of 10 feet around the stored fuel should be marked as "off limits" using caution tape or other equivalent measures.

Spill Control and Response

Preventing spills on the surface of the Black Rock desert is essential to our continued use of this resource for our event. It is also important to be good stewards of public lands and to leave no trace. The playa surface itself adds to the challenge because of its absorbent nature.

Spill response and containment control materials should be kept on hand to deal with any spill quickly. Basic fuel spill kits should include a shovel and and a sealable container such a a 5-gallon bucket for storage and disposal. Spill control measures should be proportionate to amounts of fuel stored.

Report Spills

Fuel spills must be reported to Black Rock Rangers or Emergency Services located at the **3:00 and 9:00 plazas or Center Camp**. Reports should include a specific location and contact person at that location.

Fire Extinguishers

At least one hand-held portable extinguisher with a 40-B rating is required for any fuel storage area. The extinguisher must be placed 8-10 feet from the fuel storage and placed in a location where it is visible and easily accessible.

Commercially bought fire extinguisher holders can be useful in making sure your fire extinguisher doesn't walk off and it is easily visible. To make a homemade one, take a 5 gallon bucket, fill it with concrete and put a pole in the middle. Add brackets to the pole to attach the fire extinguisher. The weight of the bucket should be able to withstand the gale force winds of the playa.

Population Monitoring

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has recommended Monitoring REC-1 in Appendix E of Burning Man's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS):

"The BLM will work with BRC to develop an independent third-party population monitoring system for the Event. The purpose would be to ensure that the total number of attendees visiting the playa during the Closure Order is equal to or less than the maximum permitted population."

Burning Man has developed and implemented a population monitoring system to meet the needs outlined in accordance with existing population stipulations. A secondary system proposed by BLM to provide population reporting would be a duplicative effort.

A third-party population monitoring platform developed could expose participants' personal ticket purchase details to a vendor who is not contracted to BRC, which would prevent BRC from ensuring the security of their personal data and could be in violation of the European General Data Privacy Regulation (GDPR).

In the Draft EIS, BLM fails to demonstrate a need for additional monitoring, and BLM appears to conflate the system of population counting with the fact that in 2018 the number of paid participants on site exceeded the BLM imposed cap after BRC consulted with the BLM Authorized Officer and received permission to exceed the cap.

The Mitigation (REC-1) appears to suggest that Burning Man would only be allowed the total number of visitors as indicated in the population cap over the entire period of the closure order, even if this means that the population during the event falls below the allowed capacity on any given day. This represents a significant change from how the BLM permitted BRC for the last ~30 years, and would not only be severely limiting to the private business affairs of the Burning Man Project, but would also impact revenues paid to the BLM. There are no circumstances detailed in the EIS that support this level of intrusive mitigation.

Sexual Assault Response

BRC shares the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) deep concern for sexual assault survivors. Like many parts of Nevada, the Black Rock Desert is in a remote location. It takes the residents of Fallon an hour to access a Sexual Assault Report Team (SART), and it is at least two and a half hours from Winnemucca to a SART exam center in Reno, Elko or Carson City.

While the number of requested SART examinations at Burning Man changes each year - between zero and four - BRC is equipped to provide all survivors with the level of care prescribed by the Nevada Coalition to END Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV), the statewide coalition supporting domestic and sexual violence programs in Nevada, which works with lawmakers to set the standard for response.

BLM proposed the following mitigation, presumably to ensure that survivors of sexual violence are assured swift SART exams:

PHS-2: *The BLM will contract a sexual assault response team beginning 7 days prior to Labor Day through Tuesday following Labor Day to better facilitate investigations and prosecutions of sexual assaults on public lands. BRC will compensate the government for this expense through cost recovery.*

Like many of BLM's mitigations, this plan fails to consider BRC's existing services and track record, and fails to contemplate the logistical and legal issues that would make the mitigation extremely difficult, and which would ultimately result in less-than ideal scenarios for survivors.

One very important complexity in regards to this mitigation is the survivor's right to anonymity. Susan Meuschke, Executive Director of NCEDSV wrote a letter addressing this mitigation to Mark Hall, the Black Rock Field Manager. Ms. Meuschke is concerned a law enforcement-contracted SART team with the stated goal of facilitating the prosecution of perpetrators, could trample the right to anonymity and the right to a SART examine even though the survivor is not reporting immediately.

Ms. Meuschke writes:

> *First, it is important when discussing best practices for sexual assault response is that the response is survivor-centered and trauma informed. This means the first responders need to respect the survivor's decision whether or not to report to law enforcement and engage in the investigative process.* ***Additionally, the Violence Against Women Act and Nevada Revised Statutes mandates that survivors have the right to undergo a forensic exam and not report to law enforcement.*** (emphasis added)

This method preserves the evidence of the crime, while the survivor decides whether or not to report the crime. Ms. Meuschke raises other concerns regarding the importance of access to community-based advocates who focus on victim rights, empowerment, and restoration, and are held to strict confidentiality guidelines, as opposed to system-based advocates whose role is to provide access to case and justice system information, and assist law enforcement and the district attorneys with case building. Communications between a survivor and a system-based advocate are not confidential. While both types of advocates are important, a community-based advocate is the most essential in the initial stages of discovery and healing.

BRC is also concerned about the potential for non-reporting should survivors believe that law enforcement contact is their only option. Non-reporting is the single biggest point of attrition for sexual assault cases within the criminal justice system. Estimates suggest that anyone who commits a forcible rape has less than a 3% chance of being convicted and incarcerated for it.[1]

> *Sexual violence cases require special handling. Victims may be hypersensitive to real or perceived threats to their safety or their confidentiality. At the same time, investigation and prosecution invite threats to confidentiality and the physical and emotional safety for the victim, and victims who disclose their experience open themselves up for additional violations. As a result, many victims choose to focus on their own healing rather than on trying to achieve justice in systems that historically have not been supportive of victims of sexual violence. To overcome the threat that reporting represents to victims, officers have to work harder to make the reporting process feel safe.*[2]

Should victims make their first contact with a patrol officer, the statistics are grim. It is estimated that only about one quarter to one-half (24-52%) of these contacts will result in a written report being recorded by law enforcement[3]. Less than a third of those reports (16-27%) will then be investigated[4] , and less than half (18-50%) will result in an arrest[5].

When a survivor is provided the opportunity to *decide* how they'd like to proceed following a sexual assault, the path to recovery is initiated immediately. Community-based advocates are adept at providing option information, facilitating law enforcement contact, and guiding the survivor through the recovery phase. Survivors are more likely to engage in a legal investigation and prosecution if they are given control over that engagement.[6] Victims who know they will be

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[1] Lonsway & Archambault, 2012
[2] Sabrina Garcia & Margaret Henderson (1999). Blind reporting of sexual violence. FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, 68 (6), 12-16 (at p.16).
[3] Campbell, 1998; Campbell, 2005; Campbell et al., 2001; Tjaden & Thoennes, 2006
[4] Campbell, 2005; Koss, 2006
[5] for review, see Frazier et al., 1994; Koss, Bachar, Hopkins, & Carlson, 2004; Lonsway & Archambault, 2012
[6] Study Finds Rape Crisis Programs Do Work, Violence Against Women 38-1 (Joan Zorza ed., 2002)

forced to speak to people against their wishes are incentivized not to report the event at all, and are likely to experience revictimization[7].

It is for the above reasons that BRC proposes the following mitigations, constructed by professional advocates, to best serve survivors by providing confidential trauma-informed, community-based advocacy as well as the fastest access to SART exams best serving the long-term outcome.

1. When a possible incident of sexual or domestic violence is reported members of the ESD Survivor Advocacy Team (ESD SAT) respond. All ESD SAT advocates have completed advocacy training to the standard required by their home state and in many cases more. Additionally they are all current active participants in advocacy work in their home states. These certified advocates volunteer their time and expertise to protecting the welfare of their fellow citizens in Black Rock City as well as in their hometowns. Law Enforcement and ESD SAT are immediately and simultaneously notified via our integrated CAD system when any episode of alleged sexual or domestic violence has been reported to BRC.

2. If the survivor requires medical treatment they are transported to Rampart, the Nevada-licensed Independent Center for Emergency Care, located in Black Rock City. More serious injuries may require facilitated medical transport to a Reno area hospital. (This is another reason that a SART facility in Gerlach is not ideal; it will take a longer span of time to move a survivor from Gerlach to Renown or other area hospital, than a fixed-wing flight directly from Black Rock City.)

3. The advocate, with consent from the survivor, works with the survivor to ask if they would like to speak with law enforcement. If the answer is yes, the advocate remains with the survivor (if the survivor prefers), through the reporting process. If the survivor is not prepared to speak with law enforcement, law enforcement is informed that the survivor is not prepared to speak with them.

4. If the survivor is exercising their rights to anonymous reporting the CIT Duty Chief, CIT 1 or other senior level of ESD can call the Reno Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) Dispatch phone and schedule the exam.

   If the survivor is reporting to law enforcement, law enforcement calls the SASS Dispatch phone and schedules an exam.

   Either way the SASS Dispatcher will contact the on-call forensic nurse and notify the SASS Advocate on call for that shift. Both the Advocate and the Nurse will meet the survivor at the facility. This assures there is no other exam already in progress

[7] Rebecca Campbell & Patricia Yancey Martin, The Role of Rape Crisis Centers, Sourcebook on Violence Against Women 227, 231 (Claire M. Renzetti et al. eds. 2001).

5. BRC immediately flies the survivor and the advocate to Reno for a SART exam, a trip of only 45 minutes. The flights are provided and paid for by BRC. The advocate may accompany the survivor to Reno and every step of the way through the SART process, if the survivor consents and so wishes.

6. After the SART exam:
    a. The survivor is given the option of a hotel room for the evening, at no expense to the survivor, and accompanied by the advocate, if the survivor consents and so wishes. Burning Man has been instructed that often the most important thing for a survivor following an assault is access to a quiet and private space away from the assault site, a hot shower, a change of clothes, and meals. BRC works with Reno Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) to provide all of this.
    b. Additionally the SASS advocate will help the survivor that is reporting with law enforcement to fill out the Victim of Crime compensation paperwork and get it to submitted to the VOC. (Note: this is only available to those working with law enforcement and is not available for with J. Doe or anonymous reports),
    c. If this is an anonymous reporting the SASS advocate will talk to the survivor about their choices and the pros and cons of reporting versus not reporting. SASS encourages survivors to report but 100% supports the survivor's decisions.
    d. SASS provides the survivor with referrals and will follow up with the survivor to ensure they are connected to services in their hometown

7. If the survivor wishes, they will be flown back to Black Rock City at BRC's expense. Otherwise, the advocate will assist the survivor in getting to a safe space. Again, all with the consent of the survivor.

8. To ensure that the above mitigations are properly adhered to, and do indeed meet the high standards of Nevada law and NCEDSV, Pershing County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), BLM and BRC should meet in the off-season with representatives from state and local advocacy groups to create a mutual understanding of the law and our respective responsibilities regarding sexual violence.

9. In addition, BLM, PCSO and any law enforcement hired by either agency should complete an initial or review training in sexual violence management national best practices

BRC understands that supporting the survivor and achieving prosecution are the highest priority. VAWA and STOP data show a 51% increase in reporting by victims if community-based advocacy is provided to the victim. NCEDSV believes that sexual assault cases have a higher rate of prosecution, and so a deeper level of support for the survivor, when the work is undertaken in known and trusted SART centers with established ties to the criminal justice system in Nevada.

BRC believes that these nuanced mitigations will be the most effective way of providing support for survivors of sexual violence, preserving their rights as survivors, following the best practices

as instructed by leading federal and state victims' rights and sexual assault survivor rights organizations, and adhering to Nevada state law.

Trash and Litter Mitigation

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed Mitigation NAT-2 in Appendix E of Black Rock City LLC's (BRC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS):

NAT-2: *To reduce litter and trash in the PLPT Reservation and along SR 447, the proponent must place a sufficient number of dumpsters in the city and along Gate Road before its intersection with Highway 34. This is intended to reduce adverse impacts on the PLPT Reservation and SR 447. These dumpsters must be placed by 12:01 a.m. on the Friday before Labor Day and must be kept in place until Exodus is completed. To prevent overflow, BRC will be required to maintain the dumpsters during the time they are in place.*

Burning Man is a pack-it-in/pack-it-out, Leave No Trace event. For cultural, logistical, and environmental reasons, attendees are responsible for their refuse and recycling. Sometimes residual debris - mainly from improperly secured loads on vehicles but also rarely from intentional littering - can end up in inappropriate locations, including on the side of the road.

BRC foresees multiple issues with BLM's proposed Mitigation NAT-2 involving dumpsters. On the environmental front, this "solution" creates significant carbon emissions from transportation of the approximately 1,500 30-yard dumpsters (weighing 5 tons each for a total of 7,500 tons, or 15 million pounds) to and from the playa, further stressing the road system and impacting local communities. If they are not available in Northern Nevada, which is highly likely, the financial, environmental, and logistical costs rise even higher. This mitigation would also require the creation, management, 24×7 monitoring, and cleanup of an approximately 360,000 square foot (that's roughly seven football fields) transfer station (1500 8'x20' dumpsters with 4' between each for access) plus space for thousands of vehicles to pull over in turn and dispose of their trash — in the middle of a National Conservation Area.

BRC employs a team to clean up the roadways after the event and works closely with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and Nevada Department of Transportation year-round to support tribally permitted operators. We coordinate after the event to respond to any location where trash has been accidentally or intentionally dumped. Members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe enjoy a thriving business of accepting and disposing of participants' trash and recycling at post-event waste stations along SR 447, and this lucrative annual revenue source would be decimated by the implementation of BLM's plan.

1. Participant Education

    a. Throughout the year, BRC will continue to produce media content across multiple platforms informing participants, potential participants, and the broader community about the importance of Leave No Trace, and environmental stewardship, and how that does not end upon leaving the NCA. BRC has the

option to use print, radio PSAs, websites, weblogs, emails, online journal articles, the Jack Rabbit Speaks email series, lectures, and various visual aids to educate participants about the nature of the event, how to prepare for it, and to remind participants that dumping is illegal.

b. Examples of possible communications include instructions in the Survival Guide on how to effectively tie down trash loads, if it must be carried on the top of a vehicle (much of the highway trash that the BRC compliance team gathers is from torn bags on top of vehicles).

i. The Survival Guide will continue to include detailed information on where it is appropriate to bring refuse and recycling.

ii. BRC Public Communications

1. 2018 Burning Man Survival Guide
2. The Burning Man Journal
3. Jack Rabbit Speaks
4. The Burning Man Website
5. Burning Man Event Guides

2. Leave Nevada Beautiful

a. BRC's Leave Nevada Beautiful campaign encourages participants to carry the Leave No Trace ethos out of the NCA and into the rest of the state, and the world. The goal of this campaign is to mitigate impacts from waste on the playa and in surrounding environs and communities.

b. BRC will continue to collaborate with local businesses that collect waste and recycling, pump out RVs, and offer potable water. BRC gathers and prints this information onto a hang-tag provided to every vehicle as it enters the NCA and will continue to do so. This information will also continue to be available in flier form on the website, and promulgated via various communications channels, including the website and Survival Guide.

c. BRC will continue to offer to pay the permit fees for some of these waste management sites, such as at the local Whole Foods and Savemart in Reno, thus helping to provide additional waste collection sites in the surrounding counties. Whole Food and Savemart find the program brings business to their stores.

3. Nevada Highway Patrol, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT)

a. BRC will continue to remain responsive to complaints regarding trash left near roadways. If permitted trash collectors fail to properly dispose of the trash they

have collected, BRC may step in to cure those areas. In the past, members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and NDOT have reported problems that BRC responds to very quickly. In the past, BLM has failed to report known issues to BRC, and has prefered instead to save them up to later hold against BRC.

b. BRC will continue to work year round with NDOT and PLPT to discuss best practices and strategies to keep roadways clean and clear of abandoned vehicles and unlicensed trash and recycling collection points. Fostering healthy communications with both of the entities during the year helps to quickly solve any issues, such as an abandoned vehicle or over-full dumpster, that could potentially arise during or immediately after the event.

c. BRC will continue to execute a Funding Agreement with the PLPT to ensure that the Tribe is adequately supported in mitigating environmental impacts caused by attendees.

d. BRC will continue to negotiate private financial agreements with Nevada Highway Patrol and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to compensate these agencies for additional officer hours and resources and will aid them in addressing issues related to the roads.

e. BRC will continue to foster a close working relationship with NDOT throughout the year. The BRC Highway Cleanup teams are permitted by NDOT. The organization remains in close contact with NDOT during the times that the Nevada roads are impacted by Burning Man. Not only are road debris hazards identified and shared, but any vehicles or waste found in public right of ways are immediately addressed.

4. BRC Highway Clean-up Crew

a. BRC will continue to organize and train teams of Highway Cleanup volunteers who remove trash and debris from the roads leading into the event, some of which has accumulated throughout the year and is not attributable to the Burning Man event.

b. BRC Highway Cleanup Crew will continue to provide three permitted roadside crews to clean up any road debris and litter along the roads and highways surrounding the event with a focus on County Road 34 from the "8-Mile" entrance to State Road (SR) 447, SR 447 from the intersection with County Road 34 to Wadsworth, from Gerlach to the California state line, and SR 446 from Nixon to SR 445 near Sutcliffe.

c. BRC representatives will continue to meet and confer with local entities that have reported concerns about event participants leaving trash, and will work to mitigate

these issues in order to prevent a re-occurrence of complaints and to promote Leave No Trace ethics outside of the event.

BRC is happy to say that trash or debris left behind by Burning Man participants alongside roadways or in neighboring communities has decreased steadily over the years. Using the plan mapped out above, BRC feels that the issue of trash left on Tribal lands can be effectively handled, without the massive environmental impacts of placing such a large amount of dumpsters on the Black Rock Desert landscape.

Perimeter Security

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed Mitigation PHS-3 in Appendix E of Burning Man's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS):

BRC will be required to implement physical perimeter barriers (e.g., Jersey barriers and K-rail fence) to reduce the risk of unauthorized entry to the Event. This will be done concurrent with city and perimeter fence construction.

BRC is mindful of the need for security to protect the people of Black Rock City and the Black Rock Desert National Conservation Area from harm. BRC has a decades long track record of successfully protecting the perimeter of the event. Since 2005, there have only been two recorded incidents of city perimeter breach by a vehicle attempting to gain event entry. Neither incident resulted in physical harm to any of the citizens of Black Rock City.

While on its face, to someone unfamiliar with the Burning Man event, a boundary wall like K-rail or jersey barriers may seem to be a logical way to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering, there are multiple environmental degradation issues (e.g. dune-ing, tractor-trailer and heavy equipment churning up playa) and logistical problems (e.g. availability of barriers, transportation to the Black Rock Desert, and labor hours) with this solution that are discussed elsewhere in BRC's comments. Instead, BRC proposes the following measures be taken to help secure the event's perimeter and points of entry:

1) BRC will continue to use the 47,520 foot (roughly nine miles) orange plastic fencing, which serves as a visual barrier, allows wind and dust to blow through (thus avoiding severe dune generation), catches trash that can blow over-top of hard barriers, is gentler on the playa surface, and does not require heavy equipment to erect.

2) At all times, each outer corner of the pentagon will be staffed by individuals highly trained in vehicle interception protocols and engagement plans. Each of the 5 point of the Hexagon that comprises the fence of Black Rock City is monitored by two individuals in trucks trained to patrol the perimeter. These teams will have a field Supervisor in place at all times. That means there will be six teams (each in a separate vehicle) on patrol at all times, with staffing levels to increase or decrease as needed according to changes in population cap. There will continue to be sufficient staffing to enable 24 hour coverage, with appropriate shift changes to protect against fatigue.

3) The Perimeter team will continue to work in close conjunction with the Black Rock Rangers, who also have vehicular teams skilled in interception on patrol inside the fencing. This makes it possible for a coordinated response to incidents.

4) These teams will continue to be equipped with radios, binoculars, GPS units, night vision goggles and surveillance radar technology as part of their tool set to ensure full site coverage day and night.

5) This closure area will continue to be monitored by two surveillance radars capable of detecting all movements within the perimeter fence of Black Rock City, outside the perimeter fence, and even further out than the closure order requires. The range of this radar (approximately 5 miles) allows staff to monitor all large (vehicle sized) and small (jack rabbit sized) movements in its range.

6) The data provided by the surveillance radar and individual team GPS continue to be monitored 24 hours a day by trained operators. These operators will radio and dispatch an intercept vehicle(s) to the location of any person or vehicle headed toward the city from outside the perimeter fence.

7) The Perimeter Team will continue to deploy ground sensors which detect vehicle vibrations entering or leaving the Black Rock Desert at the two railroad crossings from Jungo Road, thus providing redundancy and ample notification to intercept traffic on the East side of the city and specifically, traffic near the runways of BRC Municipal Airport.

8) Communications are made possible by a robust digital radio system. This enables the Perimeter team, the Lighthouse team, the Black Rock Rangers, The Gate team, the Exodus team, to remain in constant contact and access assistance from Law Enforcement or emergency services if necessary.

9) The Perimeter team will continue to work in close conjunction with Law Enforcement to ensure that violators of the closure order are interacted with appropriately.

BRC's safety record shows that steps like these will protect the citizens of our community against unauthorized vehicular incursion. These safeguards are reasonable, tested, logistically, and financially feasible for BRC. These protections will have less of an impact to the surface degradation of the Black Rock Desert and the surrounding environment than erecting miles of concrete or other types of barriers. Further these steps do not create a solid barrier that would trap all participants inside the city, which has the potential to trigger a further catastrophe if there were many people trying to leave at once in an emergency scenario.

Taking reasonable steps like these will also provide protections to the neighboring roadways and communities that would be needlessly be affected by a dramatic increase in commercial trucking and heavy machinery that 9-10 miles of concrete barricades would require.

Commercial Filming

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed Mitigation REC-1 in Appendix E of Black Rock City LLC's (BRC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS):

> **REC-1:** *Vendor and film permit applications associated with the Event must be submitted 194 calendar days before Labor Day. The costs of BLM employee labor will be recouped via cost recovery from BRC.*

This mitigation would require Burning Man to submit film permit applications on or around February 20, the same day that Burning Man opens its media registration form - more than six months before the event occurs.

This mitigation is unrealistic and entirely unworkable. BRC's media registration process is open from February 20 through July 18, 2019. The Communications Team also accepts a small number of media registrations after July 18 and a smaller number of walk-in registrations on-site in Black Rock City.

BRC organizers have demonstrated a willingness to work with BLM regarding BLM's Commercial Filming Policy. BRC does not allow commercial filming at the event, but acknowledges that BLM claims its definition of "commercial" can encompass some film projects that BRC permits at the event.

Based on BLM's definition of commercial filming listed in its commercial filming policy:

> https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/leases-and-permits/filming-on-public-lands/film-permits

BRC has negotiated a Commercial Filming Compliance Protocol with BLM that includes the following:

- Posting information on the Burning Man website regarding BLM's Commercial Filming Policy:
  https://burningman.org/network/about-us/press-media/press-rights-responsibilities/#commercial

  And included links to an FAQ on when a permit is needed and what the process is for applying

- Sending members of the media information on BLM's Commercial Filming Policy, the Special Recreation Permit an Closure Order.

- Identifying media project applications that might qualify for consideration by the BLM for a Commercial Filming Permit, notifying the media outlet that they might require a permit and providing contact information for the media outlet to the BLM so that BLM can engage with the media outlet on its media project application.

Following the 2018 event, BLM provided BRC with feedback that BLM had not had enough time to sufficiently review the media project proposals. At that time, BRC committed to working to help BLM obtain this information earlier in the lead up to the 2019 event.

BLM's REC-1 mitigation was made without any consultation with BRC staff.

In addition, the REC-1 mitigation would require BRC to reimburse BLM employee labor for the Commercial Film Policy review process. BRC should not be required to cover the cost of BLM employee labor. Any costs incurred should be recouped from the fees charged by BLM to any media outlet required to secure a Commercial Filming Permit.

BLM should withdraw the proposed REC-1 mitigation and work with BRC under the existing Commercial Filming Compliance Protocol.

	Volume 1: Cover, Abstract, Executive Summary, Chapter 1 & 2
PAGE#/SECTION#	**BRC COMMENT**
Volume 1 Cover Page	The "costs" notation at the bottom of the cover page misleads the public. There are no BLM costs. BRC has paid, and continues to pay, for all costs associated with the entire process.
Inside Cover	The majority of BLM's law enforcement activity in the Burning Man closure area is unrelated to the agency's mission as stated on this page.
Abstract	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM), the Burning Man event is not 9.5 days long; it is eight days long. As stated in the first sentence of the Introduction to BRC's Proposed Action (which BLM declined to make available to the public on the eplanning.gov webpage for this project), BRC "is applying for a ten-year Special Recreation Permit ('SRP') under 43 CR 2930 to produce the eight-day Burning Man event." BLM has no authority to unilaterally modify BRC's Proposed Action in this manner. In the PHSR, BLM Ranger Becky Andres wrote: "Since 2014, an average of 12 sexual assaults are investigated by law enforcement over the course of the **8-day event**." BLM is well aware that the event is 8 days long, not 9.5.
	Volume 1: Executive Summary
ES.1/ES-1	As noted with respect to the Abstract, BRC did not apply for an SRP to produce a 9.5 day event. The Burning Man event is an eight-day event, and BRC's Proposed Action was for an eight-day event.
ES.4.1/ES-2	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM): a) This section incorrectly describes how population would grow under this alternative and does not accurately describe the Proposed Action in this record. b) BRC did not propose the event start at 12:01 AM on Sunday. The proposed start time is the same as the current start time, which is 6:00 PM Sunday. c) The event would actually include up to 500 registered art pieces, not 400.
ES.4.2/4-1	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM), Alternative B was improperly created by the BLM without any input from the proponent BRC.
Table ES.1/ES-3	a) The "Environmental Consequences" summarized in this table are not adequately supported by the DEIS or Special Studies. For

	example, BLM has failed to show that migratory birds or Lahontan cutthroat trout would be adversely affected by Alternatives A, C, or D. Throughout the table are speculative and inflammatory statements that do not have evidentiary support. For example: (i) The statement under "Social Values" that under Alternative A "additional impacts could occur where community members feel a disconnect between Event actions and community values" is a speculative statement that lacks support in the record of the DEIS. (ii) Under Alternative A in the "Water Resources" row is the statement, "Application of dust suppression water could affect surface water or groundwater quality depending on the quantity of water applied," a theoretical statement which lacks evidentiary support in the record of the DEIS. (iii) Under Alternative A in the "Economics" row is the statement, "Funding for agencies and tribal governments would be affected from staffing and support for the Event," a speculative statement with no support in the record of the DEIS. (iv) Under Alternative A in the "Recreation" row is the statement, "A larger Event population could be undesirable for some Event participants," a speculative statement that not only lacks any support in the record but is outside the scope of an EIS. b) The DEIS fails to analyze the potential environmental impacts of Alternative C, moving the site of the event.
ES-6/Table ES-1	This section mentions aircraft as a source of potential wildlife injury or displacement, but the statement is entirely hypothetical and lacks supporting data or analysis.
ES-7/Table ES-1 Native American Religious Concerns	This section states, "Increased recreational use of hot springs could impede the Native American setting." There is no explanation of the relevance of this statement and no indication that its inclusion in this EIS is proper.
ES-9/Table ES-1 Soils	Mitigation Measure PHS-3 is in direct opposition to what is being asked here in order to protect soils.
ES-10/Table ES-1 Water Resources	The water used for dust abatement is local groundwater coming from geothermal activity. This source has always been known. If BLM is questioning the water quality from this source , BLM must provide sufficient support for that position and propose where else this water should come from.
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1-3/Table 1-1	Errors in this table include: - FAA does not issue a permit for 88NV. There is no FAA permit required to operate 88NV, and BRC obtains no such permit. We are not required to obtain any permits from the FAA with respect to airport operations.

	- There is no Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) permit required to operate 88NV, and BRC obtains no such permit with respect to airport runways or other airport operational concerns. - None of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) permits listed in this table are required. - No Clean Water Act Section 404 permit is required. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has never advised BRC that such a permit or any other permit under the ACOE's jurisdiction is required of BRC in connection with its Burning Man event operations.
	Volume 1: Chapter 2
2-1/2.1 - Introduction	BRC's references to the need for and importance of adaptive management appear to have been improperly omitted from this section.
2-1/2.1/Introduction	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM), BRC disputes that the alternatives presented "represent a reasonable range of alternatives" for at least the following reasons: 1) BLM did not consult BRC in the development of Alternative B - reducing the event to 50,000; 2) This alternative would cause significant financial hardship to Northern Nevada small businesses, which would collectively lose $20-30 million, and to the BRC organization
2-1/2.2.1 Intro to Alternative A	As BLM is aware, BRC did not propose this model initially until forced by BLM to add population steps. BRC submitted this revision so that BLM would include mitigations and analysis for each step, which it failed to do, and so that BLM would not assume growth to 100,000 in one year, which was never proposed. BRC proposed slow growth to be determined each year by BRC and BLM, if there is to be growth at all.
2-1/2.2.2/Event Production	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM), this section incorrectly states that the event would start at 12:01 AM on Sunday the weekend before Labor Day. BRC has never proposed this. The event would start, as it currently does, at 6:00 PM on that Sunday.
2-2/2.2.2/Traffic Management and Access	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM): a) In the numbered list, point 5 is incomplete. The sentence, "These messages would be communicated via social media and all Event radio outlets" should be amended to add "as well as via other communications outlets available to off-site agencies, including message boards on I-80 and alongside other roadways leading to the event. b) In the numbered list, point 11 incorrectly includes the word "year-

	round." BRC has not proposed making this communications "year-round" nor would there be any lawful basis for BLM requiring such "year-round" communications of BRC. c) The section on "Mutant Vehicles and Driving Rules" fails to note that speed limits for vehicles change during the Closure Order dates and in different locations. Inside the event, during the event, the speed limit is 5 mph.
2-3/2.2.2 Traffic Management and Access, bullet point 4	This statement is counter to the requirements of proposed Mitigation Measure PHS-1
2-3/2.2.2 Traffic Management and Access, bullet point 7, 8	Bullet points 7 and 8 state, "7. BRC would manage the Burner Express Bus and Burner Express Air programs to provide alternatives to personal vehicles. It would also promote carpooling. BRC would encourage the use of these alternative transportation modes by reserving tickets for Burner Express passengers." BRC currently offers limited reserved ticketing for Burner Express Bus only, and has no current plan to provide reserved ticketing to Burner Express Air passengers. This is an incorrect description of BRC's Proposed Action.
2-4/2.2.2/Event Site and Camping	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM): a) The "Art" section should say "500 registered art pieces," not "300 to 400." b) In the "Offsite Cleanup" section, the first sentence of the second paragraph should replace "collect all roadside trash" with "collect roadside trash related to Burning Man as permitted." In the third sentence of the second paragraph - beginning "Off-site cleanup would begin after all of the Event attendees depart..." - the word "all" should be deleted. The last sentence of this paragraph should be deleted. c) In the "Unified Command and Emergency Procedures" section, the use of "would" in the first sentence is problematic based on the conduct of BLM and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) at the 2018 event. Unified Command requires all parties to work together and notify each other about incidents in a timely manner. If BLM and PCSO do not participate properly in this construct as in 2018, it will not work and unified command should not be the model. The word "would" should therefore be changed to "could." d) In the "Emergency Communications" section, remove "with a collocated dispatch center to ensure coordinated emergency response." e) In the "Food and Drink Service and Potable Water Hauling" section, remove reference to NDEP, which does not have jurisdiction in these areas to BRC's knowledge.

2-5/Offsite Cleanup	Delete the word "all" before roadside trash and add "related to Burning Man" after roadside trash.
2-5/Offsite Cleanup	Delete "all" from "Off-site cleanup would begin after all of the Event attendees depart".
2-5/Offsite Cleanup	Add the word "normally" in this sentence and the clause "but would use adaptive management depending on annual needs" at the end of the sentence: "Weather, traffic, and other safety concerns permitting, BRC would **normally** schedule this cleanup effort to begin on Wednesday after Labor Day."
2-5/Offisite Cleanup	This section is in direct opposition to the requirements of proposed Mitigation Measure NAT-2
2-5/Security	Mitigation Measure PHS-1 is in direct opposition to this paragraph stating the BRC is responsible for monitoring gate operations.
2-6/Emergency Communications	Remove "with a collocated dispatch center to ensure coordinated emergency response." BRC needs to employ adaptive management as to the type of dispatch center employed each year.
2-8/2.2.2/Compliance Programs	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM), BRC did not propose the following statements and again requests that they be removed: (1) "BRC would coordinate and collaborate with the BLM year-round and during the Event to enforce this principle." (2) "To enforce the Leave No Trace Principle." Burning Man's Principle is "Leaving No Trace" - not "Leave No Trace" - and Burning Man's Principles are not "enforced"; they are supported and respected.
2-8/2.2.3	Before any discussion of Stipulations, the DEIS should have included a discussion and table outlining BRC's Proponent Committed Environmental Protections. This comprehensive list of the actions BRC already takes to protect the environment belongs here. Due to the DEIS's failure to reference this document, the public was deprived of the opportunity to comment meaningfully on the DEIS.
2-8/2.2.3/On-Playa Population	This section erroneously states that "BRC oversells the Event." The number of tickets sold is based on an algorithm allowing for attendees who leave early or ticket holders who do not attend at all, and this system has been in place for years. This inflammatory and incorrect statement must be removed. This section also erroneously conflates population monitoring with ticket sales, stating: "If maximum population is reached and attendees depart the Event, additional attendees would not be allowed to replace those attendees." BRC conducts careful population monitoring, and BLM has 24 hour access to this data. For the last five events, BRC has not allow the population on site to

	exceed the limit imposed by the Special Recreation Permit except once, in 2018, with BLM's express approval of the overage. Maximum population is just that: the maximum number of people allowed on site at any given time. This sentence indicates that BLM intends to apply the maximum population to the number of individuals who enter the site in total, regardless of how many people leave and when. With a few keystrokes, BLM has attempted to impose an unwarranted and improper stipulation on the permit and on BRC's business practices with no environmental justification or proven impact whatsoever. This sentence must be deleted.
2-9/2.2.3/Lighting	a) The term "street lighting" in the section is undefined and unclear. b) This section fails to note that the highest concentration of artificial lighting inside the Closure Area is at the BLM compound.
2-9/2.2.3/Noise	This section fails to note that wind is a major source of noise on windy days.
2-9/2.2.3/Ranger Training	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM), this section erroneously states that Black Rock Ranger trainings are held only in California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. In fact, Black Rock Ranger trainings have been held and will continue to be held in many more locations, including outside of the US.
2-9/2.2.3/Golden Spike	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM), BLM must delete this entire section. This is not in the BRC proposed action, and it is not BLM's responsibility to publicize BRC's detailed work schedule.
2-9/2.2.3/Burner Express Bus and Air Operations	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM): a) As made clear in the Proposed Action, which BLM has declined to make available to the public, the Black Rock City Municipal Airport is not regulated by the FAA, as erroneously stated in this section. b) This section erroneously states that the three airport runways are each approximately 6,000 feet long by 50 feet wide." In fact, the two passenger airport runways are about 6,000 feet long by 75 feet wide, while the medevac runway is approximately 4,000 feet long by 50 feet wide.
2-10/2.2.3/Burner Express Bus and Air Operations	Corrections: - We are not FAA regulated. - BLM cannot dictate the layout of the runways/airport or control our operational protocols. This should be taken as hypothetical. - The runway measurements here are approximate but may change to suit operational needs. - Number of helipads may vary. - Yes aviation fuel stored at airport - No motor fuel stored at airport.

2-10/2.2.3/Burner Express Bus and Air Operations	BRCMA is not an FAA regulated airport
2-10/2.2.3/Fuel Storage	The way this section is written makes it sound as if there are seven fuel depots at the airport, not seven fuel depots in BRC, of which one is at airport. Clarification: statement should be "BRC Operates seven fuel depots including at the following locations: the airport, JOC, Department of Public Works Fuel Depot..." and so on.
2-10/2.2.3/Vending Compliance	This section fails to incorporate any reference to the fact that BRC has a robust and effective vending compliance program. The statement that the "vendors are present because of the Event" is deliberately misleading. The are present because they have received special recreation permits from BLM to operate. The DEIS does not provide any legal support for BLM's purported authority to "cap" the number of vendors at an arbitrary number of BLM's choosing and does not provide evidence to show impacts that need to be mitigated with a cap of 100.
2-10/2.2.3/Additional BLM Compliance Elements	This section states, "The BLM recommendation of a minimum height of 10 inches above the playa must be implemented for all burn barrels on the playa." BLM has provided no evidentiary support for or analysis of this recommendation and the basis for proposing "10 inches" is entirely unclear to any reader of this draft.
2-11/2.2.3/Alternative B	BLM cannot dictate or control airport operations. The number and orientation of the runways is based on aeronautical standards and protocols and is not population-dependent. BLM cannot restrict airport operations.
2-11/2.2.3/Alternative B	If the population were reduced, BRC believes the numbers of bus riders would remain high. The estimations are not accurate.
2-11/2.2.3/Alternative B	As noted in BRC's comments on the internal draft EIS (and disregarded by BLM): 1) BRC would be unable to deliver the event inside the parameters suggested by BLM for Alternative B (the reduced population alternative). 2) BLM has made many demands on BRC since the event was this size, and the language used here suggests that these measures would be required to remain in place, despite other key factors of the event being reversed; 3) BLM made no accommodations for BRC's operational needs in this alternative and provided no opportunity for BRC to discuss Alternative B or the terms dictated in it; 4) This alternative would result in hundreds of staffing redundancies in NV and California, as well as a substantial loss of revenue for

	Northern Nevada. None of these economic impacts has been studied in the DEIS.
2-11/2.5	If Alternative D is selected, the 2018 permit stipulations must be revised, as they are revised every year, in order to reflect the actual needs of the current year's event.
2-13/2.7.6	This entire section is hypothetical. The BRC Airport Operations team would decide if or where an airport would be feasible in the case of an Event perimeter relocation. It would be entirely situation-dependent. A move would not necessarily mean that the airport would be placed in an undesirable location relative to (the new location of) Black Rock City. There is no evidence in a hypothetical situation like this that aircraft would be subject to any more or less dust or other hazardous flying conditions as indicated here. This is all conjecture and inaccurate assumptions, rather than evidence-based, as required by an EIS.
2-13/2.8	This section regarding "BLM Land Use Plan Conformance" should be expanded to note that the NCA Act and the corresponding RMP expressly contemplate the continuance of Burning Man events on the NCA. This section should not be buried at the end of chapter 2 but should be included in chapter 1 with full details about the findings in the NCA Act and the RMP relevant to Burning Man. The failure of BLM to include the RMP on the public documents page for this project has precluded meaningful public comment.

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PAGE # SECTION#	**BRC COMMENT**
3-1/3.1	See attached comments regarding the flawed analyses and factual errata in Biological Resources Baseline Report. BLM has failed to show any substantial impact to migratory birds under any of the proposed alternatives and this section must be revised in accordance with NEPA and the Data Quality Act or omitted entirely. No mitigations or monitoring can be required based on this section of the analysis or underlying special studies.
3-3/3.3.1	"Under all alternatives, potential impacts on migratory birds include collisions with traffic from automobiles and aircraft, avoidance and disturbance from noise, attraction to or avoidance of artificial light and temporary structure construction, pollution of habitat with human waste, garbage and air emissions, disturbance to food availability within the playa soils, and harassment potential." This sentence is nonsensical. It is unclear what effect any of the alternatives has on the enumerated "impacts."
3-4/3.3.1/Alt A	Year-round air quality data is lacking to show that this amount of particulate concentrations is significantly greater than ambient conditions
3-5/3.3.1/Alt B	The draft EIS has not shown that migratory birds are present and affected by the Event. Site-specific bird surveys would be needed in order to confirm whether migratory birds are affected.
3-4/3.3.1	This paragraph can be summarized as follows: "Collisions with vehicles can kill birds. The potential for this happening is minimal but would increase if more aircraft and vehicles travel to and from the event." This passage must be deleted, as it is entirely hypothetical and not based in any actual data. The BRC Airport has never had a single report of bird or other wildlife strikes during flight or ground operations.
3-6/3.3.2	BLM has failed to show any substantial impact to any special status species under any of the proposed alternatives and this section must be revised in accordance with NEPA and the Data Quality Act or omitted entirely. No mitigations or monitoring can be required based on this section of the analysis or underlying special studies.
3-8/3.3.2	In the first line of the first full paragraph, the use of "would" supposes that a negative effect has already been documented. Wording such as "could" is accurate and appropriate, unless data have been collected to specifically show that Event-based traffic is

	harming the landscape around hot springs. The same comment applies to transmission of invasive species.
3-8/3.3.3	See attached comments regarding the flawed analyses and factual errata in Biological Resources Baseline Report. BLM has failed to show any substantial impact to any threatened or endangered species under any of the proposed alternatives and this section must be revised in accordance with NEPA and the Data Quality Act or omitted entirely. No mitigations or monitoring can be required based on this section of the analysis or underlying special studies.
3-11/3.3.4	BLM has failed to show any substantial impact to any vegetation under any of the proposed alternatives and this section must be revised in accordance with NEPA and the Data Quality Act or omitted entirely. No mitigations or monitoring can be required based on this section of the analysis or underlying special studies.
3-13/3.3.4	BLM has provided no data or analysis regarding fires allegedly caused by event participant vehicles.
3-12/3.3.4	This same route is travelled by thousands of livestock throughout the course of the year. The draft EIS has not shown that Event-based traffic is any worse than digestion (which often stimulates germination) and spread of weeds via livestock.
3-15/3.3.5	BLM has failed to show any substantial impact to any wetland or riparian area under any of the proposed alternatives and this section must be revised in accordance with NEPA and the Data Quality Act or omitted entirely. No mitigations or monitoring can be required based on this section of the analysis or underlying special studies.
3-17/3.3.6	BLM has failed to show any substantial impact to any wildlife under any of the proposed alternatives and this section must be revised in accordance with NEPA and the Data Quality Act or omitted entirely. No mitigations or monitoring can be required based on this section of the analysis or underlying special studies.
3-27/3.5.1	See attached comments regarding the flawed analyses and factual errata in the Public Health and Safety Report. The entire "Public Health and Safety" section in this draft EIS must be substantially revised or omitted, as it is currently based on nothing more than the unsubstantiated bias and speculation of its author. The absence of reliable data and objective analysis in this section renders it wholly inappropriate for a NEPA document. Because of the extraordinary number of errors in this section, BRC's comments on it will span the next several rows.
3-27/3.5.1/Affected Environment - Emergency Response	- This subsection presumes as established fact something that the EIS wholly fails to establish and that is entirely untrue - that law enforcement agencies are exclusively responsible for "emergency

	response" at the Burning Man event. This section omits all reference to the robust and extensive emergency response resources and professional staff provided by BRC, including via its Black Rock Rangers and Emergency Services Departments. That omission seems intended to mislead the public into believing that no such resources exist. This section must be substantially revised in a recirculated draft to provide the public with the opportunity to meaningfully comment on BLM's assessment. - This subsection states, "Law enforcement staffing is based on current and future Event populations and is determined by responsible agencies, based on current and future management studies incorporating proximity, capacity, and response time of emergency services, to address emergency response and public health and safety." BLM has refused repeated requests to make available to BRC or to the general public - as required by the EIS process - the purported "studies" referenced in this sentence. That refusal has precluded any meaningful public comment on BLM's law enforcement staffing-related decisions as the relate to "public health and safety." BLM has further stated to BRC that BLM law enforcement staffing is based on "gut instinct," a wholly inappropriate metric under the law. - The Socioeconomic Assessment makes clear that the community of Gerlach feels law enforcement presence is too high at Burning Man and that law enforcement led by BLM takes advantage of "this target rich environment." - BLM must explain the basis for its law enforcement staffing determinations in order to enable the public to meaningfully assess any of BLM's analysis or recommendations in this area.
3-27/3.5.1 Affected Environment - Respiratory Concerns	The draft EIS supplies no information regarding the degree of exposure that is required to have significant impact on health. BLM must state what this is or omit this section.
3-27/3.5.1/Table 3-5/Affected Environment - Human Health Concerns/page	- Table 3-5 is deliberately misleading to the public and nearly all of the numbers in it are erroneous. BLM has failed to indicate how and from what sources it derived this flawed data. BRC has confirmed at least the following errors in the table: 1) The "Patients" number includes the number of people treated by ESD, but it should not. The "Patients" number should only include actual patients: i.e., those suffering illness or injuries seeking or requiring advanced medical care and seen at the Rampart facility. ESD numbers are not reportable per the SRP, and anyone treated by ESD at ESD stations requires first-aid care only. Rampart patient numbers declined in 2015 when BRC placed an ESD first-aid station in front of Rampart, thus providing first-aid to those who only needed basic care. This successful adaptive

	management strategy provided the right level of care, relieved the Rampart facility, and reduced the number of patients. Table 3-5 needs to be corrected as indicated in these comments. 2) 2012 patient number is incorrect. According to the HGH AAR 2012, Rampart saw 2,853 patients, not 4,821. 3) 2013 patient number is incorrect. According to the HGH AAR 2013, Rampart saw 3,011 patients, not 6,196. 4) 2013 Altered state, influence of drugs/alcohol is incorrect. The number stated by HGH was 52. ESD saw 51 participants with alcohol-related complaints, and 71 participants with "altered mental status" (which isn't necessarily drug-related) for a Rampart ESD total of 174, not 240. 5) 2014 patient number is incorrect. According to the HGH AAR 2014, Rampart saw 2,860 patients, not 5,443. 6) 2014 "Altered state, influence of drugs/alcohol" number is misleading. Altered mental state should not be grouped in with drug and alcohol consumption as there are many diagnoses besides drug and alcohol use that can lead to an altered mental status. Actual numbers were: 71 drug-related, 30 alcohol-related. 7) 2015 patient number is incorrect. According to the CrowdRx AAR 2015, the number of patients seen was 1,713, not 5,313. 8) 2015 "Altered state, influence of drugs/alcohol" lists 79 patients. According to CrowdRx data, the actual number was 88. Again, altered mental state should not be grouped in with drug and alcohol consumption as there are many diagnoses besides drugs and alcohol use that can lead to an altered mental status. 9) 2016 patient number is incorrect. CrowdRx reported seeing 1,849 patients, not 4,899 patients 10) 2016 transport number is incorrect. While there were 31 air ambulance transfers, the total number of transfers per the CrowdRx 2016 AAR was 35. 11) 2016 "Altered state, influence of drugs/alcohol" lists 126 patients. BRC cannot confirm the basis for this number, as it does not match any data available to BRC or reported in the CrowdRx AAR. 12) 2017 patient number is incorrect. The number reported in the CrowdRx 2017 AAR was 1,660 patients, not 5,039 patients. 13) 2017 transport number is incorrect. The number of transports in 2017 was 52, not 53. 14) For 2017, BLM's table indicates that 325 participants were seen for altered state/influence of drugs/alcohol. In fact, the CrowdRx data show 33 alcohol-related patient visits, 31 drug-related, and 85 "other" or unknown, for a total of only 149. As noted above, "altered state" does not imply the use of drugs or

	alcohol, and so should not be included in the data. 15) BLM erroneously claims the number of combative/agitated patients was not reported. In fact, this information was reported in the CrowdRx 2017 AAR that was delivered to the BLM. That report disclosed 2 combative/agitated patients seen in Rampart, and 6 in ESD. BRC has not confirmed whether the 2 seen in Rampart were seen by ESD first.
3-28/3.5.1/Human Health Concerns	This paragraph states, "Traffic-related injuries occur in the Closure Area and on travel routes to the Event. In 2014, a participant was killed in an accident involving an art car." As written, this text is deliberately misleading and it must be revised for accuracy. The data confirm that accidents during ingress and egress are virtually non-existent, averaging just 1.6 accidents per year for the past 10 years. BRC receives numerous reports each year from participants who feel that law enforcement officers are the greatest perpetrators of reckless driving at the event. The fact that traffic-related injuries occur is irrelevant when the report fails to provide any context and does not even detail their frequency. The sentence about the 2014 incident is equally misleading. The fact that there was a single tragedy of this nature in more than a decade of annual Burning Man events, where tens of thousands of vehicles have entered, existed, and driven around the event site, has absolutely no relevance to a NEPA analysis.
3-28/3.5.1/Human Health Concerns	This paragraph must be rewritten as it is currently deliberately misleading to the public. First, it lacks a discussion of the extensive efforts BRC already has in place to be excellent stewards of the environment, clean up trash on site and off the roads leading to and from the event, educate our participants and staff, and work with local communities and cooperating agencies on waste management. Burning Man is the largest Leave No Trace event in the world. This paragraph also uses hyperbolic terms like "unauthorized dumping" "and "unsanitary debris" - with no support detail in this section - in order to mislead the reader about the scale of the purported issue.
3-28/3.5.1/Human Health Concerns	The paragraph regarding "illegal controlled substances" must be entirely rewritten or omitted. It currently comprises only speculation and unsubstantiated opinions, with no supporting data. - First it says, "Illegal controlled substance ingestion at the Burning Man event is a human health concern, with significant concern regarding the national opioid epidemic." This sentence is absurd. The opioid epidemic has had no discernible impact on Burning Man. There has only ever been one opioid-related arrest. Between 2012 and 2017, the average number of people treated per year for

illegal controlled substance ingestion of any kind was 46. There has never been a case of opioid ingestion/use requiring Narcan in Black Rock City, with the exception of a single participant who attempted suicide via polydrug ingestion and other means. There is also no evidence that Burning Man attracts opioids to Nevada. A 2018 Bureau of Indian Affairs sting operation - widely decried by local prosecutors, the media, and members of the public - did not report finding any opioids, nor were there any other convictions stemming from that ill-considered and constitutionally suspect operation. References to opioids at Burning Man cannot be supported by substantial evidence and must be removed from the EIS.

- The next four sentences are also biased, hypothetical, and misleading: "Participants who believe they are ingesting one substance, only to find out they have ingested something completely different, could overdose. Foods, such as dried apricots and breath mints laced with illicit substances, have been located at the Event. In addition, law enforcement responds to assaultive or combative subject calls during the Event, due to illegal controlled substance abuse. This use jeopardizes the safety of the public, first responders, and BRC staff and volunteers." The first sentence is a hypothetical and wholly inappropriate for this document unless it is supported by detailed evidence. To BRC's knowledge, no such overdose has occurred in the history of the event. The following sentences are not based on any supporting data either - e.g., even if such "foods" were "located" at the event, a statement BLM does not support with any data, it would not follow that there is a substantial public safety impact from the presence of such foods. An EIS is not the place for a collection of anecdotes. BLM also fails to note the number of times that law enforcement has responded to a participant who is "assaultive or combative" because they have abused illegal controlled substances, nor has BLM provided any details of such incidents that would enable an objective assessment of BLM's subjective conclusions about "illegal controlled substances" at the event. There is certainly no evidence that safety has been "jeopardized," and the use of such hyperbolic language underscores the bias of BLM in this section and the accompanying Public Health and Safety Report and their impropriety under NEPA and the Data Quality Act.

- BLM ends this paragraph with another hyperbolic sentence unsupported by any data, claiming, "Illicit drug use can result in an urgent need to evacuate one's refuse, resulting in increases of human feces deposited on the playa and left unclaimed by

	participants in recent years." Again, BLM has made no showing of a significant impact as required by NEPA.
3-28/3.5.1/Human Health Concerns	This paragraph states, "Participants fall from structures and art pieces at the Event, which is a human health concern before, during, and after the Event as art is built, experienced, and dismantled." As written, this paragraph is deliberately misleading in suggesting that such falls happen commonly or with any regularity. The number of such falls that have occurred is not provided. The report should use the more accurate phrasing "can fall" or "may fall" - instead of simply "fall" - to avoid misleading the public.
3-28/3.5.1/Affected Environment - Human Health Concerns	- BLM claims that public health and safety resources are "drawn down" but has not provided any detail regarding the numbers or any associated harms. There is no evidence that fire or emergency medical resources are drawn down in Northern Nevada, as most of their personnel are from out of state. Of the 371 medical providers and firefighters volunteering in 2018, 20 (5.3%) were northern Nevada residents. Just 49 of the 184 contracted medical providers (27%) at BRC's Rampart medical facility were Nevada residents, and 27 of the 41 BRC fire contractor firefighters were northern Nevada residents. - BLM's assertion "[t]here is not enough law enforcement assigned to the Event" is belied by the data on law enforcement activity at the event. For example, the 2018 data show - similar to past years - that the majority of interactions by law enforcement were "public contacts" (49%) and traffic stops (31%). Just 20% of calls were for other assistance, most commonly "compliance checks." (See Attachment A to this spreadsheet, or the CAD data already in BLM's possession, for more details.) - Furthermore, any purported impact on BLM elsewhere is a function of BLM's decision to overstaffed Burning Man with law enforcement officers. Current law enforcement activity at the Burning Man event includes environmental compliance, traffic enforcement, "public assists", and a number of other activities that can be handled by BRC and are, in fact, part of BRC's Plan of Operations. Current law enforcement levels at Burning Man afford officers the time to hand out "gifts" and marketing materials to people at the "substation," an unnecessary activity. At current law enforcement levels, BLM and PCSO routinely dispatch 3-5 law enforcement vehicles with 5-10 officers to support "traffic stops" for reasons including one tail light being dimmer than the other, expired registrations that are in fact not expired, and missing plates on vehicles that do not require them. Current law enforcement levels afford officers time to give hundreds of

	participants directions to the porta potties or to Playa Info - tasks that BRC is fully equipped to handle. Current law enforcement levels afford officers the time to stalk the outskirts of dance parties and harass participants applying Chapstick or eating breath mints, intimidate them, and search their possessions without probable cause. Current law enforcement levels afford officers the time to enter camps to write up violations and direct participants to provide secondary containment for a shopping bag because they mistook it for a fuel container but did not bother to check. Current law enforcement levels afford officers the time to care for multiple K9s that are improperly trained, routinely "hitting" on vehicles with no illegal contraband. Current law enforcement levels provide plenty of officers to arrest people and take them to jail in Lovelock for having their prescription medicine in a standard "pill a day" container, instead of a prescription bottle. At the 2018 event, law enforcement levels were high enough to afford officers the time to traumatize a young boy and his parents, misrepresenting the law for the purpose of intimidation, and threatening to take the child away from his parents and cite them for neglect - simply because they had temporarily (and entirely lawfully) entrusted their child's care to another responsible adult while they took a nap. Current law enforcement levels and resources are well in excess of what is necessary to protect public health and safety at the Burning Man event. - BLM has institutionalized the pretextual stop and appears to have violated many individuals' Fourth Amendment rights in the process. Vehicles are often stopped for no justifiable reason. The stop is delayed until a K9 unit arrives, along with 3-4 law enforcement vehicles and 5-10 officers. The dog is said to have "alerted". There is a search of the vehicle. The search will likely result in no finding of contraband. If it does result in a citation for possession of a controlled substance, the United States Attorney's Office will refuse to prosecute that offense, as they refuse to prosecute all such offenses because they do not pose any substantial public health or safety risk. This annual operation fatally undermines BLM's claims that more officers are needed. - BLM fails to explain what is meant in paragraph 6 by either "limited access controls" or "critical Event vulnerabilities." BLM also has shown no impact whatsoever from these unspecified purported "vulnerabilities." This hyperbolic attempt to artificially inflate the security risk associated with the event must be deleted.
3-28 to 3-31/3.5.1/Environmental Consequences	The Environmental Consequences section fails to describe any impacts. Having more law enforcement is not an impact. It is wholly inappropriate in a NEPA document to relegate the

	consequences to an appendix rather than detail them in the body of the document. Any substantial impact documented in the report should be specifically referenced and summarized here.
3-28 to 3-30/3.5.1/Alternatives Analysis	- This section begins with a faulty and unsupported assumption: "The increased number of bodies on the playa during build week necessitates more law enforcement and emergency medical services prior to, during, and following the Main Event." In fact, BRC has proposed only an incremental increase in "bodies" on site during the pre-event build week, and only late in the week. Moreover, as detailed above, current law enforcement staffing levels are higher than necessary. This section as a whole is not based on any supporting data. Its speculative assumptions and conclusions are misleading and irresponsible. This section must be substantially revised to comply with NEPA and the Data Quality Act. Specific concerns include the following: 1) Throughout this section is the assumption that increases in event population have a direct correlation to increases in the commission of crimes and the need for law enforcement officers. This is unsupported speculation. In fact, in the past 11 years, there has been an average of 5.7 arrests for person-on person crimes per year, which is an objectively insubstantial number when compared to the population and duration of the event. And the number of arrests for sexual assaults at the event, as reported by the Pershing County Sheriff's Office, has not increased with population changes. There were zero such arrests in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015, and 2016; one in 2012 and 2013; and two in 2017. Furthermore, BLM has not made an arrest for the past four years, leaving that task to the Pershing County Sheriff's Office, which is objectively capable of providing adequate staffing for the small number of investigations and arrests, and does not need any staffing support from BLM. All projected increases in "BLM citations, reported sexual assaults and arrests" are tied directly to the population increase, and they must be removed in the absence of any data supporting that correlation. 2) Law enforcement staffing is not a proper topic for an EIS. This section inappropriately characterizes law enforcement staffing as a burden on federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. To the extent such a burden exists, and to the extent it does, such impact could be ameliorated administratively. Staffing should result from annual assessments involving cooperating agencies and the proponent and based on the demonstrated health and safety needs of the event. No set number is appropriate in an EIS. Furthermore, all law enforcement staffing projections are

	unsupported by data as explained above. 3) The section repeatedly cites vaguely to "impacts identified in the Public Health and Safety Baseline Report" without any explanation. Any impacts should be described here, in the body of the NEPA document, not relegated to an appendix.
3-28/3.5.1/Event Population of 90,000 in 2020	Document says: "reducing the BLM's ability to execute other priority missions such as border security, marijuana eradication,..." BLM is not responsible for border security and, except for possible plantations on public lands (which could wait until the event is over and the agents are back in their local jurisdiction), is not responsible for marijuana eradication either. There is no assessment of any effect that a staffing adjustment would have, and no evidence present of increased criminal activity on public lands due to the assignment of federal law enforcement officers to Burning Man. Impacts must be described in terms of context, intensity, and duration.
3-29/3.5.1/Event Population of 100,000	Document says: "This increase would require an onerous and potentially unattainable increase in BLM law enforcement. Additionally, this increase would negatively affect public health and Safety in Pershing County as a whole due to drawdown on first responders available to the rest of the County. Please reference the Social and Economics Section of this document for further discussion regarding partner agency impacts." The record of the EIS provides no support for this conclusion.
3-30/3.5.1/Alternatives Analysis - Alternatives B-D	All three of these sections - which together span about half of one page of the document - consist entirely of unsupported speculation and assumptions and lack any NEPA-compliant analysis.
3-30/3.5.1/Alternatives Analysis - Alternative C	Document says: "This alternative would substantially increase potential impacts related to civil disobedience, emergency response, law enforcement, and evacuation due to the more remote location and associated transportation challenges of emergency response to this location for all population considerations. The increased number of bodies on the playa during build week would necessitate more law enforcement and medical staffing prior to the Main Event." There is no support for any of these assumptions. The alternative location is about 3.5 miles further away, which hardly qualifies as "more remote" that the current location in any meaningful way. As noted above, law enforcement staffing is an administrative action determined through negotiation on an annual basis. It is not appropriate to discuss as an "impact" in an EIS.

3/30/3.5.1/Alternatives Analysis - Alternative B	Document says: "The potential for civil unrest could also increase due to the lack of available participant tickets." This speculation is baseless, like all references to "the potential for civil unrest" throughout this document, and must be deleted.
3-31/3.5.1/Proposed Mitigations for All Event Alternatives	There is no support for any of these proposed mitigations, as none has been shown to have any nexus to a substantial impact documented in connection with this EIS. There has also been no assessment of the effectiveness of the proposed mitigations at addressing the purported but unsupported impacts. Furthermore, there has been no assessment of the potential environmental impacts from any of these proposed mitigations. All of these failures are contrary to NEPA and related guidelines. Every sentence in this section is speculative and presumes the results of analyses that has not actually been conducted. For example: 1) There is no showing that "hardened physical perimeter barriers...would reduce the risk of vehicle entry"; and there has been only one instance of a vehicle driving through the fencing in the past six years - confirming that this is not an impact that requires any mitigation at all. 2) The paragraph relating to proposed Mitigation Measure PHS-2 includes no reference to the substantial resources provided by BRC, including a sexual assault response team on site, and no assessment of the proposal's redundancy or necessity. BRC utilizes a team of experienced professionals to provide sexual assault advocates, a critical resource that the BLM and PCSO have deprived survivors from accessing. The reference to "cost" in this paragraph is specious. BRC provides, free of charge, transportation with an advocate to Reno, where a survivor may have access to a SART exam in a certified facility, along with a hotel room, also free of charge. BRC then will transport the survivor back to the event, if they wish to return, again free of charge. BRC has not proposed to change this or that this service is cost prohibitive. BLM has no basis for demanding the replication of services that are already provided. This section also includes irresponsible speculation that this measure "could increase successful prosecutions." There is no support for that assertion, and the opposite is likely to be true; the results of sexual assault exams performed in a BLM-mandated "popup" facility in Gerlach - rather than the certified center in Reno - would be subject to far greater evidentiary challenges. It is clear that none of these proposals has been seriously considered by BLM or has any proper place in this document. BLM has conceded as much by repeatedly characterizing the

	mitigations in public meetings as mere "talking points." Of course, NEPA does not permit a federal agency to propose mitigations that are not evidence-based, simply to bully the proponent into ultimately capitulating to revised proposals that may be somewhat less outlandish but are still unsupported by the evidence. All of these mitigations must be deleted from the EIS.
3-31-3-33/3.5.2/Affected Environment	- This section lacks any serious discussion or analysis of the extensive measures undertaken by BRC to protect the environment. For example, there is no reference at all to the huge Leave No Trace (LNT) Compliance team run by BRC and specifically created to educate participants about LNT specific to the playa and to require remediation of any LNT violation discovered. This program has had huge success, and BLM's failure to even reference that substantial effort in the draft EIS is wholly improper. As with the rest of the draft EIS, the content of this section indicates that BLM's goal in this EIS process has not been to conduct a serious assessment of the event's environmental impacts but to increase the burdens on BRC to continue producing the event. This section must be substantially revised to reflect current data and complete information about BRC's activities in this area. - This section fails BRC has passed every single Post-Event Inspection, which implies that BRC has not passed inspections. BLM expressly misleads the public in this regard on page 3-34, stating, "For 2018, the density of debris left behind after clean-up was 1.15 square feet per acre. This is in excess of the stipulated amount allowed." This passage falsely implies that BRC did not pass the 2018 inspection. - On page 3-33, BLM improperly cites a 2003 survey that is 15 years out of date and lacks relevance to the current event. Since 2003, BRC's public communications and education programs have given a much greater focus to oil drips and fluid contamination, and BRC's environmental compliance efforts have been incredibly successful. The vehicle occupancy rate cited is likewise outdated, and BLM did not make a single inquiry to BRC or evaluate current data to get an updated rate. - On page 3-33, BLM states, "It is not possible to characterize the exact quantity or composition of solid waste potentially released into the environment." This statement is misleading. It is possible to characterize the likely amount and composition of solid waste potentially released into the environment, based on the many years of data retained by BRC each year, data that BLM clearly elected not to use or even request from BRC. - On page 3-34, in the final paragraph, all of the references to

	actions BRC "would" take should be amended to state that BRC "would continue" to take these actions, since BRC is already doing these things. The effect of the current phrasing is to misleadingly imply that BRC is not currently taking these measures, which has an improper adverse impact on the public's perception. BRC recommends adding "BLM staff and contractors" to the parties to be educated, in order to address the environmental concerns of BLM staff placing beer cans, tampons, and paper towels in the porta potties, as discovered by BRC in 2018.
3-32/3.5.2/Waste, Hazardous or Solid	The seven fuel depots are not at the Airport. There is an aviation fuel station at the Airport, but the rest are located at sites throughout Black Rock City, **not** at the Airport.
3-33-3-36/3.5.2/Environmental Consequences	The discussion in this section consists of generalized statements that are unsupported by current data or by any data at all. These flaws preclude meaningful public comment on this section.
3-38/3.6.1 Air/Ambient Air Quality	It is unclear from the information presented that NAAQS factors in intrinsic dusty conditions, such as those that occur on the Black Rock Desert, or that it factors in dust storms. This seems like a comparison of disparate and scientifically incomparable items, since the Black Rock Desert is a unique habitat prone to dust storms with or without human presence.
3-38/3.6.1 Air/Ambient Air Quality	It is unclear from the information presented the conditions under which this survey was conducted - e.g., was it during a pre-event dust storm? There is no way to quantify the effect of the Event on air quality without comparable measurements during different times of the year. 2017 was a particularly windy and, as such, a particularly dusty year. The 2018 Event, however, had calm winds for the majority of the event and very few dust storms. Creating a model off of one year's worth of data is inadequate and would not hold up in a peer-reviewed journal. This discussion fails to comply with NEPA and the Data Quality Act and must be rewritten.
3-39/3.6.1/Table 3-6/ Air/Ambient Air Quality	It is unclear from the information presented how these values relate to wind speed/gusts. Simply presenting the values without any measure of environmental conditions is highly misleading. This discussion must be revised for scientific accuracy.
3-42-3-43/3.6.1 Air/Atmospheric Dispersion Modeling	It is unclear from the information presented whether the emissions inventory for dust reflects local soil conditions.
3-51-3-54/3.6.3/ Environmental Consequences	The discussion in this section includes many speculative statements that are unsupported by data. These flaws preclude meaningful public comment on this section. For example, page 3-51 states, "While use of decomposed granite prevents burning of the playa surface, remnant decomposed granite oxidizing to an

	orange coloration at burn sites could occur. Orange marks, from remnant oxidized decomposed granite, has the potential to create orange discoloration on the playa surface at BRC's "authorized burn" sites. Some burn scarring could result from unauthorized burns on the playa surface." All of these statements are sheer speculation, unsupported by any assessment of the likelihood of this scarring taking place. Every sentence in any Environmental Consequences section of this draft EIS that includes such speculative terms as "could," "would" or "potential" must be supported by sufficient data or removed.
3-53/3.6.3	The term "playa contours" is undefined and unclear.
3.6.4/Environmental Consequences 3-56 to 3-58	The discussion in this section includes many speculative statements that are unsupported by data. Every sentence in this section that includes such speculative terms as "could," "would" or "potential" must be supported by sufficient data or removed.
3.6.4/3-58	Existing Event regulations already prohibit lasers and other lights from pointing straight up. BLM has not shown that upward-facing searchlights create a substantial environmental impact.
3-60-3-63/3.6.5 Environmental Consequences	The discussion in this section includes many speculative statements that are unsupported by data. Every sentence in this section that includes such speculative terms as "could," "would" or "potential" must be supported by sufficient data or removed.
3-61	This discussion does not consider additional water needed for Gate Road or the runways at the Airport. It should consider the water needed at the Airport for runway watering if it is expected the Airport is going to see a greater number of passengers.
3-61/3.6.5 Water Resources	The "BLM Event Revenue" section states, "Cost recovery fees collected in 2017 were $2,503,453." This figure misleadingly omits the approximately $750,000 that BRC paid for equipment and services provided directly to the BLM.
3-67-3-68/3.7.1	This section incorrectly describes the agreement between BRC and Pershing County for the provision of law enforcement services at the event. Payments are based on event population and are not static as this section implies. This section is also misleading in stating that "Pershing County has indicated that the agreed amount no longer covers the full law enforcement costs to the county. For example, the expenditures incurred by the Sheriff's department associated with the 2017 Event were approximately $35,000 over budget." As discussed, Pershing County and BRC agreed to certain payments based on population, and the County has not expressed dissatisfaction with the agreement. The Sheriff's inability to remain within his budget is a problem of the Sheriff's making. This section must be revised for accuracy.

3-77/3.7.3	This section states, "While the higher income of participants may indicate the potential for higher spending for the Event, it should be noted that some of the highest earning participants fly directly to the Event at the Black Rock City airport, and therefore are less likely to spend money in the local economy on route to the Event." This statement is speculative assumption and lacks any supporting data.
3-78/3.7.3	This section states, "In the 2017 BRC Census, 78.7 percent of attendees felt that the ten principles were important or very important to them, and 73.3 percent of all respondents felt that the ten principles were essential to creating an authentic Burning Man experience (BRC 2017c)." The reference to "attendees" is inaccurate and should be changed to "respondents."
3-79/3.7.3	This section states, "The PLPT recently released a Burning Man Safety Plan that provided goals to reduce potential issues with drugs, particularly opioids." That sentence has no relevance to this EIS. Opioids are not an issue at the Burning Man event, and there is no evidence that opioid use by tribal members or on tribal lands is impacted in any way by the event. All references to opioids in this draft must be removed in the absence of sufficient supporting data.
3-82/3.7.3	This section states, "Impacts on air quality and climate conditions ... may occur as a result from increased emissions from vehicles and aircraft." This statement lacks any supporting data in the DEIS.
3-86/3.8.1	This section states, "Requiring the BRC to inform all pilots landing at Black Rock Airport of nearby Wilderness Areas (see Appendix E) would reduce the impact of low-flying aircraft on visitors' opportunities for solitude." Informing pilots of nearby Wilderness Areas, if desired by BLM, is a responsibility for BLM to undertake using its own resources. This cannot be made BRC's responsibility.
3-87/3.8.2	This section states, "As summarized in the Noise Impact Assessment (Salter 2018), for data collected during the 2017 Event, measured noise that exceeded ambient levels was mostly due to wind storms and airplane flybys and not from Event activities" Neither the DEIS nor the cited "Assessment" indicates who conducted these "flybys" - e.g., whether it was the military, or whether the planes were related to Black Rock City. Airplanes are not much louder than some of the sound camps at Burning Man. The BRC Airport Operations team was not notified of any noise level monitoring on the airport premises.

3-91/3.9.1	Air Carrier services include the use of temporary airstrips and airport parking allowing vendors to shuttle participants to and from the Event.
3-102/3.9.2	This section states, "During the 2016 Event, approximately 1 percent of participants arrived at the Event via air." This statement is inaccurate. In 2016 the total population was about 70,000, and 2,333 passengers flew in on Burner Express Air. 2333/70000 = 0.03, or about 3% of the population.
3-102/3.9.2	This section states, "Except for flights entering and leaving via BRCMA, the BLM closure order restricts aircraft use to emergency aircraft only." This statement is not accurate. The BLM Closure Order does not restrict aircraft activity only to emergency operations. Other aircraft activities at the BRCMA include: - Scenic flights, where pilots gift rides to participants for a view of Black Rock City, - "Burning Sky," a group of certified skydivers who skydive into Black Rock City via their own jump plane and pilot - Ultra light aircraft, which also provide scenic flights
3-102/3.9.2	This section states, "When the closure order is not in effect, there are no airspace restrictions on the playa." In fact, the Closure Order includes no airspace restrictions on the playa.
3-107/3.9.2	This section states, "The trend toward participants carpooling through Black Rock Express or Black Rock Air would mitigate the congestion and associated effects on transportation along SR 447." This language is inaccurate. The DEIS incorrectly refers to the programs as Black Rock Air and Black Rock Express, when the actual titles of the programs are the Burner Express Air and Burner Express Bus programs. This is yet another example of sloppy drafting in the DEIS, basic errors that should have been corrected before BLM made the document public.
3-112/3.10.2/Public Health & Safety	Since this is a Cumulative Impact section, it requires a discussion of how the impacts of this action are additive to the impacts of the other past, present, and foreseeable future actions that have similar impacts, described in terms of context, intensity, and duration. Though the term "cumulative impacts" appears many times, this section only summarizes and restates the speculative and unsupported discussions in the prior sections, which themselves included no discussion of actual cumulative impacts.
3-113/3.10.2	This section states, "The Event alternatives would contribute to impacts associated with fire safety if a fire traveled offsite and resulted in an emergency response, or a wildland fire was burning nearby with aerial suppression tactics that conflicted with Burning

	Man Airport operations." In the event of nearby fire or other event/incident that would impact airport operations, the Flight Operations staff would follow standard aviation protocols. BLM does not seem to realize that **established aviation standards and regulations dictate airport and pilot behavior and operations, not BLM.** - Furthermore, this statement relates to an incident in 2016 where nearby fires led to the issuance of a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) which all pilots are required by law to be aware of under their own recognizance and to observe. Pilots are solely responsible for awareness of and behavior with regard to TFRs and other aviation regulations. The BRC Airport/88NV is not responsible for instructing or directing pilots or for enforcing compliance with aviation regulations. In 2017, BLM made the unfounded accusation that pilots departing 88NV caused an incursion into restricted airspace, and that the airport was somehow at fault for any alleged incursions by pilots after they had left 88NV airspace. This could not be substantiated with any evidence to support the claim of wrongdoing by individual pilots or 88NV staff. BLM's accusation was accompanied by photos of the alleged incursion and those photos were of a BLM firefighting aircraft, the only plane allowed in the TFR area at the time of the photo. No tail numbers, dates, times, witnesses, photos, or other evidence were ever offered. However, since making the unfounded accusation regarding a TFR incursion in 2017, BLM has required via stipulation that the BRC Airport follow uninformed protocols that are not concurrent with FAA or other aviation regulations in the event of a fire, including consulting with BLM on airport operations, tower activities, and pilot instruction, which is nonsensical at best and dangerous at worst. In the event of a TFR, all aviation-related activities in the vicinity of the TFR are conducted according to established FAA regulations, and these are not within the BLM's scope of authority.

	Public Health & Safety Special Studies
PAGE #/ SECTION#	**BMP COMMENT**
General comments on the "Public Health & Safety at the Burning Man Event" special study (referred to herein as "PH&S study")	- Most SRPs defer to the Proponent to address any concerns regarding the health and safety of individual participants. For example, in an off-road-race, the participants know there are certain hazards associated with their participation and are responsible both for following the rules of the event and for their own safety. Accidents and even fatalities happen, and BLM or local law enforcement are not responsible for enforcing the safety requirements of the event. Most law enforcement resources in other SRPs are directed at protecting nonparticipants, such as spectators, other public land users, and nearby communities. Enforcing federal, state and local laws is within the scope of BLM's authority; responsibility for individual participant safety is not. - The PH&S study relies on the 2014 AAR from Humboldt General Hospital, which BRC has previously shown to be riddled with errors. - The PH&S study is deeply flawed, full of errors and misleading narratives, and appears to have been written by someone unfamiliar with how to conduct effective, data-based analyses and assessments. - The PH&S study appears written for the purpose of criticizing BRC rather than objectively assess public health and safety issues related to the event. The writer appears unfamiliar with BRC's operations. This study fails to account for the long-term partnership between BRC and BLM and all of the other cooperating agencies to achieve high levels of public health and safety. It is an irresponsible document that represents a missed opportunity.
1/1.2	This section states, "Public health and safety within the defined geographical scope applies to participant and nonparticipant impacts before, during, and after the proposed Burning Man Event." This sentence vastly overstates the geographical scope of BLM's authority and seems intended to erroneously imply that BRC, a private party, bears responsibility for the actions individuals choose to take, both on and off the playa.
2/1.2 Public Health and Safety	The PH&S study fails to provide any year-over-year data to support its claims of "increased transient populations in surrounding communities for several months after the event"; " increased instances of hitchhiking and residing in vehicles in public areas..."; or that "abandonment of recreational vehicles, trailers, and vehicles in suburban communities around the event increases in the month following the event." Absent any evidence these statements are true, they must be removed.

	This section also states, "The event increases the workload of neighboring communities' medical resources, tow truck operations, sanitation, and law enforcement." This sentence is misleading in several respects. First, tow truck operators and sanitation companies increase their business and revenue because of this additional work during Burning Man. This is literally their business, and they are free to decline the additional revenues. It is disingenuous and misleading to write this sentence as though such and increase in workload represents a negative impact from the event. BLM must provide data to support its claim that the additional business is overly taxing or detrimental for these companies, or else remove them from this statement. With respect to law enforcement workload, the PH&S study fails to note that BRC has funding agreements with the Nevada Highway Patrol, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Pershing County and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe that cover the additional expenses of policing the event and the surrounding areas. This information must be added to this narrative for accuracy. Finally, this section states, "Law enforcement officers brought from other agencies across northern Nevada leave an absence in their home agency, drawing down available public safety resources in northern Nevada." The study misleadingly suggests this has a negative effect on public health and safety in these communities. In fact, if these other agencies had significant concerns about a reduced level of law enforcement in their home agencies, they would not provide officers for this duty. BLM must provide year-over-year data to support this statement, or remove this statement.
2/1.2.1/Aircraft Activity	This section states, "A potential for hard landings exists on remote, unpaved landing strips; a minimal amount of incidents have occurred with minor injuries and property damage to aircraft." The first clause of this sentence is irrelevant. A potential for hard landing exists whenever planes fly and then land, i.e. everywhere there is a plane landing. This statement must be revised for accuracy or deleted. - It is correct that "a minimal number of incidents have occurred" at 88NV resulting in only minor damage to aircraft and a few minor injuries. The section must include year over year data regarding these incidents, or else it should be removed. This section also lacks any discussion of BRC operations and mitigations already in place to ensure public safety at the airport, such as the fire tender staged at the Airport and the response capabilities and record of ESD. This information must be included in this section for completeness.
2/1.2.1/Aircraft Activity	This section states, "The airport did not experience an aircraft crash, per FAA definition, in its history of operation until 2018 when the

	FAA defined an incident as a crash." This sentence mischaracterizes the incident as a "crash" - which is a non-industry, non-aviation term that simply means something fell over. The actual incident referred to here was just that: an "incident" that the FAA did not deem severe enough to be classified as an accident.
2/1.2.2 Civil Disorder	- This highly speculative, inflammatory, and inaccurate section must be removed or rewritten. There is no impact statement within this section. And there are no documented instances of "civil disobedience" or "civil unrest" or "riotous crowds" in Burning Man's history. The author seems to be inciting such behavior. - The claims that "a civil unrest built within the community" and "riotous crowds were forming" in 2007 are false. Many BRC staff reviewing the Draft EIS were present in 2007 when the Man was ignited early and can attest to the fact that participants were excited but peaceful and soon left the scene. It was exciting for a little while, but no services were disrupted beyond the expectations of the event. BRC operations and incident response went smoothly and as planned. Black Rock Rangers managed and calmed the situation in 2007 effectively, not law enforcement, showing the relationship and influence Black Rock Rangers have with the participants and their ability to manage the situation and showing their value as a force multiplier. - This section recklessly speculates that the 2007 participant was "disgruntled with the cultural shift at the Burning Man Event" without providing any evidence of this claim, which fails to meet the standards of NEPA or the Data Quality Act. The PH&S study fails to state the time period it covers, and provides no basis for referencing an incident that took place more than 10 years ago in 2007. The proponent was able to defuse the 2007 situation and avoid an incident, and there is no evidence that such an event might be repeated.
2/1.2.2 Civil Disorder	- The report says that "civil disorder could overwhelm law enforcement resources." This has never happened at Burning Man, and as this statement is a non-sequitur, and true universally, this is not a measurable impact. This could happen in Elko or in any other municipality where civilians outnumber law enforcement. - None of the other instances listed in this section from 2016 (missing 17-year-old girl leading to Gate closure), 2017 (White Ocean alleged vandalism), and 2018 (overpopulation) meet the definition of "civil disobedience" or "civil disorder." BLM must provide data and incident reports to support its claims. - With respect to White Ocean, the study alleges, "White Ocean was the victim of vandalism and theft resulting in thousands of dollars of property damage from civil disorder. White Ocean disbanded the

	theme camp following the 2017 event without ever naming the vandals who caused the property damage." The first sentence is demonstrably false. Vandalism and theft are not the same as civil disorder, nor was there ever any confirmation that these alleged crimes took place. This is not the sort of impact that BLM is authorized to assess in a NEPA document. The study also speculates, "The theme camp was a problem for BRC in that the theme camp did not adhere to BRC's ten principals." First, Burning Man has 10 Principles, not 10 principals. Moreover, the study's author is not qualified to speak to BRC's cultural values.
2/1.2.2 Civil Disorder	With respect to 2018 event population, the study alleges, "In 2018, BRC contacted the BLM Authorized Officer at the event to lift population control measures of one vehicle entering the event for every vehicle leaving the event. BRC requested this change due to a growing unruliness of participants waiting to enter the event despite volunteers working diligently to settle waiting participants." This narrative is false. In fact, BRC reported to BLM that BLM law enforcement officers were in the Gate lanes misreporting to waiting vehicles that the event was closed. This negligence on the part of BLM officers caused growing and needless concern among people waiting to be processed into the event. - This paragraph ends with the hyperbolic claim, "The BLM agreed to pulse 200 vehicles into the event every two hours to alleviate the unrest in participants waiting to enter the event. This resulted in a sustained population over 80,000 for several hours to alleviate unrest and avert full-blown civil disorder." BLM has presented no evidence whatsoever that "full-blown civil disorder" was even a remote risk. - This entire section belies the biases of its author and must be deleted from the study.
3/1.2.3/Disease Vectors	- Among the flaws in this section are the following: it fails to identify the purported contaminants in the non-potable dust abatement water; the harms if ingested; or any history of people at Burning Man being harmed from ingesting dust abatement water. This section fails to quantify the potential risk or provide any data and analysis to support its narrative. Absent statistical data of illness due contaminated water exposure, and documentation of contaminants found in the water each year to support the claim of an impact here, this section is scientifically worthless. - BRC has no record of this impact.
3/1.2.3/Disease Vectors	The risks to law enforcement stated in this section exist with any law enforcement contact and are not any different at Burning Man. There is an impact only if there is a change from the baseline. No impact has been shown here.
3/1.2.3/Disease Vectors	Illness is a rick in any population. The EIS analysis should focus on the impacts of THIS EVENT. For example, this section fails to note the

	potential impact to the **public** if a person gets the flu or Valley Fever. That individual may be affected (Valley Fever is not communicable from person to person) but that does not mean there is a public impact. - The PH&S study also fails to note the incidence of illness from Valley Fever and West Nile. The potential incidences of illness appear very remote and insignificant. There is no impact described in terms of context, intensity, and duration, and no year over year statistical data to support this analysis. This entire section should be eliminated.
3/1.2.4/Medical	This section states, "In 2012, BRC began looking for ways to treat participants on the playa rather than transporting them to area hospitals, decreasing time to treatment by managing complaints on-site." This statement is false. BRC always treated participants on playa. We simply provided additional services in following years.
4-6/1.2.5/Law Enforcement	- This paragraph states that BLM determines "adequate law enforcement staffing...based on current and future event populations" and "management studies," but provides no year over year statistical data or further information. These studies must be detailed to explain why BLM aimed to staff the event with 75 officers the past 3 years. Without this information, the entire paragraph is meaningless and should be deleted. - BLM LE spend most of their time on public assists and traffic stops. There is no justification for current levels of law enforcement. Therefore this analysis is flawed and the conclusions are spurious. - The Law Enforcement section doesn't take into account the significant force multiplier effect of Black Rock Rangers. - The statistics cited in this section are not impacts. BLM has failed to provide necessary year-over-year data showing impacts. This section should be deleted.
5-6/1.2.5/Law Enforcement	BLM or other federal agencies making choices about where to deploy LE staff is a daily administrative responsibility and is not appropriate to be discussed in an EIS.
4-6/1.2.5/Law Enforcement	This section is based primarily on anecdotes and contains no data. The relationship with PCSO is not at bar in this NEPA EIS review. There is no evidence of particular danger to law enforcement, nor a need for such robust policing in the first place. The population of BRC is stagnant and has been for four years.
4-6/1.2.5/Law Enforcement	This section alleges that the PCSO has been told by "peer agencies" the event lacks the "law enforcement resources" for adequate officer safety and as such will not allow their staff to work the event under contract with the PCSO.

	- The section fails to identify what/which "peer agencies" or what "law enforcement resources" are not provided for adequate officer safety. - There has not been a violent crime wave at Burning Man - ever. If law enforcement focused on actual crime rather than hundreds of public assists and self-initiated traffic stops, there would be plenty of officers available for the small number of incidents that actually require the assistance of law enforcement. - In 2018 BRC staff witnessed ***10*** law enforcement vehicles attending a situation where a participant had a heart attack. This level of response was completely unnecessary. This type of overkill is not included in the analysis of law enforcement officer time or staffing levels. Law enforcement vehicles also frequently cluster around pretextual vehicle stops. Often there will be four or more vehicles at these stops, which is ridiculous. BLM has failed to provide sufficient data to support the faulty findings in this analysis. - Historically PCSO hired retired law enforcement staff to augment numbers so that current levels were not affected. The current model used by PCSO is by choice of the current Sheriff.
4-6/1.2.5 Law Enforcement	This section states, "The Burning Man Event has, for several years, far exceeded the resources of not only Pershing County but law enforcement resources of northern Nevada as a whole." - The study provides no data or impact analysis to support this statement, let alone the year-over-year qualitative and statistical data or impacts to Pershing County. Absent this data, this sentence should be removed. This section also states, "This endeavor is becoming increasingly difficult to perform from year to year, as the population of the Burning Man Event continues to increase, and the payment to Pershing County for this festival remains relatively stagnant (PCSO PMS 2017)." That statement is speculative, incomplete and misleading. **BRC's payment to Pershing County each year increases as population increases, within designated ranges that Pershing County agreed to.** This sentence should be deleted.
7/1.2.5/Law Enforcement	Document says: "to provide some semblance of law enforcement expected by the participants." There is no data in the PH&S study to substantiate this claim. There is no description of how expectations of participants are measured. There is nothing in this document to explain why or how participant expectations can properly be a driving factor in law enforcement staffing decisions. There is no NEPA analysis in this section. There is no technical definition for "some semblance."

	By contrast, BRC can provide years of accounts from participants describing a state of over policing at the event.
7/1.2.5/Law Enforcement	Document refers to "minimal resources necessary to provide for public safety" with explanation of this analysis, no data from an analysis, and without the analysis itself. To BRC, minimal resources would not include four law enforcement vehicles per "traffic stop" for going 11 mph in a 10 mph zone, or having a bicycle on the back of one's car, or dust on one's license plate. It would not include thousands of public assists that could otherwise easily be handled by the proponent and community. It would not include optional operations like intercepting letters and packages from the post office theme camp, searching luggage from passengers on the bus or at the airport, or spending days running K9 units around empty RVs. "Minimal resources" would not include arresting people for having their prescription medicine in the wrong container or officers handing out trinkets at the "substation" or ten vehicles responding to a heart attack. "Minimal resources" would not include a million dollars in communications and IT equipment for an 8-day event. BRC has documentation of all of these actions by law enforcement in recent years. The reference to "minimal resources" must be deleted.
7/1.2.5/Law Enforcement	This section states, "Currently, if fully staffed, the PCSO and BLM combine for 96 officers, including command staff, for an approximate 80,000-person population with a straight line staffing of 1.2 officers per 1,000 population. This falls below the industry standard of 1.8 per 1,000 population. Burning Man differs from a normal population analysis because the participants at the event regularly stay active 24-hours a day and do not report to work and school as in normal policing environments. The 96 officers on-site are split across three shifts to provide 24-hour coverage with peak staffing targeted at peak participant activity (7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.)." This paragraph references ratios on officers-per-thousand population in **municipalities** - which have no relevance to the Burning Man recreational event - and mischaracterizes these irrelevant ratios as "the industry standard." The document fails even to cite the source for the purported "industry standard." BRC believes it is from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, though no citations are provided. The International Association of Chiefs of Police, however, expressly advises law enforcement agencies that it is "TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE" to use such ratios as a basis for decisions. See http://www.theiacp.org/Portals/0/pdfs/PatrolDeployment.pdf. This paragraph notes a difference between Burning Man and "normal population analysis," but there is no reference to any of the myriad other reasons that Burning Man is **not** like a city (e.g., it has

	substantially lower crime rates). Both sentences must be deleted and replaced with accurate data that is applicable to the Burning Man event. Burning Man is not a city; it is a special event. It is absurd to compare BRC to a municipality, and BLM's insistence on doing so calls into question the agency's motivations in drafting this EIS. If BLM is going to rely on an "industry standard" for any purpose, it must be one that is applicable to special recreation events like Burning Man.
7/1.2.5/Law Enforcement	This section states, "PLPT enlisted assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 2018, but that effort was met with a publicly hostile response from BRC." This is non-specific regarding the "effort" that BRC objected to. Specifically, BRC objected to unconstitutional stops and searches of vehicles, unnecessary delays to staff and vendors, the creation of traffic safety hazards from the BIA operation being conducted on narrow roads with no shoulders, and the lack of notification from the BIA to local and State agencies.
7/1.2.5/Law Enforcement	This section states, "The Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Nevada Highway Patrol staff supplemental officers to the area during the event due to an increase in call volume during the event." - The document omits the fact that these supplemental officers are paid for by BRC through annual agreements. The effect of the omission is to provide a false narrative about impacts on law enforcement.
8-9/1.2.5/Table 1/Law Enforcement	This table does not have a purpose in this document. It does show law enforcement staffing over the years, but there is no impact analysis discussion that draws from this table. Staffing is an administrative action not dependent on the environment. There is no source cited for this data. This table should be removed.
9/1.2.6/Evacuation	- There are no impacts described in this section. - None of these natural disasters necessarily require an evacuation. - Black Rock City is typically capable of operating several days without access to outside resources due to the extensive resources already on site at any given time. - BLM references the increasing use of RVs and trailers throughout the draft EIS, but omits them here. Why? - This is not solely addressable by law enforcement. BRC staff (especially, but not exclusively, Black Rock Rangers) are as capable of establishing scene safety and evacuations as law enforcement. Note than none of the listed human-made disasters require a mass evacuation from the playa but simply a clearing of a specific area, a task that is easily accomplished by BRC staff.
9/1.2.7/Explosives	This section states, "Burning Man produces a large fireworks display at the burning of the effigy on the Saturday night before Labor Day.

	BRC provides security for these explosives prior to the deployment on-site." This is incorrect. Fireworks are pyrotechnical materials, not explosives. This sentence should read: "Pyrotechnic materials are stored in a secured area in compliance with NFPA guidelines. The morning of the display these are moved to the pyrotechnic set up area at the Man Base structure."
10/1.2.8/Fire Safety	This section states, "The BLM requires BRC to provide firefighters certified in wildland firefighting per the 2012 EA." - This has no bearing on the discussion since the likelihood of a wildfire on a barren playa is nil. This stipulation has been changed, and BRC already has qualified personnel in the ESD fire department. This is another discussion completely devoid of impact analysis. The use of the phrase, "Despite the applicant's planning," is pejorative and should be deleted. This section states, "A requirement that BRC provides structural, qualified firefighters within the fire response group needs to be considered in future permitting requirements." The DEIS fails to include BRC's expertise and existing services in this faulty analysis. The following is a list of fire response resources that BRC has on site for the event: - Station 5 Type-1 engine - Station 5 Type-6 engine - Station 5 Tender - Hazmat Rescue-3 - ESD Type-6 engine 3 - ESD Type-6 engine 9 - Fire Duty Chief (FDC) - Battalion Chief (BC) - Fire Chief on Call (F1&F3) - Ambulance(s) - Airport Type 1 engine - Airport Tender - Every year BRC engages between 115 and 125 firefighters with wildland and/or structural firefighting certifications. All firefighters have wildland and/or structural firefighting certifications and experience and most have both. All firefighters have ICS 100, 200, and 700 at a minimum; most have several more FEMA or firefighting specialty certificates (Hazmat, technical rescue, etc). All firefighters working for BRC are either current or retired structural fire fighters and/or are Red Carded wildland firefighters. - The State of Nevada recognizes NFPA standard 1001 as the

	benchmark for firefighter certification. Most states as well as Canada use this standard to certify their fire fighters. All applicants for the BRC Fire Department are vetted by our Volunteer Coordinator, as well as our Command Staff to insure our resources meet our standards and expectations. - BRC allow 1 engine crew member to be wildland only – as they are a good fit to be the driver/pump operator. BRC do not allow wildland only personnel to use SCBA's. This means that a minimum of 2 of the crew are trained as structural firefighters (NFPA 1001 compliant) and are able as a team of 2 to enter an IDLH for rescue or fire suppression. - This section must be revised to accurately reflect the resources provided by BRC.
10/1.2.8/Fire Safety	This section states, "In 2018, a rental box truck ignited at its camp while the camp was breaking down and loading equipment. Fire and law enforcement responded, secured the scene, and extinguished the fire. The box truck and its contents were a total loss and created environmental compliance issues as petroleum products leaked onto the playa. BRC and the camp occupants remediated the compliance issues by removing contaminated playa soils." - This incident confirms that BRC's response operations worked very well. The author seems to have referenced the incident here to insinuate a risk related to fire safety, but the response to the incident actually confirms the opposite. "In 2018, an RV leaving the event caught fire approximately 30 miles south of the event on SR 447. " - It is unreasonable for BLM to seek to hold BRC accountable for activities that happen many miles away from the event. It is outrageous and in violation of NEPA for BLM to include reference to an incident 30 miles away from the event in the EIS analysis.
11/1.2.9 Flooding	This section states, "The playa surface becomes impassable in the event of even a small amount of rain. In 2014, the playa received enough rain to paralyze vehicular travel on the playa for approximately 12 hours. The inability to traverse the event site by vehicle eliminated public services, including portable toilet servicing, rapid emergency response for medical and law enforcement incidents, and servicing of camp equipment." - BRC limits vehicle movement to reduce damage to the playa surface, but movement is possible. Large amounts of rain can make the playa impassable to motorized wheeled vehicle traffic. Everything went fine in 2014, no disasters occurred during those 12 hours, and sanitation was fine and medics were prepared to move on foot.

	- BRC's contingency plan stages sewage, water and fuel resources at key and busy locations around the city. Ambulances and Black Rock Rangers were positioned on Gate Road, extra potties were located off playa, and BRC continued emergency response on the playa (see ESD records). - In the 2014 incident discussed here, the only resources that stopped responding to the event were BLM law enforcement, who elected to relocate all response resources to CR34. BRC-provided resources, including fire, medical, Black Rock Rangers, hazmat, etc., all continued to respond on playa. People staying at camp and enjoyed that version of the Burning Man experience with friends. BRC's operations were commendable. BRC is dismayed that BLM is unable to acknowledge our success. This section states, "Absent sanitation services, public health and safety diminishes due to the increased risk of exposure to disease vectors during a flood event if resources are unable to provide sanitation services to the existing 1,700 portable toilets used by participants. In addition, flooding can cut off vital services to the city such as fuel and ice delivery. Without adequate ice, food spoilage could occur. " -This analysis is poor and incomplete. Missing from this section: This potential impact is mitigated by BRC's own operations, thousands of RVs and trailers, and communal effort and gifting. People take care of each other at Burning Man and pull together when resources are needed. We have a 30-year history of doing so.
11/1.2.10/Human Health Concerns	"Additionally, motor vehicle crashes occur within the Closure Area and on travel routes to the event" - The DEIS fails to provide statistics of incidents involving cars from 2012-2018. It likewise fails to provide a technical definition of "motor vehicle crash" as it is used in this document. Document says: "Some of these art cars store a fuel supply and operate pyrotechnics." - This is false. There are no fireworks (pyrotechnics) operated on any art cars. No extra gas or diesel storage allowed on art cars. Some may be approved to carry propane. This section of the PH&S study is extremely poorly researched and provides no analysis to support any conclusions.
12/1.2.10/Human Health Concerns	Document says: "...unauthorized dumping of unsanitary debris, such as trailers and trash, next to the Closure Area and along travel routes have an impact on surrounding communities. Large amounts of waste are deposited along the roadside, spreading into neighboring lands by the wind."

	- The document fails to provide year over year quantitative data to support this claim. The document fails to explain that trash and debris are picked up by the Burning Man organization. The document fails to explain the details of our Highway Cleanup program. The document fails to explain that BRC picks up trash from year-round residents and users. The document fails to explain the details of our Leave Nevada Beautiful campaign. Document says: "Trash and abandoned vehicles and trailers can be found along the travel routes and in Reno suburbs." - The document fails to provide year over year quantitative data to support this claim. The sentence must be removed. Document says: "Businesses in Fernley rent extra trash receptacles at their own expense to accommodate trash left behind from Burning Man Event participants " - The document fails to explain that they do this because of the business benefits they experience as a result of Burning Man. The document fails to explain what the measurable impact is, and fails to provide year over year quantifiable data. Document says: "depositing human waste on the playa is an issue creating sanitation concerns." - The document fails to provide year over year data. The phrase must be removed
12/1.2.10/Human Health Concerns	The document says: "On-site medical care provided by the BLM and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mitigates the lasting effects of the austere environment by providing primary and preventative medical care at the event site. HHS is also equipped with capabilities to assist employees with Office of Workman's Compensation Program paperwork as applicable. HHS providers are also trained in critical incident stress management, and this service was offered to all staff following the traumatic event of witnessing a man burn alive in 2017. BRC offered critical incident care to participants and staff through their volunteer response team." 1) BRC offers a full range of care for both staff and participants, including mental health support, CISM, DV/SA advocacy, harm reduction, as well as full BLS and limited ALS services. 2) BLM sees fit to replicate services provided by BRC for its own staff even though BRC facilities are equipped and arguably better equipped.

	3) BRC's professional response teams are fully licensed individuals in the field they operate, and in many cases are leaders in their fields in the US. Volunteer capacity has not led to a failure of response capacity on BRC watch. By contrast, law enforcement is frequently late or chooses not to respond to BRC. 4) BRC contracts with an Employee Assistance Program for all staff that includes a range of services, including but not limited to psychological and grief counseling, and has been activated on playa. Additionally, BRC has People Operations staff certified in peer to peer counseling that is a component of critical incident management.
12/1.2.10/Human Health Concerns	There is no impact analysis in this section.
12/1.2.10/Human Health Concerns	The document says, "Within the event closure area, 'leave no trace' principles are communicated to participants" - In fact, BRC and the Burning Man community communicate these principles year-round. The document says, "unauthorized dumping of unsanitary debris, such as trailers and trash, next to the closure area and along travel routes have an impact on surrounding communities." The DEIS lacks sufficient quantitative or qualitative data to support this statement. The DEIS fails to note or consider that trash associated with the Burning Man event is picked up by BRC crews post-event. The DEIS fails to describe or consider how BRC, NDOT, and the PLPT work together to ensure vehicles and trailers - and the debris from them - are cleaned up by BRC and NDOT. The DEIS fails to state that unauthorized trailers are rare. The DEIS fails to describe that unauthorized trailers are rare but when they do occur, they are typically from accidents. The DEIS fails to note or consider that many occasions of larger-scale unauthorized dumping of debris and trash are from operations permitted by the PLPT. BRC provides extensive clean up to the local communities and surrounding roads. The document says, "Large amounts of waste are deposited along the roadside, spreading into neighboring lands by the wind." The DEIS lacks sufficient quantitative or qualitative data to support this statement. The DEIS fails to describe or consider that trash associated with the Burning Man event is picked up BRC crews post-event. The DEIS fails to describe or consider that BRC has extensive education programs including Leave Nevada Beautiful campaign providing details to participants on locations and businesses to take trash and recycling. In 2017, there was an anomaly in that three

	vehicles/trailers were left behind on Hwy 447 post-event after crashes occurred. The DEIS fails to describe or consider that BRC, NDOT, and the PLPT worked together to remove everything and address the problems in future years. The DEIS fails to state that 2018 was successful. This section fails to acknowledge BRC's Leave No Trace teams on SR 447 and SR 34 or BRC's efforts to work with communities when they bring these issues to our attention.
12/1.2.10/Human Health Concerns	Document says: "participants fall from structures and art pieces at the event." BLM provides no information regarding the occurrence of such falls, any injuries that were incurred, or any resulting impacts. Absent year over year statistical data this section should be deleted. The Draft EIS fails to provide the necessary data to support this analysis.
12/1.2.10/Human Health Concerns	Document says: "Communities across northern Nevada are left with reduced emergency services staff, particularly in Pershing County. BLM resources at the event are brought from across the nation, leaving millions of acres of public lands without BLM law enforcement coverage during the Burning Man Event. The drawdown of BLM law enforcement is exacerbated when the event falls on Labor Day weekend, one of the busiest weekends on public lands across the nation." There is no discussion for why this is a problem or if there are any real impacts from this. BLM has failed to provide year over year statistical data showing the impact and should delete this section.
12/1.2.10/Table 2	The date in this table is incorrect. BRC has accurate data and has provided them to BLM.
13/1.2.11/Controlled Substances	Document says: "... Illegal possession, use, and distribution of controlled substance at the Burning Man Event is a public health and safety concern, with significant concern regarding the national opioid epidemic." - There is literally no evidence provided to show that there is a problem with opioids at Burning Man. The national opioid epidemic has not presented itself in Black Rock City. The lack of research and knowledge displayed here is embarrassing for the author. - The average number of people treated for illegal controlled substance ingestion between 2012 and 2017 was 46, or 0.06% of the total population. Additionally, there has never been an opioid ingestion requiring Narcan in Black Rock City with the exception of

	one participant who attempted suicide via polydrug ingestion. Opioid abuse is not an issue in Black Rock City.
13/1.2.11/Controlled Substances	"The "gifting culture" of the Burning Man Event results in people accepting items from strangers and ingesting substances unknown to them." BLM cannot disparage gifting culture by equating it with dosing. This statement appears to be deliberately sensational. It must be deleted. Document says: "Participants who believe they are ingesting one substance only to find out they have ingested something completely different may overdose." The document provides no evidence that this has ever happened in Burning Man's history, let alone year-over-year statistical data. If there are no data, this sentence must be deleted as idle speculation is not appropriate for a NEPA study. Humboldt General Hospital should not be the expert cited for medical issues. The main author of the 2014 HGH AAR was discredited and fired, and so was the CEO. HGH did not supply any data to support this claim. Given the vast amount of inaccurate or false data and claims in the 2014 HGH AAR, the claim in lines 5-7 can't be supported with any confidence. The document states, "GHB, commonly known as liquid ecstasy" In fact, GHB is Gamma hydroxybutyrate. Ecstasy is 3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine. These are two entirely different compounds with entirely different effects and complications. Remove "commonly known as liquid ecstasy." GBH may be referred to by some individuals as "liquid ecstasy" but not "commonly" so. This has the danger of confusion as actual ecstasy (MDMA) comes in both pill and liquid form.
13/1.2.11/Controlled Substances	The document states, "These encounters often lead to use of force situations in which law enforcement must go 'hands on' to bring participants under control to prevent risk of harm or injury to the public and employees working the event" - BLM has failed to define show and define "often" by including no year-over-year statistical data. It is impossible to prevent risk. Use of force when needed is one of the responsibilities of law enforcement. Fortunately use of force is rarely needed at Burning Man, and if BLM had provided statistics, the readers of the Draft EIS would have been able to see this.
13/1.2.11 Controlled Substances	Document says: "On an annual basis, the public, BRC staff, and law enforcement officers have been assaulted or battered as a result of illegal drug use." - The DEIS fails to provide year over year data to support this

statement; it should be removed.
- BRC provided harm reduction training to BLM to mitigate this issue. We received positive feedback from officers employing the techniques as well as an increase positive participant feedback about LE interactions. BLM has since refused the training.

Document says: "In addition, response to these calls consumes patrol resources, which can be tied up for over an hour dealing with a combative subject. This leaves large parts of the city without patrols or units to respond to other calls for service."
- Earlier in this report BLM states there are dozens of officers on duty in Black Rock City. This statement seems to be contradictory. Provide year over year quantitative data to support this statement or delete this statement.

This section indicates that it is problematic for law enforcement officers to spend "over an hour" dealing with a combative subject. Dealing with a combative subject is what law enforcement should be doing, and if it takes an hour, that is part of their job.

What "other calls for service" have been ignored because law enforcement was dealing with a combative subject? Provide specific and conclusive year over year data to support this statement or remove it. BRC pays over a $100,000 each year for a CAD system that captures every single law enforcement call and the actions law enforcement takes that are not calls for service, including the thousands of times law enforcement officers give directions to the toilets, so this data absolutely exists and BLM has selected not to provide it in this Draft EIS. Provide evidence and explain the impact. Dealing with a combative person is arguably more important than handing out trinkets at a table on the Esplanade or harassing someone eating a mint, which are both apparently essential "duties" of BLM law enforcement on the playa.

"It is imperative to note the root of violent behavior against others at the event, to include law enforcement, is illegal drug use"
"Attempting to stem violent participant behavior without addressing illegal drug use will not have a significant impact on participant or law enforcement safety."
- Alcohol is not illegal. The DEIS fails to provide quantitative and qualitative data; these statements should be removed. Physical battery against staff remains rare. Alcohol is a greater contributor to batteries than illegal drugs.

	The are Black Rock Rangers all over Black Rock City at all times patrolling and calling in services as needed. It is irresponsible to indicate otherwise.
13/1.2.11/Controlled Substances	"The proponent attempted in 2017 and 2018 to hire and deploy a private security force, in what the proponent referred to as intermediate protection for their staff" - This is a false statement. The proponent began planning for deploying a very small private security force. And that planning does NOT include screening or searches at the Gate. Document says: "... nor has BRC ever contacted law enforcement to report discovery of illegal controlled substances. The BLM does not have a record of BRC gate operations ever referring an incident to law enforcement for illegal substances found upon entry at the event." These statements are not supported by evidence, but imply wrongdoing and are irrelevant to the discussion.
14/1.2.12/Sexual Assaults	BRC provides extensive support for victims of sexual assault on playa. Please see below and Proponent Committed Operations and Environmental Protection Measures and Mitigations.
14/1.2.12/Sexual Assaults	"Since 2014, an average of 12 sexual assaults are investigated by law enforcement over the course of the 8-day event". - No data is provided to support this statement, which is false according to data provided by PCSO to BRC and BLM each year. - Note that there has been just 1 prosecution for a sexual assault (as far as BRC has been informed by PCSO) and only 5 SART exams were conducted over the entire time period from 2014 through 2018.
14/1.2.12/Sexual Assaults	"Not all sexual assault victims report incidents to law enforcement at the event." BLM must add "nor are they required to" and remove the words: "at the event." BLM provides no data to support this statement.
14/1.2.12/Sexual Assaults	According to the Department of Justice, 3 out of 10 sexual assaults are not reported to law enforcement (Department of Justice). - 1) Despite these statistics, law enforcement at the Burning Man event still insisted on being notified immediately, reporting to the scene, hanging around the scene, and in one specific instance, demanding the survivor sign a form, thereby violating their legal right to anonymity. 2) In some instances, law enforcement has received a report of a sexual assault and failed to notify BRC's advocate program (staffed by experienced professionals from around the country). Instead PCSO staff handled the instance per their experience despite clear DOJ statistics showing that advocacy improves the chances of meaningful

	LE engagement. 3) Note also that adding more law enforcement to the pool, especially law enforcement who demonstrably fail to protect survivors' rights, will not change the amount of reporting.
14/1.2.12/Sexual Assaults	"Despite the number of sexual assaults occurring at the event, sexual assault response teams are not available for victims... "If a sexual assault occurs at the event, the victim must be transported off-site for forensic medical exams without a support network in place." - This statement is completely irresponsible and demonstrably false. BRC provides a professional Crisis Intervention Team and Survivor Advocacy Team with leading Nevada experts providing services to all present at Black Rock City. - Following the guidance of the founder of the Las Vegas SART center (one of only 2 in Nevada), BRC does not provide SART exams on-site. This is largely because chain of custody optics with evidence would render most prosecutions easy to undermine and BRC is most interested in ensuring successful prosecutions where possible. - BRC has always provided a robust support network IF law enforcement allows us to be involved. We are in direct contact with the Reno-area resources within minutes of confirming an alleged sexual assault so that an exam can be expedited if desired by the survivor. The first point of contact for a sexual assault victim should always be a community-based advocate. The advocate then assists the survivor in gaining access to a SART exam and law enforcement if they wish to do so. However, in cases where a survivor reported directly to PCSO and/or BLM (not to a BRC representative), our team of certified BRC sexual assault advocates has never been contacted to assist the survivor, thereby denying the survivor their much needed "support network."
14/1.2.12/Table 4/Sexual Assaults	The columns for "Rate of Sexual Assault (Occurrences/Day) Bayesian 95% Highest Posterior Density:" and "Median" are meaningless. They do not provide any insights or any sense of magnitude of the incidents. For example, how many incidents resulted in the start of criminal action against the assailant, how many were prosecuted, and how many were convicted? BLM must present actual data and impacts. The table is false, as it also included all reports of non-consensual sexual behavior in the first column, whereas the second column refers to actual occurrences of sexual assault (penetration). This is an apple and oranges comparison.
15/1.2.13/Mass Casualty Response	- This section does not state any NEPA impacts. - A mass casualty incident could be caused by a law enforcement vehicle traveling at unsafe speeds through the playa at night or in a

	dust storm (as is reported every year by participants when they encounter law enforcement driving this way), or overactive airport runways without warning, as law enforcement did in 2018. The document states, "Law enforcement is primary in responding to a mass casualty event, such as an active shooter, a plane crash, or terrorism. Depending on the scale of the event, law enforcement may draw from other resources in the region." 1) Once the scene is safe, LE is in support roles for medical and fire. In the case of a plane crash LE would not be primary. 2) BRC resources are available to support investigations by marshal witnesses, preserving scene security, triaging patients, treating patients and victims and providing psychological trauma support. 3) It is unclear what LE's role would be in a plane crash scenario. 4) The DEIS fails to show NEPA impacts. "Due to the event's remote location, there are only minimal resources in the area next to the event; as such, response from other agencies and resources would be delayed. Immediate relief may come from the few officers Washoe County deploys to Gerlach, Nevada, and the community during the event and the Nevada Highway Patrol officers assigned to Highway 447 during the event. The Washoe County special response team is capable of an approximate 2-hour response time to the event site, as is a quick deployment contingency from the National Guard in Reno." - The vast majority of Nevada is rural and response times would be similar if not longer. "Members who must arrive by ground transport would have an extended response time of up to five hours." - The DEIS fails to provide year over year quantifiable data to support this statement; therefore, it must be removed.
15-16/1.2.14/Hygiene and Food Safety	There are no NEPA impacts described in this section. BRC already complies with all Nevada DPBH requirements. The DEIS fails to consider that MANY participants use trailers with running water.
16/1.2.15/Missing Juveniles	There are no NEPA impacts described in this section. "BRC estimates 500 juveniles under 12 years old attend the event each year." - BRC has exact counts (not "estimates") of minors who attend the event, and we provide these numbers to BLM every year. If this is an average BLM has calculated, then state it. "The PCSO is the primary response agency for missing persons in

	Pershing County; when children in need of supervision are located, they cannot be released into adult custody until the PCSO has approved the release." - The code is silent on this. The DEIS makes this statement with no support and should be removed. "It is uncommon for the PCSO to receive a report of missing juveniles in the county outside of the Burning Man Event." - The DEIS fails to provide statistical year or over year data to support this statement, fails to define "uncommon," and fails to explain the importance of this statement. It must be removed. "During the 2018 event, a juvenile was lured from an art piece the juvenile was working on by an adult male operating an ice cream truck registered by BRC as an art car. BLM law enforcement located the truck and discovered the juvenile was provided an intoxicating substance by the adult, who was unknown to the juvenile prior to this event. The juvenile was removed from the scene and placed in the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services until the juvenile could be reunited with a parent or legal guardian. The suspect was found to be in possession of illegal drugs, pornography, and restraint devices and was arrested by PCSO and evicted from the event site by the BLM." - The DEIS fails to explain the purpose of this section or that this type of occurrence happened only one time in the history of the event. This section must be removed.
17/1.2.17/Government Employee Health and Safety	"Additional sampling in future years will improve data and monitoring." The DEIS fails to explain why additional study is needed.
18-19/1.2.19/Terrorism	"Terrorism has never occurred at the Burning Man Event; however, several vulnerabilities exist." This would be true of every mass gathering in Nevada and on the planet. Law enforcement and medical resources are limited EVERYWHERE AT EVERY LOCATION IN THE WORLD. - Document says: "domestic terrorists, tactics from active shooter, vehicular assault, and improvised explosive devices are real threats with a low to moderate risk of occurrence." There is no data provided to support this assumption. The document goes on to say: "The changing global culture around acts of terrorism makes this risk difficult to adequately assess,..." A NEPA study is no place for such speculative musings. This entire section should be deleted. - Document says: "A novel depicting the Burning Man Event as a terrorist target was published in 2017 and depicts weaknesses in the event security and actions to overcome existing security mitigations." There is no basis under NEPA for citing a fictional account. - The discussion of terrorism in this document appears to be more a

	discussion concerning modifying the operations plan than an impact analysis. BLM describes potential, albeit unlikely, risks, without the requisite impacts relevant to a NEPA analysis, and without providing data. - Document says: "The Burning Man Event lacks a defined 'See Something, Say Something' program to educate participants as to what qualifies as suspicious behavior and how to report concerns." This strategy, while catchy, has proven ineffective - https://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2008/01/how_well_see_so.html. BLM has failed to provide data for either the risks or the proposed mitigations. - Document says: "Event organizers and public agencies lack transparent communication regarding threats and intelligence of criminal activities within the event site." This is false. In 2018, when BRC received credible information about a threat they went straight to BLM and LE. BRC public messaging in 2018 included specifically "see something, say something" for participants. According to this document, law enforcement has failed to notify BRC of threats received including sexual predator threats. BRC shares a CAD system allowing BRC to immediately report an incident verbatim to BLM dispatch. BRC collocates with BLM dispatch so "over the wall" conversations can take place between the respective supervisors to facilitate rapid and accurate flow of information.
18-19/1.2.19/Terrorism	- Document says: "Burning Man organizers resist physical barriers to prevent vehicular attacks against its population, citing vehicle operation restrictions during the event without regard for malicious intent." This is more sensational, hyperbolic language with no real impacts identified. BRC processes over 30,000 vehicles into the event every year, a total over 120,000 in the past 4 years. There have been 3 incidents of vehicles driving through the fence in that time and no significant injuries to our population. By contrast, over 250,000 vehicles drive into downtown San Francisco (over the Bay Bridge) every day unhindered. BRC uses 2 interlocking radar systems with GPS identifiers, radio contacts, 24-hour patrol vehicles and night vision goggles to patrol our boundary. BRC manages vehicle speeds, routinely denies vehicles entry, and maintains a perimeter. - Document says: "There is not enough law enforcement assigned to the event to oversee gate operations at the three portals into the city." This is false. During ingress and egress law enforcement frequently runs 4 to 6 traffic stops at one time on gate road, with multiple vehicles on each stop. Law enforcement has previously informed BRC that they are not allowed to be part of BRC gate operations due to federal regulation. It is standard and a best

	practice for private events to manage their own entry gates, and request law enforcement when needed, as BRC does. The federal government is not authorized to take over management of these operations from a private entity for a private event. Every person coming into BRC is stopped and must have a valid entry credential or ticket, and every vehicle must have a vehicle pass.
18-19/1.2.19/Terrorism	- The document fails to note that the 2015 death investigation referenced in this section was a death from natural causes. - Document says: "There are numerous examples of firearms being discovered by law enforcement inside of Burning Man that were not screened upon entry to the event." This is misleading. First, "numerous" is not a number, but a value judgement or opinion. If BLM had high numbers it would surely have cited them here. The fact is there have been 3 firearms found, according to this paragraph. No one was hurt. There were no impacts. Firearms are not "allowed" to enter the event. - Document says: "The lack of exercises for emergency plans involving an active shooting response." This is either a mistake in drafting or a deliberate falsehood. BRC, BLM, PCSO and all cooperating agencies specifically had an active shooter exercise two years ago at the Washoe County EOC. - Document says: "The BLM received recommendations for enhanced physical site security from the Department of Homeland Security in 2016 to include establishing a reporting system for participants, increased transparency in risk analysis and intelligence sharing between all event management entities, proactive gate searches to mitigate active shooter incidents, physical barriers in crowded areas within the city, and a hardened perimeter security measure." BLM never shared the DHS report, the NDS threat assessment, or BLM's own event risk assessment with BRC. BRC and BLM have multiple avenues for reporting any kind of incident to authorities, including law enforcement and BRC, and BRC has approximately 2,500 radio units in staff hands on site. BRC and all cooperating entities undertake tabletop exercises each year and have included active shooter and plane crash in this process.
19/1.3.1/Comparable Environments	Sparks, Nevada is a city. Burning Man is a special recreation event. Black Rock City is the nickname for the Burning Man event site. This analysis fails to identify the ways in which Black Rock City is not a real city and not similar to a real city. This analysis fails to consider that violent crime in BRC has been remarkably low for decades running. Comparing population density is nonsensical. It is not clear what the purpose is of sharing these "examples". They do they provide any insight to impacts at Burning Man. The comparisons are faulty and should be removed.

BRC COMMENTS ON "NASA DEVELOP GROUP STUDY ON THE BLACK ROCK PLAYA"

This study is not a complete product and it is unclear why it was included. There are more questions and notes to follow up on than analysis of imagery and lack of any analysis of dune formation.

The NASA Develop Group uses college interns working with guidance from NASA scientists to use earth observation imagery to "address environmental and public policy issues." Interpreting earth remote sensing imagery is a very specialized skill. Professionals base their entire careers on interpreting this type of imagery and I would question whether college interns had the skill to understand what they were looking at and how to interpret it. The BLM has provided no indication that these interns had the skill and training to accurately interpret the imagery.

The technical memorandum states the researchers and college interns used imagery from Landsat, which has resolution of 30 meters (98 feet), Sentinel-1, which has a resolution of 15-30 meters (49-98 feet) and the National Agriculture Imagery Program, which uses 1 meter resolution imagery captured by aircraft. What this means, using Landsat as an example, is a spatial resolution of 30 meters means that one pixel of an image represents an area 30 meters by 30 meters (98 feet by 98 feet) on the ground. This alone calls into question whether the imagery used in this study was of high enough resolution to even be useful.

The study reports that while the "footprint of Black Rock City is evident in the radar images several weeks after the event", the "coherence between the Black Rock City site before and after the event was too low to be detected at the 15-30 meter resolution of the satellite imagery." Is the BLM saying here that the imagery was not useful for drawing any conclusions?

The study does not mention finding dunes or mounds caused by the Black Rock City event and instead looks at dunes on the western shoreline of the playa (away from the event site). The study reports that more research was done in 2018 using "sub-meter" drone imagery of mounds on the playa rim or interior (presumably the BRC site), but provides no information on the quality of that imagery, how it was used or what conclusions were drawn. Why were the results of this later research not included in this technical memorandum?

This study answers neither of the questions posed in the introduction to the technical memorandum and it should be removed from consideration as part of this draft EIS.

	AERMOD Modeling Report, Air Resources Baseline Technical Report, Artificial Light at Night Assessment
PAGE #/ SECTION#	**BMP COMMENT**
	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT AT NIGHT ASSESSMENT
13/3.1.4	Researchers did not test for normality and homogeneity of the data - or at least, they failed to say that they tested for it if they did.
20/4.1.3	The large increase in the 2017 nightly average VIIRS flux relative to the long term historical trend is driven almost completely by the unusually large measure on the night of 29 August 2017. The reason for this increase cannot be determined from the available data. The satellite data for 2017 includes measures on only four nights, the most poorly sampled BMF in the entire 2012 – 2017 satellite database. In the opinion of DSP, this single anomalously high data point is insufficient evidence to produce confidence in a new trend that warrants action to be
20, 22, 36	The WRC report makes the following comments regarding the 2017 data: • "...the 2017 data do not fit with the modeling of nightly radiance from 2012- 2016." (pg. 20) • "These models predict increases in ALAN in the absence of increasing attendance caps..." (pg. 22) • "This [2012-2016] pattern of ALAN has seemingly changed in 2017 with a statistically significant increase by about 43% over the expected level." (pg. 36) The WRC report further notes: "The significant increase in average nightly radiance during the 2017 event was influenced by a particularly bright night(29 Aug 2017,with 32,918Wsr-1measured)." (page 22) Due to the outsize influence of the single anomalous measure on 29 August 2017, BRC considers these statements and conclusions in the report that 2017 appears to exhibit a significant change in the nature of event lighting and ALAN impacts to be poorly supported. To examine further the anomalous August 29 measure, Figure 1 shows the individual nightly radiance measures of all years 2012-2017 versus Burning Man Event day
Report at large	Usable VIIRS data were obtained on only 4 nights of the 9-day Festival in 2017. Indeed, the VIIRS measure on 29 August 2017 is the highest seen that year, or for that Review of BMP ALAN Assessment 5 matter, the highest seen in any year starting with 2012. The second highest value occurred in 2012. However, in this figure, apart from the August 29 measure, 2017 does not look particularly unusual – the three other nights appear comparable to the measures in other years, though they are on the high side of the envelope defined by previous events. The high value on 29 August could reflect an unusual occurrence at the 2018 event at the time the VIIRS "snapshot" was taken, such as a very large combustion event occurring at the time the satellite measurement was made. BRC is however aware of no detailed record of the event that would allow confirmation of this conjecture. Since there are no additional measures (such as a second

	satellite measure on the same night, or any simultaneous or near-simultaneous ground-based observations), the WRC study provides no data to confirm and thus add credence to this high measure, or to otherwise provide any insight into its nature.
AERMOD	**AERMOD MODELING REPORT**
4-5	Presentation of the entire data set across all months and multiple years very likely is masking any seasonal patterns that could arise if data were subdivided as such (see how surface characteristics are broken down at the bottom of 4-6). If this is being used to say that there is no general wind pattern during the time of the event, then this is grossly inaccurate. The report should show the data surrounding the event cycle, not the year round data.
7-1	The sources of emissions that are assumed to emit continuously are not listed. The report should list what these are and where they are being modeled spatially.
7-3/7.a.1	It is unclear what is meant by "total event participation rates" - e.g., whether this means that the daily cumulative rates were calculated or that the maximum emission rate was used at all times for the modeling. This needs to be more clearly stated in order for the public to be able to understand and meaningfully comment on what exactly went into the model.
7-3/7.b.1	It is unclear what exactly this entails: "vehicle passes and road lengths are the main determinants" - e.g., whether this means that the model assumes these cars are driving around the entire time throughout the city. This statement is extremely vague and an educated person used to reading scientific papers would be unable to replicate the methods based on how they are worded. It is unclear which roads were considered or how many cars were considered to be driving at once.
7-4/second bullet	As stated earlier, it is inaccurate to assume that averaged wind speeds across the year would be appropriate for an event that only happens during a couple of months. It is erroneous to use these data unless it was already previously shown that there were no significant differences across months in both wind speed and direction.
7-5/top	It is unclear what the sample size for the number of vehicles surveyed was, or the proportion of gas vs. diesel, or when the survey was conducted. These data should be presented for transparency.
7-5/top	Inherently, this is quite an over-simplification of traffic dynamics in Black Rock City. While all nuances cannot be captured in this model, the model fails to take into consideration the amount of traffic that actually comes in through 12 mile. There are also no data on the approximate proportion of vehicles of different sizes and those that are pulling trailers (which will have more dust kicking up). A rudimentary classification of high resolution

	aerial imagery (ideally object-based image analysis) could give a sense of the vehicle size distribution to better inform this model. To assume that a class A motorhome represents the average vehicle size is far too simplistic to have value in this report. It is unclear whether the authors considered that median size would be more applicable because it takes frequency into consideration.
7-6/D-Point Sources	It is unclear why the large generators used for infrastructure were not taken into consideration. Their locations are known, as are the specifications for power generation.
7-2	It is unclear why the placement of the air monitoring stations was not within Black Rock City proper. Since everything else is being averaged out in this analysis, from the distance that cars travel to the size of vehicles entering the city, the equipment should have been placed in an "average" location. The JOC does not represent normal site conditions seen at the event.
6-1/elevations	NAD27 is an antiquated datum that's nearly 100 years old. It is unclear why NAD83 was not used instead.
iv	It is unclear why Hycroft mine's model was incorporated into the analysis of Black Rock City. This is far beyond the scope of the EIS for Burning Man. Adding a very large mine's air quality into the event's model is not grounded in logic, and the explanation for why it was incorporated does not shed any light into why BLM deemed it necessary to incorporate this. Linking BRC to a year-round extractive, destructive mining operation is truly inappropriate and improper in this EIS.
	AIR RESOURCES BASELINE TECHNICAL REPORT
2-1/L4	Reference to "participates" should be "participants"
2-6/L4-6	There is no scientific justification for the inclusion of an air monitoring station in Winnemucca. There are multiple mountain ranges in between BRC and Winnemucca and the prevailing wind direction is away from the town.
general report comments	This report is inherently flawed because it does not adequately quantify air quality conditions prior to and after the event. This is particularly true pre-event, before any event-based activity occurs. The data are also only based on one year, and it is impossible to rule out whether this specific year is an outlier or representative of average conditions. Additionally, the measurements were taken when a wildfire was burning in the area, and wind blew fire particulate matter and smoke toward Black Rock City. Why isn't this specified and factored into the analysis? Additionally, having the control station is Winnemucca is inappropriate. The station should have been in Gerlach or somewhere else with adequate power that is within the same region as the Event. In March of 2019 there was still a large shallow lake present on the playa, and the wind still created extremely dusty with white and brown out conditions in areas. There needs to be a way to

	separate event-based activity from normal site conditions, and this report simply does not accomplish that.
2-9/Line 38	Nickel is not spelled correctly. There are many orthographic errors in the text of this report that should have been caught and corrected. Their inclusion in the public draft is indicative of the lack of attention to detail in this report overall.
3-1/Section 3-1	It is unclear how air quality measurements in Lovelock are comparable to the Black Rock Desert. The area surrounding Lovelock is primarily agricultural, not open space nor playa.
3-2	It is unclear how a mountain national park is comparable to the Black Rock Desert. Prevailing winds are from the west; therefore, air quality measurements taken there would represent the California Central Valley, not from Nevada.
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p. 13 Line 17	The status of the speciation data is unknown and data will be disclosed. Until this specific speciation data is provided, the source(s) of emissions are unknown and grant assumptions should not be made.
p. 18 line 16	The monitoring occurred during the Tohakum 2 Wildfire located southwest of the event, which is the same direction as the wind blowing to the event, as documented on PDF page 26, line 13. This fire began burning on August 29th and ended after the event. The effect of wildfire smoke emissions to these monitors is unknown, which greatly affected the monitor concentrations of PM10 and PM2.5, as well as hazardous air pollutant, toxics and metals constituents.
p. 18 lines 18-22	This is a blanket assumption and no speciation data is provided to support these assumptions: "The mass of crustal playa material on the recovered monitoring filters (photos of filters included in Appendix B) do however suggest that the main contributor to playa concentrations were on-playa anthropogenic activities...The majority of emissions generation resulted from vehicular and human traffic on the playa which liberated material for wind erosion." Once again, without speciation and the nearby wildfire, it's unclear the source of the emissions captured by the monitors and these assumptions should not be made.

	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES
PAGE # SECTION#	**BRC COMMENT**
	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES BASELINE REPORT
2-1 / 2.2.2	There is no evidence that Lovelock is the closest weather station to BRC. The data from 2008 are a decade old, do not reflect recent changes due to climate change impacts, and do not reflect the very localized nature of weather in Nevada. There are more recent WRCC data from Gerlach, and an active station on the Hualapai that should have been used
2-5 / middle	All of the birds listed that utilize the playa during periods of inundation would not be present during the event due to the fact that there is no standing water during the event. It is irrelevant to even list them here if there is no potential for direct impact.
2-18 / 2.7	There is no showing that permanence plays into potential ACOE regulation of DG, fencing, and art placement. The "fill" - if it can even be considered that - is temporary and not placed during a time where there is water on the playa.
3-1 / 3.1.1	References to "LED light" are redundant. Change to "LED" for accuracy.
3-1 / 3.1.1	The study does not reference the timing of migratory birds within the Northern Nevada region nor the timing or nature of their presence (breeding or migration). There cannot be impacts to migratory birds if they are not present during the Event. Data need to show that the migratory birds are present in order for any such assessment to be appropriate for this EIS.
3-1 / 3.1.2	Schang et al. (2013): This study has no applicability to the event. It was a very controlled lab experiment in which rats were left in darkness for 14 days before being exposed to continuous LEDs for 3 to 28 days. All reference to this study should be deleted due to its lack of relevance to Event conditions.
3-3 / 3.2.1	"Chronic exposure to noise" is not applicable to SR 447 or CR 34.
3-4 / 3.3.1	Airborne playa dust is experienced to some degree year-round, so habitat degradation, if deemed applicable, is inherent to this system. Playa dust cannot be placed in the category of "air pollution."
3-5 / 3.3.4	Roads "heavily traveled by vehicles" are not applicable to this EIS. The Burning Man event results in a short-term increase in traffic but it is not persistent. The impact of wind-blowing soil and plant particles on vegetation is much more impactful and experienced year round.

3-5 / 3.3.4	The types of species studied in these papers are not applicable to the Great Basin. There therefore appears to be no basis for their inclusion in this report.
3-7 / 3.4.2	The 30% reduction was not significantly different from the control. The report must state the results as they are interpreted within the paper.
3-9 / 3.5.3	There has been no showing that this lab study in which crickets were given food with toxic chemicals is relevant to this EIS and there appears to be no basis for its inclusion in this report.
4-1 / Table 4.1 / Lighting	There has been no showing that a "large scale solar array" is applicable to the Event, and there appears to be no basis for inclusion of this study in this report.
4-3 / Table 4.1 / Trash	"Areas with high amounts of trash" are not applicable to the Event and should not have been included in this report.
Fish & Wildlife Service memo to BLM regarding threatened & endangered species (12/4/17)	This document relates to California, not Nevada. All county offices listed are in California. This document does not appear to have relevance to the event and should not have been included in this report.
Fish & Wildlife Service memo to BLM regarding threatened & endangered species (12/4/17)	Only one of the species listed here, the golden eagle, which has been identified in the neighboring Hualapai valley, still has the potential to be nesting at the time of the Event.

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Can we chat about this later today?

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Good afternoon Amanda,
For Nevada, the Burning Man DEIS is our main priority, as the timeline for the event is getting really tight. We are putting the finishing touches on the draft and the briefing package this week. I should be able to get something up to you by early-mid of next week.

As for other efforts we have several mining projects in the pipeline. These are all on cost recovery or existing funding sources.
Mt. Hope SEIS
Gemfield DEIS
Hycroft DEIS
Marigold DEIS
Coeur Rochester NOI
Barrick Deep South (Final)

There are a couple of things we are keeping in mind, as we move forward. We will have to bring people on to publish the FRN i.e., budget and communications. Additionally, how we deal with questions, comments and contacts with project managers and mail staff. We think our biggest hurdles are the briefing schedules and getting published. If we get through the briefings, maybe we can hold the publication for the mines until we start up again. At least we would be ahead of the game, if that makes sense.

One note is Coeur Rochester is just an NOI. No briefing was required, so it can publish theoretically. This maybe a good test case.

Again, our priority will be Burning Man. We look forward to working with you and thanks for all your assistance, TR

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> **Burning Man Is Its Own Worst Enemy**
> *Negotiations for a new permit have stalled over the environmental impact of huge crowds in the Nevada desert.*
> By: Serena Saitto
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> Metamorphosis is an apt theme for the 2019 edition of Burning Man, the annual libertarian arts festivalheld in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. As organizers prepare for the weeklong gathering that kicks off on Aug. 25, they're also grappling with the possibility of radical changes that they say could ultimately force them to discontinue the 33-year-old event.
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> Burning Man Project, the nonprofit that organizes the festival, has been negotiating for three years with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for a 10-year permit. The current one expired in 2016; so far, no agreement has been reached. Event organizers say the government wants to impose conditions that are cumbersome and unnecessary, which would force changes that betray the spirit of the festival.
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> The problem, the feds say, is size. Burning Man's attendance has swelled to nearly 80,000, including about 10,000 staffers and volunteers, from the 80 or so people who attended the first summer solstice bonfire party in 1986. That inaugural event was held on San Francisco's Baker Beach. By 1990 the growing crowds couldn't be safely accommodated on the beach, so the bonfire moved to the Nevada desert, according to Marian Goodell, a founding board member who was recently named chief executive officer of the project.
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> The festival's popularity has challenged some of its core precepts, especially the

one about “leaving no trace.” The strain that Burning Man has placed on the site has led the BLM, an agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior that manages 245 million acres of public lands, to assess the festival’s environmental impact and to develop requirements that will be a condition of any new permit.

According to a draft environmental impact statement published in March, the BLM is concerned with air and light pollution, as well as a range of public-health risks such as sexual assault, drug overdoses, firearms, and traffic. The agency could consider increasing the size of the venue or, more remotely, denying a new permit. The BLM could also mandate that organizers bring in dumpsters for trash, place concrete traffic barriers around Black Rock City for added security, and hire private security services to search attendees for weapons and drugs.

“We won’t do Burning Man if it has to have dumpsters at the gate, cement barriers, or searches by third-party security forces,” Goodell says.

The government says security and environmental measures are needed. The BLM also says it’s increasingly concerned the event could become a terrorism target. Currently, government staffing for emergency responses is limited because Burning Man overlaps with hurricane season, the bureau says.

Marnee Benson, Burning Man’s associate director of government affairs, says the cost of the proposed measures could reach $20 million. That’s in addition to an annual budget of about $40 million. She suggests the bureau’s requests are motivated more by greed than by environmental concerns. The agency, she says, has approved new oil and gas leases, including the controversial Dakota Access pipeline that runs through the Standing Rock American Indian reservation. A BLM spokesperson declined to comment on Benson’s assertion.

Each year the BLM collects 3% of the event’s gross revenue, equal to more than $1.25 million in 2018, according to Benson. The group pays the BLM permit fees of $3.5 million annually. State and local governments also collect $1 million for agency services, such as the Nevada Highway Patrol and the Pershing County Sheriff. And Burning Man pays Nevada about $3 million for the state’s live entertainment tax. A BLM spokesperson declined to comment on the figures.

Bob Abbey, a former national director of the bureau who advises Burning Man on policy issues, describes the BLM’s draft impact statement as flawed in that it approaches the event as if it had never before taken place. “Burning Man has been held at the same location on public land for almost three decades,” he says. “Yet it is now deemed by some within the Interior Department to be more of an environmental threat than offshore drilling.” A BLM spokesperson declined to comment.

The BLM’s decision is due shortly before this year’s event opens. Should the organization agree to the BLM’s conditions, changes would be phased in starting with the 2020 festival, according to Mark Hall, the Bureau of Land Management’s field officer overseeing the environmental impact statement.

At recent town hall meetings in Reno and Lovelock, Nev., co-organized with the

BLM, business owners and community stakeholders have expressed support for Burning Man, saying it's had a positive impact on the local economies "Every year, 20,000 Burners coming from 34 countries during the week, bringing in $11 million revenue just to the airport," Brian Kulpin, head of marketing and public affairs for the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, said at an April 8 meeting. "We appreciate even the playa dust they bring in."

Ultimately, Burning Man CEO Goodell says that while she expects a reasonable decision, the organization will be prepared for any outcome: "We would be very sad to move, but we would know where to go."

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> Hi Amanda,
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> As you may know, a few weeks ago we received a request from CRS / Laura Hanson for information regarding the Burning Man EIS and sexual assault response teams / sexual assault nurse examiners at large events. Pasted below is a draft response compiled by our Nevada State Office, with input from the BLM Law Enforcement Program, to the CRS questions.
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> Hoping you can review and let us know if you have any edits, comments, or questions regarding the proposed response.
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> Thanks!
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> Jamie
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> **Q: Are there any BLM federal regulations/guidelines/policies regarding sexual assault response teams (SART) or sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) at large events such as Burning Man? Specifically, anything beyond what is spelled out for the Burning Man Event Special Recreation Permit/EIS at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=93518?**
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> > **Response:** BLM law enforcement has an obligation to provide information and services to Victims of crime who suffer direct physical, emotional, or pecuniary harm, as set forth in 42 United States Code § 10607, the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act (VRRA). Pursuant to the VRRA, BLM personnel involved in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime will ensure that victims receive information about and referrals to 1) the criminal justice system in which the case will be prosecuted, 2) emergency medical, counseling, and other social services, and 3) crime Victims Compensation programs available in the State in which the crime occurred.

Q: I looked through the planning documents and didn't see a discussion about why BLM is bringing in their own response team for Burning Man rather than relying on the team Burning Man has in place (I might be missing it). I see that BLM is contracting a team (see PHS-2 in the Draft EIS, Volume 2). Do any of the planning documents spell this decision out in more detail or was this an internal agency decision?

> **Response:** The Public Health and Safety Baseline in the Draft EIS (DEIS) Appendices discusses Sexual Assault statistics at the event. The current process requires a survivor to travel 2-3 hours by vehicle or by plane with no personal support network for this arduous exam. Placing sexual assault resources closer to the event alleviates victim suffering and will provide for better personal support for survivors.
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> The proposed sexual assault resources are a reasonable mitigation measure which would provide for pubic health and safety and victim services as required under 42 United States Code § 10607, the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act and Nevada Revised Statues, Chapter 217, Aid to Certain Victims of Criminal Acts.
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> The BLM's primary authority for proposed mitigations in the DEIS is located in section E.S. 2 and Chapter 1.2 that spell out the BLM's responsibilities under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) for management of public lands on the basis of multiple use (Section 103(c)) and taking any action necessary to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of lands, while providing for public health and safety (Section 302 (b and c)).

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Sir,

Background: The Front Office asked for info papers with potential discussion topics for Mr. Bernhardt's meetings with the following County Commissioners:

- The Rural County Representatives of California
- Colorado Counties, Inc.
- Wyoming County Commissioners Association
- Jeanne Herman, Washoe County, Nevada Commissioner

BLM provided the papers attached below. Gene and I reviewed and edited them. OSMRE advised they had no topics to provide.

Please advise if you approve them for forwarding to the Front Office.

DUE to Front Office: NLT 4 pm, Monday, Feb 25.

Thank you,
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BLM California Hot Topics – February 2019

The Rural County Representatives of California

Overview

The Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) was founded more than 40 years ago to represent California's small, rural counties on issues unique to them. Encompassing more than 4.3 million residents and approximately 56 percent of the state's land mass, the geography of the thirty-six member rural counties ranges from forested and mountainous landscapes to coastal areas, desert regions, farm lands and vineyards. More than 6.4 million acres – (43 percent) of public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lie within RCRC member counties.

BLM California is actively engaged with RCRC and staff meet on a monthly basis to coordinate on issues of mutual interest. The issues are wide ranging but mostly focus on reducing wildfire threats in rural counties. The last coordination meeting was on February 8th.

2018 Fire Season

The BLM's wildfire prevention and response in California is coordinated with Federal, state and local agencies, including rural county fire departments. As of December 2018, there have been about 7,930 fires affecting nearly two million acres across California. Approximately 99,000 acres of BLM-managed public lands have burned. Most of the BLM acres burned are within seven large fires in northern California rural counties. The majority of public lands burned are within CALFIRE's protection of BLM lands through a master interagency cooperative agreement.

The Camp Fire, ignited in northern California in November, is the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. The Camp Fire burned 153,000 acres of land, approximately 3,900 acres of which were on BLM-managed public lands. The Carr Fire, ignited in July 2018 in Shasta County, burned approximately 63,800 acres of BLM-managed public lands. The Mendocino Fire Complex, which included the River and the Ranch fires, burned more than 80,000 acres of BLM-managed public lands. The Department of the Interior's National Interagency Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) teams assessed the fire damages and rehabilitation needs for both the Carr and Mendocino Complex fires. The BLM is working on emergency stabilization projects aimed at reducing post fire damages and threats to public safety on public lands burned in these wildland fires.

Hazard Removal and Vegetation Management Project Programmatic Environmental Assessment

On February 15, BLM-California released its Hazard Removal and Vegetation Management Project Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA). This assessment covers approximately 551,000 acres of BLM-managed public land in central and northern California and streamlines the process for right-of-way holders, utility companies, and counties to treat vegetation and remove hazardous trees within 200 feet of critical infrastructure to reduce wildfire risk. Significant increases in dead and dying trees are threatening public safety in high-use areas near roads, private property, utility lines, recreation areas, and trails. This is consistent with the direction of Executive Order 13855 to facilitate the removal of hazardous trees near critical infrastructure in California. The BLM estimates that between 2,500 and 20,000 acres of treatment will occur on an annual basis under this programmatic EA. Treatment strategies include removing dead and dying trees, clearing understory vegetation, and conducting prescribed pile and understory burns. The EA covers eight BLM resource management plans spanning 35 northern and central California counties, including 29 rural counties.

Governor's Forest Management Task Force

The BLM and RCRC are members of California's Forest Management Task Force, which was established in 2018 by the Governor to protect the environmental quality, public health, and economic benefits that healthy forests provide to California. The purpose of the group is to strategically coordinate the state's investments in forest health; expand and improve forest management to enhance forest health and resiliency; minimize regulatory barriers for prescribed fire, forest health, and fuels reduction projects; expand the use of prescribed fire across public and private ownerships; encourage capacity building in forested communities to support implementation; and incentivize innovations in the forest product and building industries to utilize material from forest health and fuel reduction projects.

Greater Sage-Grouse

On December 7, 2018, the BLM released the Nevada-California Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed Resource Management Amendment and Final EIS for a 30-day protest period and a 60-day Governor's Consistency Review. The BLM received 14 protest letters and is currently working with the solicitors to finalize the documents. The Record of Decision is expected in March. The amendment covers 2.36 million acres of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat in Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra and Washoe counties. The BLM is also working with the state of California in preparing a Memorandum of Agreement to enhance coordination on management and protection of Greater Sage-Grouse and its habitat on BLM-managed public lands. The agreement will assist in determining whether projects comply with the State's policies and programs relating to Greater Sage-Grouse conservation.

Wild Horses and Burros

BLM California manages 21 wild horse and burro herd management areas on approximately 2.5 million acres. The combined appropriate management level for all HMAs in the state is 2,200 animals. The estimated populations are significantly above the appropriate management level with approximately 6600 horses and 4300 burros. Rural counties including Modoc, Lassen, and Siskiyou have expressed concerns with the nuisance wild horses on private lands. Additionally, counties have expressed concerns with the high number of animals and conflicts with other permitted uses on public lands including livestock grazing. In 2018, the Forest Service gathered approximately 1,000 wild horses from the Devil's Garden Plateau Wild Horse Territory in Modoc County. The BLM assisted with adoptions and short-term housing for some wild horses at the BLM Litchfield Corrals. The gather was controversial and drew significant attention because the Forest Service was offering wild horses for limited sale.

Oil and Gas Leasing and Development

The Bakersfield Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Central Coast Field Office Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and EIS for oil and gas leasing and development are high-profile projects with a direct connection to the Administration's priority to develop energy and natural resources. Litigation challenging the Central Coast and Bakersfield RMPs has resulted in U.S. District Court decisions requiring additional National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses of well stimulation effects on ground water and localized seismicity. District Court decisions have suspended leasing on BLM-managed lands until additional planning and supplemental NEPA have been completed. BLM California is correcting the RMP deficiencies identified through litigation.

In August 2018, the BLM initiated a 30-day public scoping for the Bakersfield supplemental EIS. As a result, the BLM received high media interest and public comments from state and county elected officials regarding the areas open for oil and gas development. The BLM issued a scoping report in December and is currently working on the draft Supplemental EIS. The Bakersfield plan covers four RCRC counties- Fresno, Madera, San Luis Obispo, and Tulare. The BLM also anticipates releasing a Notice of Availability in 2019 for the Central Coast Field Office final EIS for oil and gas leasing and development. Publication of this Notice of Availability will begin a 30-day protest period and Governor's consistency review. The Central Coast plan covers three RCRC counties- Fresno, Merced, and San Benito.

State-Federal Off-Highway Vehicle Partnerships

The BLM manages more than 28,000 miles of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) routes in California. Coordination between the BLM and the state of California on providing high quality recreational opportunities has resulted in a very successful state-Federal partnership. The BLM receives, on average, 6 to 8 million dollars in grants each year from the California State Parks, Off-Highway

Motor Vehicle Recreation Division to help fund and coordinate OHV programs. These grants support OHV management activities such as law enforcement, resource protection, planning and monitoring, visitor services and maintenance on BLM-managed public lands located mostly in rural counties throughout the state including Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, and Shasta. In February 2019, BLM California hosted 12 public workshops across the state to gather input for the 2019 OHV grant proposals.

Border Security and Resource Protection

The BLM manages approximately 71 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border, mainly in Imperial County, and is actively engaged in mitigating border-related impacts to public lands and public land users. In California, there are approximately 3.3 million acres of public lands along the U.S.-Mexico border. The BLM works with other Federal, state, local, and tribal governments to resolve issues caused by illegal activities along the border. The BLM is committed to protecting public land uses and resources and continues to work closely with the Department of Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Military, U.S. Marshals Service and others on border issues. In March 2006, the BLM signed an MOU with other Federal agencies to cooperate on national security and counterterrorism efforts on Federal lands along the border. In 2009, the El Centro Borderland Management Task Force (BMTF) was established as an intergovernmental forum to discuss and resolve issues along the border. The group, co-chaired by the BLM and United States Border Patrol, provides cooperative problem solving for issues such as border security, human safety, and natural and cultural resource protection. In 2018, BLM law enforcement completed two one-week border focused operations in Imperial and San Diego counties. The operations resulted in 171 deterred entries, 161 foreign national apprehensions, and seizure of $85,000 cash and 145 pounds of methamphetamine. Additional border security and resource protection focused operations are planned for 2019.

BLM Colorado Hot Topics – February 2019

Colorado Counties, Inc.

Resource Advisory Councils (RACs)

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado has three resource advisory councils based on district boundaries: the Northwest, Southwest and Rocky Mountain. The Northwest RAC met in 2018 and has a scheduled meeting for early 2019; the Southwest RAC has a meeting scheduled for early 2019. The Rocky Mountain RAC has not had a quorum or a scheduled meeting since 2017. RAC members have expressed concerns about the functioning of the RACs, ranging from lack of quorums, the slow pace of appointments, and meetings canceled due to the inability to publish Federal Register meeting notices prior to scheduled meetings.

Colorado Counties Inc. expressed the concern of county governments at a recent meeting with BLM Colorado.

Park County (Fairplay) Landfill

In 1967, BLM leased 20 acres of public land to Park County for use as a landfill under the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act. Park County operated the landfill from the early 1970s to the early 1990s. Park County did not properly close the landfill in the 1990s as required by the terms of its RP&P lease and the State's solid waste disposal laws. Groundwater sampling efforts over the past few years have detected hazardous substances under the landfill and in nearby homeowners' domestic wells--less than 500 feet from BLM lands.

Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), both BLM (landowner) and Park County (operator) are potentially responsible parties. Over the last year, the BLM has worked to negotiate a joint RCRA consent order with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) and Park County. BLM and CDPHE did not come to an agreement prior to CDPHE issuing a Unilateral Order to the BLM on December 20, 2018. BLM and CDPHE remain committed to negotiating a Consent Order that will supersede the Unilateral Order. Park County sent a letter to BLM demanding $360,000 to reimburse the County for current and future response costs associated with cleaning up the landfill. Park County has also expressed concerns with the notification of the neighboring private property owners.

Greater Sage-Grouse and Moffat County

BLM Colorado met with Moffat and Garfield counties Friday February 22 to discuss county concerns about the recent Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments..

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation River Management Plan

BLM Colorado is revising the 2001 Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) river management plan. The Arkansas River is the most commercially rafted river in the U.S. and a major economic driver for the region. The management plan revision will allow for a higher level of development, adjusts river use to align with current and future demands, and accommodates new recreation trends. The revision effort addresses increases in recreation use, changes in visitor use patterns and the numerous recreation activities that occur along the 152-mile stretch of the AHRA.

The original 1989 management plan created a unique partnership between Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the BLM. The first revision to the plan was completed in 2001 and directed the development of numerous support facilities such as boat ramps, campgrounds and improved access points along the river. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission is tentatively scheduled to review the plan at their March 2019 meeting. BLM will issue a final decision for the plan in spring 2019.

Bonita Peaks Clean-up

BLM Colorado is conducting investigation, mitigation, and remediation actions on mine sites located on BLM-managed lands within the Bonita Peak Mining District (BPMD). The BPMD was added to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) List of National Priority Superfund Sites on September 2016 after a major contamination spill at the Gold King Mine in August 2015. In December 2017, the BPMD was selected as one of EPA's top 20 priority sites.

In 2018, the BLM completed a Supplemental Site Investigation (SSI) for all BLM sites within the BPMD. The purpose of the SSI was to fill data gaps and characterize waste; identify contaminant migration; and monitor and maintain several previously mitigated sites. The BLM will use the SSI results to prioritize work in 2019, and expects to re-mediate 4-6 sites in 2019. In addition, the BLM is moving forward with hiring a full-time project manager to manage the 14 sites that are wither wholly or partially on public lands.

The BLM, EPA Region 8, the San Juan National Forest, the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, San Juan County, the Town of Silverton and several public stakeholders groups are collaborating on all aspects of the project.

Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan

The Royal Gorge Field Office is developing the Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan (ECRMP). The ECRMP will replace the 1996 Royal Gorge RMP and 1986 Northeast RMP. This

plan includes decisions on approximately 658,200 acres of BLM-administered lands and 3.3 million acres of subsurface federal mineral estate across 37 counties in Colorado.

The target date for publishing the Notice of Availability for the draft Environmental Impact Statement in the Federal Register is mid-March 2019, followed by a 90-day public review and comment period. The Colorado Department of Natural Resources and the Colorado Department of Agriculture are cooperating agencies in this planning effort.

Silverton Area Travel Management Plan

The Gunnison Field Office plans to begin Travel Management Planning (TMP) for public lands in San Juan County (approximately 50,000 acres) in March of 2019. This project is a priority for the Field Office, the Town of Silverton, and San Juan County, and includes approximately 87 miles of existing routes. The Silverton Travel Management Area is characterized by an extremely fractured land-use pattern with existing routes that often cross in and out of private mining claims multiple times. The topography of the area is steep with many 13,000 foot peaks and a mix of heavily-treed acres and alpine tundra.

The Town of Silverton and San Juan County jointly released a "Silverton Area Trails Plan" in 2019 after a multi-year engagement process. This plan includes proposals for formal designation of some existing trails as well as construction of up to 75 miles of new non-motorized trail. This joint plan will help inform the BLM's travel management process. Additional public requests for formal adoption of existing routes into the transportation system, proposals for new roads or trails, or additional authorized uses on existing trails will also be considered.

Oil and Gas Leasing

BLM Colorado will meet with newly elected Governor Jared Polis to discuss the state's concern regarding oil and gas leasing in big game habitat. The state had submitted big game habitat maps to the Department of the Interior and BLM Colorado in late 2018, which has led to further discussions about leasing in big game habitat in Colorado. BLM has deferred leases in big game habitat, as well as deferring leasing in Greater sage- grouse habitat and the North Fork Valley, based on the previous request of Governor Hickenlooper.

Bull Draw Fire Rehabilitation

The BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Mule Deer Foundation and a local rancher plan to rehabilitate 6,400 acres of public lands impacted by the Bull Draw Fire. The Bull Draw Fire ignited last July, and spread across 36,553 acres near Nucla. The project is expected to commence in early 2019. On-the-ground work will entail distributing 87,000 pounds

of mixed grass and forb seed, treating noxious weed locations and repairing damaged range fencing.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife identified the project area as critical winter range for mule deer and a priority for rehabilitation. The project will help ensure available forage for big game species and livestock, as well as reduce the potential for soil erosion.

Palisade Plunge

The BLM Grand Junction Field Office, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Grand Valley Ranger District and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) issued a decision to construct the Palisade Plunge, collectively a 30-mile mountain bike and hiking trail. The Palisade Plunge is a collaborative effort between the agencies, the Town of Palisade, the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA) and Mesa County. It is also one of the Colorado Governor's "Colorado's 16" initiatives to support trails and promote outdoor recreation in Colorado. Supporters of the project estimate "the plunge" could infuse $1.9 million annually into Palisade's economy, and $5 million annually into the broader Grand Valley economy. The trail would begin at the USFS's Mesa Top trailhead. The route would cross the Lands End Road and Whitewater Creek drainage, descending across BLM-managed public lands to the Colorado River through the Palisade Rim Special Recreation Management Area, ultimately ending in the Town of Palisade via the North River Road. Construction will begin this year.

North Fork Valley Coal Mine Methane Working Group

The North Fork Valley, located in Delta and Gunnison Counties, has a 100-year history of coal mining. Coal companies, local governments, and some environmental groups in the Valley have met to discuss potential methods to deal with the waste coal mine methane that emits from active and inactive mines. The local working group agrees there should be incentives and procedures that allow for methane capture, but struggles to find consensus on how to develop the methane while protecting the environment.

BLM Colorado has been approached by coal lessees, energy companies, and the working group with proposals to authorize coal mine methane capture, use, and/or abatement. BLM Colorado continues to evaluate how to authorize coal mine methane capture.

In 2013, the Valley was home to three active coal mines - Bowie, Elk Creek, and West Elk. The three mines produced approximately 10 million tons of coal annually, and employed nearly 1000 people. Only the West Elk mine is currently operating. Bowie and Elk Creek are sealed with coal leases still in place.

Coal Lease by Applications (LBAs)

BLM Colorado is currently processing three coal lease by applications (LBA). The New Elk Mine LBA is an underground coal mine located in western Las Animas County, in southeast Colorado. The 1,440 acres of federal coal reserves proposed for lease by the New Elk Coal Company lie north of and adjacent to existing coal reserves owned or leased by the company.

The Foidal Creek Mine LBA is an underground mine located in Routt County, in northwest Colorado. The 640 acres of federal coal reserves proposed for lease by Peabody Energy's Twentymile Coal underly privately-owned surface lands owned by a subsidiary of Peabody Energy.

The King II Mine LBA is an underground mine located in La Plata County, in southwest Colorado. The 2,514 acres of federal coal reserves proposed for lease by GCC Energy is adjacent to the King II mine with mixed surface ownership including the BLM, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and private landowners.

BLM Nevada Hot Topics – February 2019

Jeanne Herman, Washoe County, Nevada

Disposal of Public Land for Economic Development

There is continued interest from Washoe County in disposal of certain public lands (particularly in the Reno-Sparks area) to allow for growth and economic development. The current Carson City Consolidated Resource Management Plan (RMP) identifies disposal parcels in Washoe County as available only to local governments for public purposes. The RMP revision, which is near completion, is proposing to change the designation of many of those parcels to allow for general disposal for any purpose and to add numerous checkerboard and isolated parcels as suitable for disposal. That change should allow the BLM to be more responsive to the interest from the County as well as the numerous requests we receive from developers that are interesting in purchasing public lands in the County. Washoe County is also developing a proposal for legislation that would 1) facilitate transfer of certain public lands to local governments for specific uses, 2) create a public land disposal boundary in the Reno-Sparks area that would allow disposal of all public land within that growth boundary and direct those funds to uses within the County. If that legislation were to be enacted, most of the County's interests in disposal of public land would be addressed.

Flooding/Runoff Issues North of Reno

In the past, Commissioner Herman has directed constituents inquiring about flooding and runoff issues north of Reno to contact the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for resolution. There are a number of rural residential developments abutting BLM land that have experienced flooding during large rain events over the last five years. Members of the community often believe it is the responsibility of the BLM to stop water from upland public lands from reaching their properties. Typically the issues have been the result of older developments that were built without drainage infrastructure to handle large rain events. There have not been any inquiries recently. However, the area recently experienced a large snow event and may start to receive inquiries as it melts and runs off.

Wildland Fire Prevention and Response

Commissioner Herman is a resident of the Palomino Valley area, which was heavily impacted by the Perry Fire in the 2018 season. The fire was primarily on Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and private lands, but approximately 7,000 acres of BLM lands were involved and BLM has the lead for initial attack on BIA lands in the BLM Carson City District. BLM was very active in community meetings during the fire and there were extended evacuations of area residents.

Burning Man and Highway Maintenance and Construction

Although the event itself takes place in neighboring Pershing County, the Burning Man event brings 80,000 people over rural Washoe County roads each year, many of which are not designed for such heavy traffic. In the fall of 2018, Washoe County Commissioners visited BLM and Department of Interior (DOI) offices in Washington, D.C. looking for some resolution on County Road 34 (the main route into the Burning Man Event) repair situation. It costs the county over $250,000 to repair the road during and after the event. Washoe County presented cost estimates to build up the road bed and improve the condition of the road, inside the right-of-way up to the "12 mile" playa entrance. The cost is around $14 million. Cynthia Moses-Nedd in the Washington Office was involved in these discussions. At that time, the Winnemucca District made a commitment to use some of the L1232/Burning Man gate receipt cost recovery money towards this project.

Another phone call, in early December 2018, with a series of Washoe County Commissioners and their lobbyists was held on the issue. Currently, the US Department. of Transportation (DOT) has grants for road projects leading into or through public lands. The grants are designed for states and counties working with the appropriate land management agencies. The consensus from the call was that the Winnemucca District and Washoe County would put in a grant to DOT for $25-30 million (the minimum is $25 million). Washoe County was tasked with: 1) coming up with another $11 million or so of roads projects (they were thinking of paving further up CR 34); and 2) approaching the State of Nevada to see if the State could contribute to the seed money/matching funds (the grant requires a minimum of 2 million dollars of non-DOT money). Washoe County didn't see the 2 million dollar figure as an issue. BLM NV were to have a follow-up call in January 2019 after the holidays, but that has not yet been scheduled due to the government shutdown.

Pilot-Table Mountain Allotment

David Holmgren has the Pilot-Table Mountain Allotment near Middlegate, Nevada, which is roughly 550,000 acres within the Carson City BLM District. His 10-year grazing permit from 1998 was permitted for 900 head in winter and 150 head in summer. This permit also contained an Allotment Management Plan (AMP) which contained a rotational grazing system using pastures. Mr. Holmgren did not follow the grazing permit and was assessed approximately $100,000 in trespass fines in 2006 (but paid significantly less as a result of a settlement agreement.) In 2008, the BLM and Mr. Holmgren made a settlement agreement that invalidated the old AMP and required the BLM to initiate the new grazing permit renewal process in 2009. BLM anticipated this process would take 3 years to complete a fully processed ten-year term permit. At this time a ten-year FLPMA permit was signed based on conditions outlined in the 2008 Settlement Agreement.

After a delay, in the Spring of 2016, the BLM made it a priority to move forward with processing this permit renewal. On April 14, 2018, Mr. Holmgren’s 10-year FLPMA grazing permit expired without the BLM having completed a new permit renewal. The allotment rangeland health data is being analyzed for a projected term permit renewal in the winter of 2018. Mr. Holmgren's summer 2018 turnout was highly contentious and involved a wide variety of state and local elected officials, including Congressman Amodei, as well as organizations such as the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association, as he declared his intent to defy any attempt by the BLM to enforce grazing regulations on the

allotment. Commissioner Herman attended a public tour of the allotment, which was conducted as part of the environmental assessment required for the term permit renewal, and expressed her support for Mr. Holmgren. On February 21, 2019, Mr. Holmgren met with State Director Jon Raby and district staff to discuss the environmental assessment and his spring turnout, which is currently scheduled for April 1, 2019. Discussions are ongoing.

Pine Nuts Wild Horse Gather, Feb. 7-20, 2019

The Carson City District gathered 340, of a planned total, of 575 excess wild horses, but suspended operations indefinitely due to weather. This was a helicopter gather conducted to address threats caused by wild horse overpopulation to Bi-state Sage Grouse habitat, public safety and private property. No wild horses were removed from an area known as Fish Springs which is located in the Pine Nut Mountains Herd Area south of Carson City, where there has been significant activism regarding the wild horses since last summer. The Pine Nut Mountain Herd Management Area is located South of Washoe County, but as a rancher, the Commissioner may have an interest in the operation.

BLM Wyoming Hot Topics – February 2019

Wyoming County Commissioners Association

Riley Ridge to Natrona Project

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming plans to release the Record of Decision for the Riley Ridge to Natrona Project by March 8, 2019. The project is being proposed by Denbury Resources and includes construction of a 243-mile long CO_2 pipeline through Fremont, Sublette, Sweetwater and Natrona Counties in Wyoming. Rights-of-way of varying width will be granted for both construction and operation of the pipelines. The project also includes construction and operation of the Riley Ridge Sweetening Plant, access roads, power lines, injection wells, and other small facilities associated with the project. The agency's selected alternative is the same as the preferred alternative described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and could create approximately 490 jobs during the 2-year construction period.

Moneta Divide Oil and Gas Development Project

The BLM will soon release a draft EIS for the proposed Moneta Divide Oil and Gas Development Project in central Wyoming. The proposed project could recover up to 18 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 254 million barrels of oil over its estimated 65-year lifespan and could support approximately 6,400 jobs during the 15-year development phase. The draft EIS analyzes amendments to the Casper Resource Management Plan, including possible establishment of a Production Area and proposed protections for the Cedar Ridge Traditional Cultural Property. The draft EIS also discloses potential impacts to approximately 1.2 million acres of Greater Sage-grouse Priority Habitat Management Areas.

Converse County Oil & Gas EIS

The Casper Field Office is preparing an EIS for the proposed Converse County Oil and Gas Project. An Operator Group (OG) composed of five companies proposes to drill approximately 5,000 oil and natural gas wells on 1,500 well pads in an area encompassing approximately 1.5 million acres over a 10-year period. The project would use directional, vertical, horizontal and other drilling techniques. The OG also proposed year-round drilling, which would require exceptions to timing limitation restrictions for the protection of non-eagle raptors and non-priority Greater Sage-Grouse habitat. The BLM is incorporating comments on the draft and considering approaches to address the OG's request for timing limitation relief. The issues driving the range of alternatives are Greater sage-grouse habitat management, water usage and disposal, transportation-related issues, and timing limitations exceptions.

Buffalo Field Office Supplemental EIS

On March 23, 2018, the U.S. District Court of Montana found that the BLM's 2015 Buffalo Field Office Resource Management Plan violated NEPA by failing to consider an alternative that would decrease the extractable coal available for leasing and by failing to consider the environmental consequences of downstream combustion. The Court also ruled that the BLM was arbitrary and capricious for failing to justify the use of a global warming potential calculated over a 100-year time horizon. The BLM intends to correct these deficiencies by preparing a supplemental EIS that will analyze a no action alternative and one or more action alternatives that reduce the acreage or amount of coal available for leasing. The Buffalo planning area currently contains 13 active coal mines including: Buckskin, Rawhide, Eagle Butte, Dry Fork, Wyodak, Caballo, Belle Ayr, Cordero Rojo, Coal Creek, Black Thunder, School Creek, North Antelope/Rochelle, and Antelope. The BLM published a Notice of Intent to prepare the supplementary EIS in the Federal Register on November 28, 2018, and is beginning work on the draft.

Lost Creek Uranium Mine Expansion EIS

The BLM will soon publish a Record of Decision on Lost Creek ISR, LLC's proposal to expand its uranium mining operations in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The proposal would allow the mine to continue existing operations, expand uranium production, and provide continued employment for local workers. The BLM published a final EIS for the project on January 28, and will release the ROD shortly after the availability period ends on February 28.

Rock Springs Field Office RMP and Rawlins RMP Amendment

The BLM is preparing a draft RMP for the Rock Springs Field Office and amendment to the Rawlins Field Office RMP. The RMP and amendment will establish an updated management framework in the Rock Springs Field Office. They will also address wild horse management in the Rock Springs and Rawlins Field Offices to satisfy the terms of a 2013 a consent decree under the U.S. District Court for Wyoming, which requires the BLM to revise its wild horse management actions in the "checkerboard" land pattern in southwest Wyoming. The BLM is currently preparing a draft RMP that will consider several management alternatives for the 3.6 million acre project area, and will release the draft for public review.

Big Game Migration Corridor

BLM Wyoming continues to coordinate oil and gas leasing in state-designated big game migration corridors with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The State of Wyoming began designating migration corridors in 2016 with the establishment of the Red Desert to Hoback Mule Deer Migration Corridor. During the summer of 2018, BLM Wyoming and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department worked on establishing a lease notice for any parcel offered in a state-designated migration corridor. The Special Lease Notice for Big Game

Migration Corridors was first used in the third quarter 2018 BLM Wyoming oil and gas lease sale. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is currently holding a series of statewide migration corridor public forums and is likely to designate additional migration corridors in Wyoming.

Alkali Creek Reservoir Project

The Wyoming Water Development Commission proposes to construct a 294-acre reservoir on Alkali Creek and ancillary facilities across public and private land near Hyattville, Wyoming. The reservoir would provide late-season irrigation water for parts of the Nowood River Watershed. If constructed, the reservoir would also provide recreation opportunities through a minimum pool, improve fisheries, enhance wildlife and riparian habitat, reduce flooding in the area, improve downstream water quality, and provide direct and indirect economic benefits to the local community and the state. BLM Wyoming released the Draft EIS on August 31, 2018, and public comment closed on October 15, 2018. The BLM is working with the EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to address issues raised during the Draft EIS comment period. The BLM plans to release the Final EIS in March 2019.

Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project

The Wyoming Water Development Commission proposes to expand the water storage capacity of the Leavitt Reservoir north of Shell, Wyoming, to support late-season irrigation and provide recreation opportunities. The current off-channel reservoir would be expanded from 643 acre-feet to 6,604 acre-feet, which would require construction of a new 1,800-foot-long earthen dam. Additional disturbance would include supporting infrastructure and pipelines. Roughly 220 acres of the expanded reservoir would be on BLM-administered land, while 365 acres of private land would be affected by the reservoir and construction activities. BLM Wyoming released the Draft EIS on August 31, 2018, and public comment closed on October 15, 2018. The BLM is working with the EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to address issues raised during the Draft EIS comment period. The BLM plans to release the Final EIS in March 2019.

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Sirs,

Attached below for your review and approval are the information memos prepared by the bureaus for Mr. Bernhardt's meeting with the National Governor's Association this weekend. They have all been reviewed and edited by the analysts on this hallway.

Please advise if I may forward them to the Front Office for inclusion in Mr. Bernhardt's read book. They are due by COB today.

V/R,
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Good morning,

The following Governors are being scheduled to meet with Acting Secretary Bernhardt during the National Governor's Association event this coming weekend:

- Arizona
- Idaho
- New Mexico
- Alaska
- Utah
- Massachusetts
- California
- Colorado
- Nevada
- Oregon
- Wyoming

All hallways have been tasked to gather pertinent information which may be discussed regarding each state so the information can be consolidated into one memo per state and provided to the Acting Secretary.

Required format: memo with info broken out by state

DUE DATE: NLT Wednesday, Feb 20, 3:00 pm (sooner if possible given the forecast for snow and ice tomorrow)

Thank you,
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Alaska Hot Topics

Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Title II of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 directed the Secretary to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program for the leasing, development, production, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) with a minimum of two lease sales required within seven years. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska State Office published a Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* April 19, 2018, initiating a 60-day public scoping period closing June 19, during which the BLM heard many diverse views with an emphasis on subsistence uses and caribou migration and calving. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for an Oil and Gas Leasing Program was released December 21, 2018, and public meetings were held in Kaktovik, Fort Yukon, Arctic Village, Venetie, Utqiagvik, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Washington, D.C. A preferred alternative was not identified in the Draft EIS and will be determined based upon feedback from the public.

Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) Project

The ASAP is being developed by the AGDC, an independent corporation established by the State of Alaska. The AGDC is chartered to ensure that Alaska's North Slope natural gas resources are available to provide the maximum benefit and use by Alaskans. The ASAP is a proposed 733-mile, 36-inch diameter, pipeline that would deliver natural gas from Alaska's North Slope to the state's population centers in the Interior of Alaska and Southcentral Alaska. A 30-mile, 12-inch diameter pipeline would connect to Fairbanks. A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the project was published June 22, 2018. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is the lead agency for the SEIS. A joint Record of Decision (ROD) is being prepared by the BLM and the Corps and is expected to be signed by February 27, 2019. A subsequent grant of Right of Way (ROW) is expected to be signed two weeks later.

Ambler Road

In November 2015, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) submitted a consolidated application with the BLM, National Park Service, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Corps for a proposed ROW grant and related authorizations to allow the construction, operation, and maintenance of a 211-mile, all-season industrial access road from the Dalton Highway to the Ambler Mining District. The Ambler Mining District has been characterized as one of the largest undeveloped copper-zinc mineral belts in the world. The area has been explored for decades, but development has been limited due to a lack of transportation infrastructure for mine construction and operation.

The proposed road would cross State lands, Alaska Native Corporation lands, and Federal lands managed by the BLM and the National Park Service. The first 18 miles of the road would be on BLM-managed lands within the Dalton Highway Utility Corridor. The BLM is the lead Federal agency in the development of the EIS for the proposed project. Cooperating agencies include the U.S. Coast Guard, the Corps, the State of Alaska, and the Northwest Arctic Borough. The Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have elected to be participating agencies. The Notice of Intent published February 28, 2017, initiating the public scoping process. The BLM is currently developing the Draft EIS with a Final EIS and Record of Decision is expected in 2019.

National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A)

Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

The BLM published a Notice of Intent November 21, 2018, initiating public scoping for a new Integrated Activity Plan (IAP) and associated EIS for the NPR-A. The purpose of the IAP/EIS is to develop a new NPR-A management strategy consistent with Secretarial Order 3352, signed in June 2017. The order calls for the review and development of a revised IAP/EIS that strikes an appropriate balance of promoting development while protecting surface resources. This action also comes after the State of Alaska and the North Slope Borough asked the Department of the Interior to make more investment in infrastructure and to help build capacity to support their aligned goals in light of recently increased activity on Alaska's North Slope. In a letter to the Secretary, the State and the Borough are seeking to balance economic growth, preservation of a healthy environment, and a vibrant traditional subsistence culture. The new IAP/EIS is intended to supersede the 2013 IAP/EIS ROD and, depending on the alternative selected, may supersede the 2008 Colville River Special Area Management Plan, as amended by the 2013 IAP/EIS Record of Decision. The public scoping was extended to accommodate subsistence conflicts with North Slope Villages and weather delays. Public meetings were held Anchorage, Fairbanks, Utqiagvik, Nuiqsut, Wainwright, Point Lay, Atqasuk, and Anaktuvuk Pass.

Willow Development

In August 2018, a Notice of Intent was published seeking public comment for the proposed development of the ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. Willow prospect. The Willow oil and gas prospect is centrally located within the Bear Tooth Unit of the NPR-A and may utilize infrastructure from Greater Mooses Tooth 1 and 2 developments. Development of the Willow prospect would provide both local and statewide economic benefits, including job creation.

The proposed project includes the construction, operation, and maintenance of a central processing facility, infrastructure pad, up to five drill pads with up to fifty wells on each pad, access and infield roads, an airstrip, pipelines, and a gravel mine on BLM-managed public

lands. In addition, ConocoPhillips has proposed a connected action of a temporary island to facilitate module delivery via sealift barges, which would occur within waters managed by the State of Alaska. The comment period closed on September. 6, 2018. BLM Alaska anticipates releasing a draft Master Development Plan and Environmental Impact Statement in early 2019.

NPR-A Oil and Gas Lease Sale

On December 12, 2018, the BLM generated $1,533,705 at an oil and gas lease sale for the NPR-A. The State of Alaska will receive 50 percent of the bid receipts, or $766,852. BLM Alaska received 16 bids and opened them during its second annual video livestream event.

Three companies, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.; Emerald House, LLC; and NordAq Energy Inc., submitted bids on 16 tracts covering 174,044 acres. There are currently 199 leases covering 1,384,352 acres in the NPR-A. Bids received for the 13 previous sales generated more than $282 million, half of which was paid to the State of Alaska.

The first oil production from Federal lands was recently realized with the Greater Mooses Tooth 1 project at the eastern edge of the NPR-A. The ConocoPhillips project was authorized in February 2015 and is expected to produce 25 to 30 thousand barrels of oil per day during peak production. Further production will continue with the recently authorized Greater Mooses Tooth 2 project.

Arizona Hot Topics

Ray Land Exchange

The Gila District BLM Arizona issued a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in November 2017 for the proposed Ray Land Exchange with ASARCO, LLC. Under the proposed land exchange, the BLM would acquire 7,304 acres of land in Pinal and Mohave Counties, a move that would consolidate checkerboard land ownership in those areas and improve access to existing public lands for hunting and other recreation. In exchange, the BLM would transfer 10,976 acres of public lands near ASARCO's Ray Mine Complex and Copper Butte properties in Pinal and Gila Counties, near Kearny. ASARCO holds existing mining and mill site claims on those public lands near the mine and if approved, would likely expand mining operations and potentially create jobs. The BLM anticipates releasing the Final EIS and Record of Decision in the coming months.

Ten West Link

BLM Arizona released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Ten West Link transmission line project in August 2018, with an associated 90-day public comment period and public meetings. BLM Arizona anticipates releasing the Final EIS and Record of Decision in

the coming months. The 500-kilovolt transmission line would interconnect existing substations near Tonopah, Arizona and Blythe, California, and strengthen grid reliability, create new jobs, and support economic opportunities for nearby communities. The project is identified as a priority under Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act and BLM is coordinating with other agencies to complete the environmental analysis process. The Draft EIS analyzes several alternatives, with the BLM's preferred alternative being a 126-mile-long route mostly located within existing utility corridors or parallel to existing infrastructure. This route is responsive to stakeholder input by avoiding popular recreation areas, the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, and Tribal lands. The route also minimizes impacts to local communities and the U.S. Army's Yuma Proving Ground, avoiding impacts to military readiness, and provides interconnections for future energy development projects.

Sonoran Valley Parkway

BLM Arizona plans to release a Final EIS related to development of the proposed Sonoran Valley Parkway Project (SVPP) by the City of Goodyear. The City has applied to BLM for a 250-foot right-of-way (ROW) to construct, operate, and maintain a two- to six-lane parkway in Rainbow Valley. The proposed SVPP would originate on Rainbow Valley Road and Riggs Road at the southern end of Goodyear, and proceed southwest to intersect with State Route (SR) 238, near the community of Mobile. The proposed project area encompasses 475 acres of BLM-managed lands. This project provides the opportunity to expand transportation infrastructure in exurban Phoenix, create immediate and future jobs, help bolster the growing local economy, and reduce emergency service response times.

Lake Powell Pipeline

BLM Arizona is supporting BLM Utah and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the Lake Powell Pipeline project. The 140 mile-long pipeline is proposed by the State of Utah and is expected to generate 300 megawatts of power and divert 82,249 acre-feet of water from Lake Powell to Washington County, Utah, and 4,000 acre-feet to Kane County, Utah. A small portion of the pipeline is proposed to run through the Kanab Creek Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC) on the Arizona Strip. Although only a small portion of the management area—900 acres—is affected, BLM must complete a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment in order to address inconsistencies between the decisions in the current RMP, the proposed route for the Pipeline, and an existing utility corridor.

Kirkland Mine

In December 2018, the Phoenix District approved an updated Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations and Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for a pozzolan mine on approximately 88 acres of public lands near Skull Valley, proposed by the Kirkland Mining Company LLC (KMC). High quality pozzolan is used as a replacement for cement in the production of concrete.

The updated plan supports the responsible development of mineral resources and includes new modifications that address concerns raised by the local community during the public input process. Modifications include a revision of the mine's overall footprint to avoid sensitive resources and the creation of a buffer area between the mine and washes that drain into Copper Basin Wash, in order to avoid impacting riparian and wildlife resources. Additionally, offsite water sources were identified for dust control in order to not impact groundwater sources in the immediate vicinity of the mine.

Based on the analysis in the Final EA, the BLM determined that the project would not cause significant impacts and that an EIS is not required. The BLM signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and issued a Decision Record.

Wildlife Migration Corridors

BLM Arizona and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) are partnering through a cooperative agreement to study big game migration in two important Arizona corridors for big horn sheep and mule deer. One migration corridor is located southwest of Phoenix in an area of Maricopa County expected to experience substantial residential growth in coming years. The second migration corridor is located on the Arizona Strip, between the Grand Canyon and Southern Utah, where there are trophy quality hunting opportunities that would also support the local recreation economy. Currently, the AGFD is collaring animals in order to track and map their migration. The data will be used by the BLM and the AGFD to inform habitat, land use and wildlife management decisions. This agreement addresses the State's highest priority submitted to the Department of the Interior at the request of the Secretary.

Wild Burros

BLM Arizona leads the Arizona Wild Burro Partnership with the AGFD, Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), and Arizona Department of Transportation to address management issues associated with an overpopulation of wild burros in the state.

Accomplishments in FY 2018 included the removal of 800 burros from the range, with most of the animals adopted or sold. (The remainder are being held at the Florence holding facility pending adoption or sale.) That number is more than double from the previous year and 600 percent more than 2014, due to an increase in adoptions and sales. The BLM is continuing to actively address the burro overpopulation issue in Arizona with gathers and adoptions and sales. The BLM recently hosted a large adoption event at the rodeo grounds in Wickenburg on February 14-17 which adopted 19 animals.

The partnership has also implemented control mechanisms on the ground, such as fencing and signs along Interstate 17 and other area parkways, helping ensure public safety. The Phoenix District is currently involved in a collaring project with the Arizona Department of Transportation and AGFD to track burro movement near the Phoenix metro area, in order to identify the most effective sites for future fencing and control mechanisms. The Colorado River District is currently conducting a pilot study in Mohave County with the Humane Society of the United States to determine if the Porcine Zona Pellucida (PZP) vaccine can be efficiently and effectively administered in the field.

The cornerstone of these successes is BLM Arizona's partnerships with ranchers, local communities, and state agencies.

Recreational Target Shooting

BLM Arizona continues to manage public lands for recreational target shooting, with approximately 95 percent of BLM-managed lands in the state open to the activity. Engagement with key stakeholders and target shooting groups continues to be a priority, to build upon years-long partnerships to educate the public on safe and responsible recreational target shooting on public lands. Currently, the Phoenix District is working with the Department of the Interior to develop a pilot project that would designate and facilitate recreational shooting access, while ensuring public safety and protecting infrastructure (such as telecommunication and utility lines) at the wildland/urban interface around the Phoenix metro area. BLM Arizona anticipates beginning implementation of the pilot project by FY 2020, in partnership with the AGFD and shooting sports groups. The framework has the potential to modernize the way this issue is managed across the West.

Border

BLM Arizona completed five Operation SABR (Securing America's Border Resources) surges during FY 2018, a joint law enforcement effort conducted with U.S. Border Patrol on public lands

located near the international border with Mexico in southern Arizona. Thus far BLM has completed two surges in FY19 and will soon begin a third. During the surges, work crews completed projects on the ground to restore and repair landscapes impacted by illegal transnational smuggling.

In FY 2018, a total of 12,800 pounds of trash was removed, 1,729 pounds of marijuana recovered, and 89 illegal immigrants transferred to the U.S. Border Patrol. BLM Arizona also continues to be active participants in the Borderland Management Task Forces and Alliance to Combat Transnational Threats, in order to coordinate a unified approach to managing the myriad of resource, access, and public safety issues in the border region.

Additionally, BLM Arizona continues to track and provide mission support for law enforcement personnel working in the Southern border region via the Federal Law Enforcement Communications Center.

Wildland Fire

BLM Arizona is currently in the process of hiring for its seasonal firefighting workforce. It anticipates hiring approximately 80 seasonal firefighters to assist in staffing engines, hand crews and helitack crews. Hiring of these seasonal firefighters will bring the total fire workforce to 300 BLM personnel statewide. This fire workforce protects 14.6 million acres of Arizona land including BLM and Bureau of Reclamation lands statewide, Bureau of Indian Affairs/Ft. Yuma and the Barry Goldwater Air Force Range.

BLM Arizona is scheduled to have one Type 3 helicopter in Wickenburg, Arizona, with a seven-person helitack crew. There will be another Type 3 helicopter with crew in St. George, Utah. There will also be seven DOI Single Engine Air Tankers in the Southwest Geographic Area this summer. Approximately 25,000 acres of BLM land are scheduled for fuels reduction treatments (vegetation thinning and prescribed burns) in FY19, totaling $5.5 million; fuels treatment priorities include Border Initiative projects and wildland-urban interface treatments around communities at risk.

BLM Arizona has been in compliance with the 2018 Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement; all fire billing invoices received from the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management have been processed within 30 business days for payment. BLM Arizona has established a process to receive and process all cooperator billing invoices in a timely and efficient manner.

Vulture Mountain Recreation & Public Purposes Act (R&PP) Lease

In March, the Phoenix District expects to announce a new lease of approximately 1,046 acres of public lands near Wickenburg, Arizona, to the Maricopa County Department of Parks and Recreation, under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. An Environmental Assessment

analyzing potential environmental impacts of the lease, which allows the construction of recreation facilities, including picnic and campground facilities, restrooms, trails, a nature center, and an amphitheater was signed January 31, 2019. The lease will support the County's efforts to expand recreation access to residents of the fastest growing county in the U.S.

San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) Resource Management Plan (RMP)

The Gila District is in the process of developing a Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA). Currently, there is no comprehensive RMP specifically addressing the NCA's resources. Once approved, the plan will guide the BLM's management of the area. A Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) was released in June 2018, which analyzed three action alternatives including full grazing and no grazing alternatives. The BLM is currently addressing public comments and revising the RMP. The BLM expects to release the Proposed RMP/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in April/May 2019 and a Record of Decision in late summer 2019.

California Hot Topics

Oil and Gas Leasing and Development

The BLM California manages more than 500 existing oil and gas leases on BLM-managed lands and Federal mineral estate. These leases encompass more than 380,000 acres mainly in Kern, Tulare, Kings, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties. From 2003 to 2013, BLM California conducted quarterly competitive lease sales. During this time, 161 new leases encompassing approximately 104,000 acres were issued. Of these, 11 had at least one well drilled on them. Oil and gas operations in California are primarily in Kern County and are largely from mature oil fields.

The Bakersfield Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Central Coast Field Office Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and EIS for oil and gas leasing and development are high-profile projects with a direct connection to the Administration's priority to develop energy and natural resources. Litigation challenging the Central Coast and Bakersfield RMPs has resulted in U.S. District Court decisions requiring additional National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses of well stimulation effects on ground water and localized seismicity. District Court decisions have suspended leasing on BLM-managed lands until additional planning and supplemental NEPA have been completed. BLM California is correcting the RMP deficiencies identified through litigation.

In August 2018, the BLM initiated a 30-day public scoping for the Bakersfield supplemental EIS. As a result, the BLM received high media interest and public comments from state and county elected officials regarding the areas open for oil and gas development. The BLM issued a scoping

report in December 2018 and is currently working on the Draft Supplemental EIS. The BLM also anticipates releasing a Notice of Availability in 2019 for the Central Coast Field Office final EIS for oil and gas leasing and development. Publication of this Notice of Availability will begin a 30-day protest period and Governor's consistency review.

Renewable Energy Development

The first large-scale solar projects on public lands in the nation were approved in California in 2010. Since then, 21 renewable energy projects that could provide up to 5,750 megawatts have been approved. Currently, in California, there are eight renewable energy applications pending approval on BLM-managed lands, with the potential to generate an additional 2,300 megawatts of renewable energy. One application is located in Lake County and the remaining are located within the California Desert Conservation Area, encompassing San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, and parts of Kern, Inyo, Los Angeles, and San Diego counties. In 2015, the California legislature passed Senate Bill 350 requiring half of California's electricity to come from renewable resources such as wind, solar, geothermal, and biopower, by 2030.

California Desert Plan Amendment

The BLM is considering amending the three land use plans that were modified by the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Amendment to seek greater opportunities for renewable energy generation. In February 2018, the BLM issued a Notice of Intent initiating a 45-day public scoping period to consider amending the plans and held a series of public meetings. Additional meetings were held with county supervisors and staff to help understand local concerns. More than 26,000 comments were received and the BLM is currently working on evaluating public comments, developing the scoping report, and identifying next steps. The planning area spans more than 22 million acres, including 11 million acres of BLM-managed public lands in Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties.

Greater Sage-Grouse

On December 7, 2018, the BLM released the Nevada-California Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed Resource Management Amendment and Final EIS for a 30-day protest period and a 60-day Governor's Consistency Review. The BLM received 14 protest letters and is currently working with the solicitors to finalize the documents. The Record of Decision is expected in March 2019. The amendment covers 2.36 million acres of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat in Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra and Washoe counties. The BLM is also working with the state of California in preparing a Memorandum of Agreement to enhance coordination on management and protection of Greater Sage-Grouse and its habitat on BLM-managed public lands. The agreement will assist in determining whether projects comply with the State's policies and programs relating to Greater Sage-Grouse conservation.

2018 Fire Season

The BLM's wildfire prevention and response in California is coordinated with Federal, state and local agencies. BLM-California manages 15 million acres in California and 1.6 million in Nevada. As of December 2018, there have been about 7,930 fires affecting nearly two million acres across California. Approximately 99,000 acres of BLM-managed public lands have burned. Most of the BLM acres burned are within seven large fires in northern California. The majority of public lands burned are within CALFIRE's protection of BLM lands through a master interagency cooperative agreement.

The Camp Fire, ignited in northern California in November, is the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. The Camp Fire burned 153,000 acres of land and approximately 3,900 acres were on BLM-managed public lands. The Carr Fire, ignited in July 2018 in Shasta County, burned approximately 63,800 acres of BLM-managed public lands. The Mendocino Fire Complex, which included the River and the Ranch fires, burned more than 80,000 acres of BLM-managed public lands. The Department of the Interior's National Interagency Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) teams assessed the fire damages and rehabilitation needs for both the Carr and Mendocino Complex fires. The BLM is working on emergency stabilization projects aimed at reducing post fire damages and threats to public safety on public lands burned in these wildland fires.

Hazard Removal and Vegetation Management Project Programmatic Environmental Assessment

On February 15, 2019, BLM-California released its Hazard Removal and Vegetation Management Project Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA). This assessment covers approximately 551,000 acres of BLM-managed public land in central and northern California and streamlines the process for right-of-way holders, utility companies, and counties to treat vegetation and remove hazardous trees within 200 feet of critical infrastructure to reduce wildfire risk. Significant increases in dead and dying trees are threatening public safety in high-use areas near roads, private property, utility lines, recreation areas, and trails. This is consistent with the direction of Executive Order 13855 to facilitate the removal of hazardous trees near critical infrastructure in California. The BLM estimates that between 2,500 and 20,000 acres of treatment will occur on an annual basis under this programmatic EA. Treatment strategies include removing dead and dying trees, clearing understory vegetation, and conducting prescribed pile and understory burns. The EA covers eight BLM resource management plans spanning 35 northern and central California counties.

Governor's Forest Management Task Force

The BLM is a member of California's Forest Management Task Force, which was established in 2018 by the Governor to protect the environmental quality, public health, and economic benefits that healthy forests provide to California. The purpose of the group is to strategically coordinate the state's investments in forest health; expand and improve forest management to enhance forest health and resiliency; minimize regulatory barriers for prescribed fire, forest health, and fuels reduction projects; expand the use of prescribed fire across public and private ownerships; encourage capacity building in forested communities to support implementation; and incentivize innovations in the

forest product and building industries to utilize material from forest health and fuel reduction projects.

State-Federal Off-Highway Vehicle Partnerships

The BLM manages more than 28,000 miles of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) routes in California. Coordination between the BLM and the state of California on providing high quality recreational opportunities has resulted in a very successful state-Federal partnership. The BLM receives, on average, 6 to 8 million dollars in grants each year from the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division to help fund and coordinate OHV programs. These grants support OHV management activities such as law enforcement, resource protection, planning and monitoring, visitor services and maintenance on BLM-managed public lands throughout the state. In February 2019, BLM California hosted 12 public workshops across the state to gather input for the 2019 OHV grant proposals.

Border Security and Resource Protection

The BLM manages approximately 71 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border and is actively engaged in mitigating border-related impacts to public lands and public land users. In California, there are approximately 3.3 million acres of public lands along the U.S.-Mexico border. The BLM works with other Federal, state, local, and tribal governments to resolve issues caused by illegal activities along the border. The BLM is committed to protecting public land uses and resources and continues to work closely with the Department of Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Military, U.S. Marshals Service and others on border issues. In March 2006, the BLM signed an MOU with other Federal agencies to cooperate on national security and counterterrorism efforts on Federal lands along the border. In 2009, the El Centro Borderland Management Task Force (BMTF) was established as an intergovernmental forum to discuss and resolve issues along the border. The group, co-chaired by the BLM and United States Border Patrol, provides cooperative problem solving for issues such as border security, human safety, and natural and cultural resource protection. In 2018, BLM law enforcement completed two one-week border focused operations in Imperial and San Diego counties. The operations resulted in 171 deterred entries, 161 foreign national apprehensions, and seizure of $85,000 cash and 145 pounds of methamphetamine. Additional border security and resource protection focused operations are planned for 2019.

Colorado Hot Topics

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area River Management Plan

BLM Colorado is revising the 2001 Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) River Management Plan. The Arkansas River is the most commercially rafted river in the U.S. and a major economic driver for the region. The management plan revision will allow for a higher level of development, adjusts river use to align with current and future demands, and accommodates new recreation trends. The revision effort addresses increases in recreation use, changes in visitor use patterns and the numerous recreation activities that occur along the 152-mile stretch of the AHRA.

The original 1989 management plan created a unique partnership between Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the BLM. The first revision to the plan was completed in 2001 and directed the development of numerous support facilities such as boat ramps, campgrounds and improved access points along the river. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission is tentatively scheduled to review the plan at their March 2019 meeting. BLM will issue a final decision for the plan in spring 2019.

Bonita Peaks Clean-up

BLM Colorado is conducting investigation, mitigation, and remediation actions on mine sites located on BLM-managed lands within the Bonita Peak Mining District (BPMD). The BPMD was added to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) List of National Priority Superfund Sites in September 2016 after a major contamination spill at the Gold King Mine in August 2015. In December 2017, the BPMD was selected as one of EPA's top 20 priority sites.

In 2018, the BLM completed a Supplemental Site Investigation (SSI) for all BLM sites within the BPMD. The purpose of the SSI was to fill data gaps and characterize waste; identify contaminant migration; and monitor and maintain several previously mitigated sites. The BLM will use the SSI results to prioritize work in 2019, and expects to remediate 4-6 sites in 2019. In addition, the BLM is moving forward with hiring a full-time project manager to manage the 14 sites that are either wholly or partially on public lands.

The BLM, EPA Region 8, the San Juan National Forest, the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, San Juan County, the Town of Silverton and several public stakeholders groups are collaborating on all aspects of the project.**Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan**

The Royal Gorge Field Office is developing the Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan (ECRMP). The ECRMP will replace the 1996 Royal Gorge RMP and 1986 Northeast RMP. This plan includes decisions on approximately 658,200 acres of BLM-administered lands and 3.3 million acres of subsurface federal mineral estate across 37 counties in Colorado.

The target date for publishing the Notice of Availability for the draft Environmental Impact Statement in the Federal Register is mid-March 2019, followed by a 90-day public review and comment period. The Colorado Department of Natural Resources and the Colorado Department of Agriculture are cooperating agencies in this planning effort.

Silverton Area Travel Management Plan

The Gunnison Field Office plans to begin Travel Management Planning (TMP) for public lands in San Juan County (approximately 50,000 acres) in March of 2019. This project is a priority for the Field Office, the Town of Silverton, and San Juan County, and includes approximately 87 miles of existing routes. The Silverton Travel Management Area is characterized by an extremely fractured

land-use pattern with existing routes that often cross in and out of private mining claims multiple times. The topography of the area is steep with many 13,000 foot peaks and a mix of heavily-treed acres and alpine tundra.

The Town of Silverton and San Juan County jointly released a "Silverton Area Trails Plan" in 2019 after a multi-year engagement process. This plan includes proposals for formal designation of some existing trails as well as construction of up to 75 miles of new non-motorized trail. This joint plan will help inform the BLM's travel management process. Additional public requests for formal adoption of existing routes into the transportation system, proposals for new roads or trails, or additional authorized uses on existing trails will also be considered.

Oil and Gas Leasing

BLM Colorado will meet with newly elected Governor Jared Polis to discuss the state's concern regarding oil and gas leasing in big game habitat. The state had submitted big game habitat maps to the Department of the Interior and BLM Colorado in late 2018, which has led to further discussions about leasing in big game habitat in Colorado. BLM has deferred leases in big game habitat included in the state's 2018 map, as well as deferring leasing in Greater Sage-Grouse habitat and the North Fork Valley, based on the previous request of Governor Hickenlooper.

Bull Draw Fire Rehabilitation

The BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Mule Deer Foundation and a local rancher plan to rehabilitate 6,400 acres of public lands impacted by the Bull Draw Fire. The Bull Draw Fire ignited last July, and spread across 36,553 acres near Nucla. The project is expected to commence in early 2019. On-the-ground work will entail distributing 87,000 pounds of mixed grass and forb seed, treating noxious weed locations and repairing damaged range fencing.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife identified the project area as critical winter range for mule deer and a priority for rehabilitation. The project will help ensure available forage for big game species and livestock, as well as reduce the potential for soil erosion.

Palisade Plunge

The BLM's Grand Junction Field Office, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Grand Valley Ranger District and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) issued a decision to construct the Palisade Plunge, collectively a 30-mile mountain bike and hiking trail. The Palisade Plunge is a collaborative effort between the agencies, the Town of Palisade, the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA) and Mesa County. It is also one of the Colorado Governor's "Colorado's 16" initiatives to support trails and promote outdoor recreation in Colorado. Supporters of the project estimate "the plunge" could infuse $1.9 million annually into Palisade's economy, and $5 million annually into the broader Grand Valley economy. The trail would begin at the USFS's Mesa Top trailhead. The route would cross Lands' End Road and Whitewater Creek drainage, descending across BLM-managed public lands to the Colorado River through the Palisade

Rim Special Recreation Management Area, ultimately ending in the Town of Palisade via the North River Road. Construction will begin this year.

North Fork Valley Coal Mine Methane Working Group

The North Fork Valley, located in Delta and Gunnison counties, has a 100-year history of coal mining. Coal companies, local governments, and some environmental groups in the Valley have met to discuss potential methods to deal with the waste coal mine methane that emits from active and inactive mines. The local working group agrees there should be incentives and procedures that allow for methane capture, but struggles to find consensus on how to develop the methane while protecting the environment.

BLM Colorado has been approached by coal lessees, energy companies, and the working group with proposals to authorize coal mine methane capture, use, and/or abatement. BLM Colorado continues to evaluate how to authorize coal mine methane capture.

In 2013, the Valley was home to three active coal mines - Bowie, Elk Creek, and West Elk. The three mines produced approximately 10 million tons of coal annually, and employed nearly 1000 people. Only the West Elk mine is currently operating. Bowie and Elk Creek are sealed with coal leases still in place.

Coal Lease by Applications (LBAs)

BLM Colorado is currently processing three coal lease by applications (LBA). The New Elk Mine LBA is an underground coal mine located in western Las Animas County, in southeast Colorado. The 1,440 acres of federal coal reserves proposed for lease by the New Elk Coal Company lie north of and adjacent to existing coal reserves owned or leased by the company.

The Foidel Creek Mine LBA is an underground mine located in Routt County, in northwest Colorado. The 640 acres of federal coal reserves proposed for lease by Peabody Energy's Twenty mile Coal underlie privately-owned surface lands owned by a subsidiary of Peabody Energy.

The King II Mine LBA is an underground mine located in La Plata County, in southwest Colorado. The 2,514 acres of federal coal reserves proposed for lease by GCC Energy is adjacent to the King II mine with mixed surface ownership including the BLM, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and private landowners.

Idaho Hot Topics

Greater Sage-Grouse RMPA/FEIS ROD Publication

The BLM is preparing to publish a Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision (ROD) pertaining to the amendment of 23 existing Resource Management Plans and Management Framework Plans in Idaho. The Amendments would modify buffer distances in Important and General habitat management areas; remove the Sagebrush Focal Area designation; modify mitigation to align with current policy and adjust objectives for grazing management. The planning area encompasses approximately 11.4 million surface acres and approximately 27 million subsurface acres that BLM administers in Idaho. Publishing the availability of the ROD represents one of the final steps in refining the 2015 Sage-grouse plans and bringing current management of sage-grouse into alignment with the Administration's policy. The BLM developed the changes in collaboration with the Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation, state wildlife managers, and other Cooperating Agencies.

Phosphate Mining Plan Permitting Activity

Since late 2018, BLM Idaho has released three draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) for public comment pertaining to proposed expansion of existing or development of new phosphate leases on the Idaho Falls District in southeastern Idaho. The three projects are the East Smoky Mine (expansion), the Dairy Syncline Mine (new mine) and the Caldwell Canyon Mine (new mine). If approved, the three proposed plans combined would sustain approximately 3,000 mining, processing plant, and indirect jobs for up to 30 years and would contribute an estimated $250 million annually to the regional economy. The proposals involve a variety of complex issues, including impacts on water quality, livestock grazing, recreation, Greater sage-grouse, and land tenure.

BLM Idaho is working on a land exchange which is needed to support Simplot's ongoing phosphate processing operations. The proposal envisions BLM acquiring approximately 670 acres of high value land five miles southeast of Pocatello, Idaho, in exchange for 719 acres of contaminated land near the J.R. Simplot Company's "Don Plant" phosphate processing facility near Fort Hall, Idaho. Simplot needs land to support the future onsite expansion of fertilizer by-product storage at the Don Plant. The lands Simplot would acquire contain elevated levels of contaminants in soils and vegetation. Simplot is already cooperating with the EPA and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to address cleanup issues on those acres.

The land the BLM would acquire would result in permanent public access to an established trail system, and which the State of Idaho identifies as crucial mule deer winter range. Both the disposal and acquisition parcels are within the original ceded boundary of the Fort Hall Reservation. This land exchange is expected to be controversial as the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes oppose any land tenure actions within or near the Fort Hall Reservation. The Tribes previously litigated the proposal and the District Court ultimately determined an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was necessary. Legal challenges to this project are again expected.

Livestock Grazing Permit Renewals

BLM Idaho is in the process of issuing proposed and final decisions on livestock grazing permit renewals on approximately 15 allotments involving more than 40 permittees. Some of the decisions are being issued to comply with District Court orders. BLM rangeland health assessments and evaluations have determined that many of the allotments are not meeting all of the applicable Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health and that current livestock grazing is not in conformance with the Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management. Environmental Assessments, which analyze a range of alternatives, have been prepared for all of the permit renewals. Some of these assessments include construction of range improvement projects, changes to Animal Unit Month (AUM) levels, and changes in the timing and duration of grazing.

BLM Idaho is working on two court-ordered grazing permit renewals: the Battle Creek, East Castle, Owens (BECO) Allotments (encompassing nine permits) in the Bruneau Field Office and the Rockville Allotment (encompassing two permits) in the Owyhee Field Office. The BECO decision has been issued and is currently under appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Vegetation/Fuels Treatments

Vegetation on public lands that the BLM administers in Idaho has changed over time, particularly in sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. As a result of the changes, a significant amount of the lands are infested with noxious and invasive weeds, particularly invasive species like cheatgrass. The result of this shift is the occurrence of large and unnaturally frequent wildfires, which further harm the sagebrush-steppe ecosystem. This impacts the BLM's ability to manage vegetation on public lands to support multiple uses, including wildlife habitat, livestock grazing, and recreation.

In collaboration with federal, state, and local partners, BLM is undertaking a variety of projects to protect and retain resilient vegetative communities. These include emergency stabilization and rehabilitation of burned areas; construction of vegetated fuel breaks to minimize wildfire spread; removal of conifers (i.e. juniper and Douglas-fir) encroaching into sagebrush-steppe habitat through mechanical means and prescribed fire; treatments to eliminate noxious and invasive weeds, including herbicide application to temporarily control invasive annual species prior to seeding desirable perennial species; investigations to ameliorate the spread of invasive annual species; and planting perennial bunch grasses and forbs to improve sagebrush-steppe habitat.

BLM Idaho has three major vegetation and fuel treatment projects in various stages. These projects are: (1) the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-grouse Habitat project (BOSH); (2) the Tri-State project, and (3) the Paradigm project. **BOSH** focuses on removing young, encroaching juniper trees across 617,000 acres in SW Idaho. BLM Idaho is nearing the end of the protest period associated with the Record of Decision for BOSH. The **Tri-State** project focuses on creating fuel breaks along existing roads in the region where SW Idaho, SE Oregon and northern Nevada converge. This area is a stronghold of largely intact sagebrush habitat, but we consider it to be at high risk from wildfire. BLM Idaho and Oregon are preparing to jointly publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS for the project. The **Paradigm** project, which is currently being implemented, also focuses on a system of fuel breaks, with the objective of slowing the spread of wildfires along the Interstate 84 corridor

between Boise and Mountain Home. This corridor has seen exceptionally high fire activity over the last 20-30 years.

Proposed Owyhee Wilderness boundary adjustments legislation

Idaho Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch have introduced the "Owyhee Wilderness Areas Boundary Modifications Act" (S. 3480) to modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek, Owyhee River, and North Fork Owyhee Wilderness Areas in Owyhee County, Idaho. The Omnibus Public Land Management Act (OPLMA) of 2009 designated these and three other new wilderness areas in southwest Idaho. This portion of the OPLMA was derived in part from legislation that Sen. Crapo introduced, which was based on recommendations of the Owyhee Initiative, a collaborative group composed of livestock industry, recreation, tribal, and conservation representatives. Soon after the passage of OPLMA, issues associated with designated wilderness boundaries arose. Some of the designated wilderness boundaries conflicted with realities on the ground, such as existing and historically used cherry-stem roads and parking and camping sites.

BLM's relationship with Idaho National Guard

The Orchard Training Area comprises 138,051 acres of land and has been used by the Idaho Army National Guard (IARNG) since the 1950s. The area sits within the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, which is managed by the BLM. The BLM works closely with IDARNG on various projects within the Boise District to facilitate high-priority IDARNG work. Currently the groups are engaged in several proposals ranging from right-of-way (ROW) approvals for roads to connect different training areas to upgrading the master plan to improve the Orchard Combat Training Center (OCTC) existing range facility. Staff members meet regularly to discuss various issues and develop ways to achieve resource management issues while improving the training capabilities at Gowen Field and the OCTC. In addition, the IDARNG is pursuing a lease from Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) for lands east of the OCTC and is interested in a land exchange that would expand their training capabilities. As such, the BLM works with IDL on various land related issues that may arise regarding some of the IDARNG activities.

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements

BLM Idaho is hosting a project team tasked with developing two Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements (PEIS) for Great Basin fuel break and vegetation restoration projects. (The Great Basin comprises the arid portions of eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, Nevada, western Utah, and southern Idaho.) The impetus behind the PEISs is to streamline NEPA analysis needed for specific projects, which allows work to start faster on the ground. This will help address wildfire threats to iconic sagebrush landscapes across the Great Basin.

The Draft PEIS for fuel breaks is nearing completion, and the Draft PEIS for vegetation restoration is close behind. The next milestone in the planning process is to publish the Draft PEIS documents, which opens public comment periods associated with the documents. The BLM expects to have the

two PEISs completely through the analysis, public comment and appeal processes by the end of 2019.

Water Rights issues

BLM Idaho works well with the Idaho Department of Water Resources in resolving numerous water rights issues. These issues include the BLM's protests designed to protect Federal interests. Typically BLM Idaho's protests revolve around the need for a water right applicant to obtain a BLM right-of-way (ROW) to transport the water across public lands.

Through changes in state law passed in 2017, the Idaho Legislature intended to prevent federal land management agencies from acquiring new state-issued water rights. The constitutionality of this legislation has yet to be tested in federal or state court.

Similarly, under legislation passed in 2018, the State of Idaho is in the preliminary stages of seeking the forfeiture of state-issued water rights held by both the FS and the BLM.

Over the last several years, BLM Idaho has been assisting counties and municipalities in southern Idaho with aquifer recharge activities through the issuance of ROWs for the transport and application of water in designated recharge areas. These recharge activities are authorized under IDWR regulations.

Massachusetts Hot Topics

BLM Cadastral Survey Group 3

The Eastern States State Office's Cadastral Survey Program performed a cadastral survey under a Reimbursable Services Agreement, for the General Services Administration, regarding the boundary of Hanscom Air Force Base in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. The project started in 2015, the plat was officially filed in January 2017, and the project is slated for completion during 2019. The remaining work to be completed involves plotting additional use areas to assist with the management of the property. The BLM is delegated as the Federal survey authority from Congress and uses this authority to perform cadastral surveys and boundary management activities for all Federal land management agencies.

BLM Cadastral Survey Group 4

The Eastern States State Office's Cadastral Survey Program performed a cadastral survey under a Reimbursable Services Agreement for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Region, regarding a portion of the boundary of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) trust lands. The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head is a federally-recognized tribe of Wampanoag people based in the town of Aquinnah on the southwest tip of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. The field survey

work is complete and the survey plat and field notes will likely be approved during February 2019. The project started in 2016. A Federal Register Notice that announces the filing of the plats while providing a 30-day public review and comment period may publish during March 2019. The BLM is delegated as the Federal survey authority from Congress and uses this authority to perform cadastral surveys and boundary management activities for all Federal land management agencies.

Nevada Hot Topics

Nevada Test and Training Range

The U.S. Air Force (USAF) is planning to extend the lifespan of its current withdrawal for the USAF Nevada Test & Training Range of 1,808,244 acres in Nye County; 778,681 acres in Lincoln County; and 361,558 acres in Clark County. The current withdrawal will terminate after November 6, 2021, unless extended by Congressional legislation. The USAF is also proposing to expand its withdrawal by an additional 119,387 acres in Clark County; 154,378 acres in Lincoln County; and 27,740 acres in Nye County. The Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) published December 8, 2017, received 146,717 comments from 30,229 members of the public, with ninety-nine percent of the comments received in one or more of the six form letters used by the public to submit comments. The USAF published the Final LEIS on October 26, 2018, receiving no new substantive comments. On November 7, 2018, the USAF submitted the application package and draft administrative record for the LEIS for BLM review. The USAF will be submitting the completed administrative record for the LEIS in March. BLM-Nevada is developing Findings and Recommendations for the NTTR Military Land Withdrawal Extension and Proposed Expansion in consultation with the USFWS and the USAF. NTTR's proposed expansion onto BLM-managed land is relatively uncontroversial compared to the USFWS-managed lands on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.

Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization

The Department of Navy (DON) is planning to extend the lifespan of its current withdrawal of 203,000 acres of public land in Churchill County for the Fallon Range Training Complex. Concurrently, the DON is also proposing to expand their withdrawal by an additional 769,000 acres in Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, and Pershing Counties. The present withdrawal will expire in the fall, 2020.

The DON held a public comment period for the Draft EIS from November. 16, 2018, to February 14, 2019, and held seven public meetings from December 10-13, 2018, to inform the public about the proposed modernization and the results of the environmental impact analysis.

Congressman Mark Amodei (R. Dist. 2) and his staff have met with BLM staff, BLM grazing permittees, and the Navy to discuss a systematic method for valuing grazing authorizations that may need to be bought out from permittees by the DON.

Martin Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation

The Martin Fire started on July 5 and burned over 435,000 acres, making it the largest wildfire in Nevada history. About half the burned acres were in the Winnemucca District and half in the Elko District. The Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation implementation is expected to be 4-5 years in length, and will likely include a small number of seed mixes, a staggered seed drilling schedule, targeted livestock grazing, temporary fences, fuel breaks, and wild horse gathers as part of the effort to ensure recovery of Greater sage-grouse habitat and grazing lands.

Kris and Fred Stewart of the Ninety-Six Ranch in the Winnemucca District are permittees on the William Stock Allotment, 85 percent of which burned. The Stewarts have been in direct contact with the President and various Congressional representatives, criticizing grazing reductions "over the last 50 years." The Winnemucca District is actively working with the Stewarts and other grazing permittees to allow maximum livestock flexibility under current grazing authorizations during ES&R. Meetings are ongoing to try and work out their concerns.

On the Elko District, aerial seeding was initiated in January 2019 in conjunction with the Nevada Department of Wildlife. Coordination among state, federal, and local agencies has been ongoing since the containment of the Martin Fire on critical topics such as available seed and timing of implementation. To date treatments on the Martin Fire for the Elko District include:
Herbicide, Imazapic, 10,300 acres; Aerial Seeding, Sagebursh, forbs and grasses, 30,610 acres.

Wild Horse and Burro Program

The Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC), BLM Nevada's partner in training wild horses for adoption, has an adoption scheduled for March 30. NNCC was the program that inspired the upcoming feature film, *The Mustang*, which premieres March 15 in NY and LA with showings in 50 major cities the following weekend.
There are no additional planned gathers for FY19, but Nevada continues to have needs across the state and we anticipate several emergency gather needs in FY19.

Recent and pending gathers:

- November 27 - December 17, 2018: A planned helicopter gather was conducted on the Silver King Herd Management Area in the Ely District to remove up to 980 excess wild horses with no planned fertility control. The gather was conducted due to Greater Sage-Grouse, public safety and private land issues. The BLM removed a total of 996 excess wild horses.

- February 7 - as of February 19, 2019: The Carson City District began a helicopter gather to remove up to 575 excess wild horses due to Bi-state Sage-Grouse, public safety and private land issues. There is no plan to remove wild horses from an area known as Fish Springs which is located in the Pine Nut Mountains Herd Area south of Carson City, where there has been significant activism regarding the wild horses since last summer. The Pine Nut Mountain Wild Horse gather is currently ongoing and as of February 19, 340 excess wild horses have been removed. On February 20, 2019, the gather was suspended indefinitely due to weather.
- In November 2018, private landowners near Kingston, NV notified the Mount Lewis Field Office that a group of 12 to 15 wild burros was damaging private property. The Nevada State Office approved an emergency gather request and 12 burros were removed in an operation that concluded in February 2019.

Burning Man Special Recreation Permit

The Black Rock Field Office anticipates releasing the Burning Man Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The proposed action would increase the event population from 80,000 to 100,000. The alternatives developed from internal and public scoping are:

- increase the event population from 80,000 to 100,000
- keeping the event population at 80,000
- shifting the event northward up the Black Rock playa due to flooding concerns
- lowering the permitted population to 50,000 participants
- no action (no event.)

The timeline for the EIS is critical to complete prior to the 2019 event around Labor Day.

New Mexico Hot Topics

Fracking/Methane Rule

In September 2018, the BLM published a final rule entitled, "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Rescission or Revision of Certain Requirements" (2018 final rule). The 2018 final rule revised the 2016 rule in a manner that reduces unnecessary compliance burdens, is consistent with the BLM's existing statutory authorities, and re-establishes longstanding requirements that had been replaced.

Governor's interest: Governor Lujan Grisham is interested in reaping economic benefits for the state of New Mexico through gas capture royalties. She has said publicly that she intends to develop a statewide, enforceable regulatory framework to secure reductions in oil-and-gas sector methane emissions and to prevent waste from new and existing sources.

SunZia

The SunZia Project consists of two bi-directional extra-high voltage electric transmission lines and substations that will transport energy from Arizona and New Mexico to customers and markets across the Desert Southwest. SunZia's total transmission capacity has an approved rating from the Western Electricity Coordinating Council of 3,000 megawatts for two single-circuit 500 kV AC lines. SunZia is solely an electric transmission project, and is not a power generation facility. SunZia has requested several modifications to the power-line right of way approved in the 2015 SunZia Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The modifications are mostly required to reroute the power-line route around areas where SunZia was unable to secure agreements on private land. An EA has been initiated to evaluate the requested modifications. One main concern is impacts to a migratory bird area, which is where the proposed line crosses the Rio Grande River.

Borderlands Wind Project

Wind LLC is proposing to construct and operate an up to 100-MW wind-powered electrical generation facility in western Catron County, New Mexico. The Borderlands Wind Project (BLWP) would be built near Quemado, New Mexico, and the Arizona–New Mexico border on 40,348 acres of land south of U.S. Highway 60. This effort could bring construction jobs for an 8-10 month period and operations jobs for a 35-year operation period. Approximately 28,989 acres of the proposed project area are public lands administered by the BLM Socorro Field Office. The remaining lands in the project area are managed by the State of New Mexico (5,185 acres) and by private landowners (6,246 acres). Ancillary facilities would include access roads, underground collection lines, fiber-optic communication lines, substation/switchyard, and temporary construction laydown areas.

Chaco Canyon

Chaco Culture National Historical Park, in northwestern New Mexico, is considered by some stakeholders to be one of the most significant cultural sites on public land in the United States. The canyon and the surrounding region contain the remnants of great houses, kivas, ancient roads and sacred places built a millennium ago by an indigenous people who became proficient in architecture, agriculture, astronomy and the arts. Proposed lease sales and oil and gas development near Chaco Canyon have garnered a great deal of attention from the public, local tribes, and elected officials. Concerns include impacts on cultural artifacts, views, and potential contamination of both land and water. In December, then Congresswoman Lujan Grisham sent a letter to Secretary Zinke urging the Department to remove all parcels within a "10-mile buffer zone" from any future lease sale. The Governor is particularly concerned with cultural sites within the region and tribes' ancestral ties to the area.

Mexican/United States Border

New Mexico is among the states taking President Donald Trump to court over the emergency declaration issued last week to get funding to build a wall on the country's southern border.

Governor Lujan Grisham has voiced concern about the wall and its impact on the state's economy as well as its environment. BLM NM manages land at the southern border.

Tribal Coordination/Consultation

In light of the special relationship between the Federal Government and federally recognized Tribes and Pueblos, consultation in the form of notification, consideration, and discussion with federally recognized Tribes and Pueblos is ongoing throughout New Mexico. In recent years, the governor has said that the BLM and BIA must provide a comprehensive evaluation of the Greater Chaco Canyon area to identify and protect its cultural resources and sacred sites.

Farmington Mancos-Gallup Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The BLM's Farmington Field Office, in coordination with the BIA's Navajo Regional Office, is preparing a joint draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (RMPA/EIS) to analyze and update resource management issues, resource data, laws, regulations, and policies. The draft RMPA/EIS will create a unified document that resource managers can use for land use management purposes. This planning effort will update management decisions for oil and gas development, lands and realty, BLM-managed lands with wilderness characteristics, and vegetation. In addition, the document will facilitate BLM and BIA environmental analysis and permitting of Indian and Tribal mineral development. The planning area is in San Juan, Rio Arriba, McKinley, and Sandoval Counties in New Mexico. It encompasses approximately 4,189,460 acres of land, including approximately 675,400 acres of Navajo Trust surface, 1,316,200 acres of BLM-managed land, and 210,100 acres of individual Indian allotments, across 17 Navajo Nation Chapters. There are 22 cooperating agencies for the plan including the Navajo Nation, San Felipe Pueblo, Zuni Pueblo, the All Pueblo Council of Governors and the Navajo Tri Chapters. The amendment to the BLM's 2003 RMP involves potential modifications to oil and gas leasing, realty actions, vegetation management and lands with wilderness characteristics. The BLM and BIA developed four alternatives, plus the No Action alternative, to be considered for these resources. The BLM and BIA have selected Alternative C as the preferred alternative for the EIS. This RMP process has received considerable public attention due to it covering lands near the Chaco Culture National Historical Park. The governor's interest is in protecting cultural resources in the region and ensuring that all stakeholders are included in the planning process.

Carlsbad Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The planning area encompasses approximately 6.2 million acres, of which 2.1 million surface acres and 3 million subsurface acres are BLM-administered. The major issues include fluid and solid mineral extraction and energy development, socioeconomics, recreation, special designations (including areas of critical environmental concern), special status species, visual resources, and

wildlife habitat. Governor Lujan Grisham has expressed support for energy development but has emphasized the importance of environmental restrictions to protect air and water resources.

BLM Oregon/Washington Hot Topics

Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline

Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline LP proposes to construct a 234-mile long, 36-inch diameter high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline from an existing interstate gas transmission pipeline at Malin, Oregon, to a proposed natural gas liquefaction plant and export terminal at Jordan Cove in Coos Bay, Oregon. In June 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) published its Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the project, which will include amendments to the BLM's resource management plans and the BLM's response to a right-of-way grant application for the project to cross Federally-managed lands. The lead agency, FERC, is developing the environmental documents for NEPA compliance and the BLM is a cooperating agency. The BLM continues to work closely with FERC as the NEPA process moves forward. A schedule was released by FERC that anticipates the issuance of a final order on November 29, 2019. Decision-making by the BLM will follow the FERC final order. This is a FAST-41 project.

Greater Sage-Grouse

BLM Oregon/Washington worked closely with the Oregon Governor's Office and state agencies during the Greater Sage-Grouse plan amendment directed by Secretarial Order 3353, which seeks to improve Greater Sage-Grouse conservation and strengthen communication among Federal and State agencies. This effort affirms former Secretary Zinke's commitment to work in close collaboration with governors' offices and state agencies and conserve important habitat while also promoting economic growth and job creation. In May 2018, the BLM announced proposed changes to the Greater Sage-Grouse Plan and notice of 90-day public comment period on a draft environmental impact statement. The DEIS analyzes two alternatives for managing livestock grazing on approximately 22,000 acres in 13 key research natural areas. The comment period ended August 2, 2018. A Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Final EIS and Proposed Plan Amendment was published December 7, 2018. The NOA started the 30-day public protest period and concurrent 60-day governor's consistency review. The public protest period ended January 15, 2019. The governor's consistency review ended on February 5, 2019. The protest resolution process is ongoing, as is the process of drafting a response to the governor's consistency review letter. The record of decision and *Federal Register* notice are anticipated to be published in March 2019.

Western Oregon Forestry

On Oregon's west side, the BLM issued two Records of Decision/RMPs in August 2016: one that focuses on moist forests (the Northwest and Coastal Oregon RMP) and the other for dry forests (the Southwest Oregon RMP). On average, the BLM has offered 214 million board-feet (mmbf) per year

over the last 10 years. The BLM offered over 218 mmbf of timber in 2018, which is estimated to support/maintain 2,600 local jobs and introduce around $128.2 million of employment earnings into local economies. This is also enough timber to frame around 12,500 residential family sized homes. For fiscal year 2019, the BLM is striving for an annual offering of 278 mmbf—a goal that is dependent on sufficient budget and staffing. The BLM is actively working on an accelerated timber ramp-up strategy in order to meet this goal. Timber sales offered to date in FY19 total approximately 29 mmbf. Based on current plans, most volume is scheduled to be offered in the third and fourth quarters of FY19. Volume estimates will be continually updated through the year as sales are laid out and marked.

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line

PacifiCorp, the Bonneville Power Administration, and Idaho Power have jointly proposing to design, construct, operate, and maintain a new approximately 300-mile 500-kilovolt, single-circuit electric transmission line from the Longhorn Substation near Boardman, Oregon to the existing Hemingway Substation near Melba, Idaho. The Boardman to Hemingway Project would provide additional capacity for exchanging energy between the Pacific Northwest and the Intermountain West, depending on which region is experiencing the highest demand. The BLM, the lead Federal agency, published the Final EIS for the project on November 28, 2016. The BLM ROD approving the ROW was released November 17, 2017. The Forest Service decision record approving the special use permit was released November 9, 2018. The Oregon Department of Energy continues to work through the application for site certification process for state and private lands. A final order is anticipated in 2021. If approved, construction would begin in 2022. The total capital expenditure for the project is approximately $1 to 1.2 billion

San Juan Islands National Monument

The San Juan Islands National Monument Resource Management Plan (RMP) will provide objectives and direction for the management of 1,021 acres of public lands. There is currently no RMP in place for any of these public lands, and the district has engaged a wide spectrum of cooperating agencies, consulting Tribal governments, local communities, organizations, and user groups in the planning process. The Draft RMP/EIS was released for public comment in October 2018. The RMP record of decision is scheduled for April 2019.

Lakeview and Southeastern Oregon RMP Amendments

In accordance with a settlement agreement with a coalition of environmental organizations, the Lakeview and Vale Districts are currently developing limited-focused RMP Amendments to address the management of lands with wilderness characteristics. The settlement agreement ensured that the vast majority of the land use planning-level decisions established in the districts' respective 2003 and 2002 RMPs remain in place for approximately 7.8 million acres of public land, and the completion of these RMP amendments will provide longer-term internal and external clarity regarding the management of these lands. To date, the two districts' efforts have resulted in new and updated inventories for land with wilderness characteristics for approximately 2.8 million acres

of public land in Oregon. The Vale District's Draft Southeastern Oregon RMP Amendment is scheduled to be released in March 2019, and the Lakeview Draft RMP Amendment is scheduled to be released in April 2019.

Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act

Toward a goal of serving America, one of the BLM's national priorities is to fulfill our trust responsibilities to Tribal communities. In support, we are focusing efforts on enhancing tribal relations in fiscal year 2019. This includes working closely with Tribes on land management issues of interest, including implementing the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act. On January 8, 2018, the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act (Public Law 115-103) was signed into law. This law provides for approximately 14,742 acres of lands managed by the BLM in western Oregon to be held in trust on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. It also provides that approximately 17,519 acres of lands managed by the BLM in western Oregon be held in trust on behalf of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. The BLM worked closely with the Tribes and the BIA to develop and sign two memoranda of agreement to maintain Secretarial access to the conveyance lands as specified by the Act. Since the signing of those MOAs in the summer of 2018, the BLM has continued to work closely with the Tribes and the BIA to develop operational agreements. These multi-party agreements will enhance forest management across the conveyance lands and adjacent public and private timber lands by including the Tribes in reciprocal rights-of-way for timber management on multi-party road systems in western Oregon.

Utah Hot Topics

Lake Powell Pipeline

The State of Utah has applied for a right-of-way for a hydropower and water delivery project to bring water to 13 communities in southern Utah. The pipeline would extend from Glen Canyon Dam to St. George, Utah, crossing BLM-administered land in both Utah and Arizona. The project is part of a comprehensive, long-term water supply plan that includes maximizing use of available local water supply, increasing water conservation, and developing new resources. The project would help county water providers diversify water supplies and meet the needs of growing communities. The project also includes six hydro facilities that would be managed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The FERC recently made a decision on their jurisdiction for this project, and they have reduced their jurisdiction to six hydro facilities. BLM Arizona Strip District staff conducted public scoping meetings in Fredonia, Arizona, and St. George, Utah, regarding a proposed amendment to the Arizona Strip Field Office Resource Management Plan and the BLM and State of Utah have reached an agreement regarding the location of proposed Hydro Station 1, addressing visual resources, and avoiding the need for an associated plan amendment on visual resource management. The BLM made a submission to the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance regarding FERC's Ready for Environmental Analysis to restart the Environmental

Impact Statement (EIS), including updates to the purpose and need for the EIS. On January17, 2019, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Timothy Petty sent a letter to FERC notifying them of Interior's new approach for major NEPA actions involving more than one Interior bureau and the delegation of lead responsibilities in this effort to the Bureau of Reclamation Provo Area Office of the Upper Colorado Basin Region. FERC plans to publish the draft EIS in August 2019.

Northern Transportation Route

BLM-Utah staff, US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Washington County representatives have attended several Utah Department of Transportation meetings to discuss the Desert Tortoise Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and the proposed "Northern Corridor" right-of-way application. The HCP and the right-of-way application are deemed interdependent. The BLM is on schedule to begin formal scoping and issue the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the *Federal Register* in June 2019. The St. George Field Office is also working with interagency partners to develop an EIS for the proposed right-of-way. An important aspect of the discussions is acquisition of over 1,200 acres from three remaining private in-holders in the Desert Tortoise Reserve and the National Conservation Area. Acquisitions have been a challenging, time-consuming, and costly process. However, the County, BLM, FWS, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and The Nature Conservancy all are committed to work together on a plan to acquire the inholdings from willing sellers. We are currently in the process of using LWCF funding for one of the land acquisitions.

Sevier Playa Potash Project

On November 30, 2018, the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIS for the Sevier Playa Potash Project published in the *Federal Register*, followed by a 45-day public comment period that ended on January. 14, 2019. The project, proposed by Crystal Peak Minerals Inc., would produce at its peak approximately 372,000 tons per year of potassium sulfate, also known as sulfate of potash, and related minerals over the 32-year lifetime of the project. The proposal also requests rights-of-way for off-lease facilities. The project area encompasses 117,814 acres of federal lands administered by the BLM and an additional 6,409 acres of state lands. Potassium is a nationally important critical mineral. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations forecasted a 2.4 percent annual increase in demand for potassium fertilizer between 2015 and 2020. This project would help meet the growing need for fertilizer and support national and global food production. It would also create approximately 275 jobs over the life of the project and provide important economic benefits to local communities in central Utah. The Final EIS and NOA are scheduled to be published on June 14.

Alton Competitive Coal Lease Sale

On November 28, 2018, BLM-Utah held a competitive sale of federal coal on approximately 2,114 acres near Alton, Utah, 30 miles south of Panguitch. The tract contains approximately 40.9 million tons of in-place coal and an estimated 30.8 million tons of recoverable coal. The only bid received

was from Alton Coal Development LLC in the amount of $12,320,000. Department of Justice completed their review and the lease was signed by Joseph Balash, Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, on February 14, with a February 1 effective date. The Final EIS shows that leasing the tract based on an estimated two million tons of production annually, could directly create over 100 new jobs at the mine and indirectly increase employment by 240 to 480 jobs, including fuel providers, and positions in maintenance, grocery stores, and retail stores.

Fire, Fuels Treatments, and Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation

During fiscal year 2018, BLM-Utah successfully treated 115,233 acres of fuels for wildfire mitigation measures and habitat improvement and also reached the one million-acre milestone of fuels treatments accomplished since the start of the National Fire Plan. The 2018 fuels treatment budget of $13,686,000 was the largest allocation ever and more acres of fuels treatments were completed on BLM lands than burned in wildfires. During last year's fire season, 33 wildfires intersected with fuels treatments resulting in diminished or halted fire behavior. This brings the wildfire/fuels treatment intersections to a total of 268 occurrences in Utah. As a result, Utah State University is currently researching the cumulative impacts that fuels treatments are having in reducing wildfires.

North Hills Wild Horse Gather Decision Record

On February 28, 2019, the Cedar City Field Office is scheduled to sign a Decision Record authorizing the gather and removal of excess wild horses from the North Hills Joint Management Area multiple times over a 10-year period. The initial gather would include removal of excess wild horses. Subsequent gathers could include population control actions such as fertility vaccine treatments and adjustments of stud-to-mare ratio. The joint management area is approximately 84,600 acres in size and consists of the North Hills Herd Management Area and North Hills Wild Horse Territory in the BLM Cedar City Field Office and the US Forest Service Pine Valley Ranger District. The current estimated population is 254. The BLM proposes to gather and remove approximately 214 horses to reach the low appropriate management level of 40. This gather is supported by local permittees.

Utah Test and Training Range Notice of Exchange Proposal

On March 11, 2019, the BLM-Utah State Office expects to publish a Notice of Exchange Proposal in the *Federal Register* for the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) land exchange. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act directed a land exchange between the BLM and State of Utah, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. The Federal (95,737.13 acres) and state (83,609.38 acres) lands are located throughout western Utah in Box Elder, Tooele, Juab, Millard, and Beaver Counties. The purpose of the land exchange is to: 1) remove state ownership of lands where development would be incompatible with the critical national defense uses of the UTTR and

Dugway Proving Ground; 2) consolidate land ownership for both the State of Utah and the United States; 3) place valuable conservation and recreation lands and mineral interests into public ownership, including lands within and contiguous to the Cedar Mountain Wilderness; and 4) place lands with a high development potential into state ownership for the benefit of Utah public schools.

Utah National Monument Planning Efforts

BLM-Utah is developing new land management plans for the Bears Ears National Monument and revising the 2000 Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan. These plans provide for management flexibility, multiple uses, and guide the proper care and management of Monument objects and values while managing public access, facilitating infrastructure development, and allowing traditional uses. The BLM and US Forest Service plan to release the Proposed Monument Management Plans/Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Bears Ears National Monument in spring 2019. The BLM plans to release the Proposed Resource Management Plans/Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Kanab-Escalante Planning Area in spring 2019.

BLM Wyoming Hot Topics

Riley Ridge to Natrona Project

BLM Wyoming plans to release the Record of Decision for the Riley Ridge to Natrona Project by March 8, 2019. The project is being proposed by Denbury Resources and includes construction of a 243-mile long CO_2 pipeline through Fremont, Sublette, Sweetwater and Natrona counties in Wyoming. Rights-of-way of varying width will be granted for both construction and operation of the pipelines. The project also includes construction and operation of the Riley Ridge Sweetening Plant, access roads, power lines, injection wells, and other small facilities associated with the project. The agency's selected alternative is the same as the preferred alternative described in the Final EIS and could create approximately 490 jobs during the 2-year construction period.

Moneta Divide Oil and Gas Development Project

The BLM will soon release a draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Moneta Divide Oil and Gas Development Project in central Wyoming. The proposed project could recover up to 18 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 254 million barrels of oil over its estimated 65-year lifespan and could support approximately 6,400 jobs during the 15-year development phase. The draft EIS analyzes amendments to the Casper Resource Management Plan, including possible establishment of a Production Area and proposed protections for the Cedar Ridge Traditional Cultural Property. The draft EIS also discloses potential impacts to approximately 1.2 million acres of Greater Sage-grouse Priority Habitat Management Areas.

Converse County Oil & Gas EIS

The Casper Field Office is preparing an EIS for the proposed Converse County Oil and Gas Project. An Operator Group (OG) composed of five companies proposes to drill approximately 5,000 oil and natural gas wells on 1,500 well pads in an area encompassing approximately 1.5 million acres over a 10-year period. The project would use directional, vertical, horizontal and other drilling techniques. The OG also proposed year-round drilling, which would require exceptions to timing limitation restrictions for the protection of non-eagle raptors and non-priority Greater Sage-Grouse habitat. The BLM is incorporating comments on the draft and considering approaches to address the OG's request for timing limitation relief. The issues driving the range of alternatives are sage-grouse habitat management, water usage and disposal, transportation-related issues, and timing limitations exceptions.

Buffalo Field Office Supplemental EIS

On March 23, 2018, the U.S. District Court of Montana found that the BLM's 2015 Buffalo Field Office Resource Management Plan violated NEPA by failing to consider an alternative that would decrease the extractable coal available for leasing and by failing to consider the environmental consequences of downstream combustion. The Court also ruled that the BLM was arbitrary and capricious for failing to justify the use of a global warming potential calculated over a 100-year time horizon. The BLM intends to correct these deficiencies by preparing a supplemental EIS that will analyze a no action alternative and one or more action alternatives that reduce the acreage or amount of coal available for leasing. The Buffalo planning area currently contains 13 active coal mines including: Buckskin, Rawhide, Eagle Butte, Dry Fork, Wyodak, Caballo, Belle Ayr, Cordero Rojo, Coal Creek, Black Thunder, School Creek, North Antelope/Rochelle, and Antelope. The BLM published a Notice of Intent to prepare the supplementary EIS in the Federal Register on November 28, 2018, and is beginning work on the draft.

Lost Creek Uranium Mine Expansion EIS

The BLM will soon publish a Record of Decision on Lost Creek ISR, LLC's proposal to expand its uranium mining operations in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The proposal would allow the mine to continue existing operations, expand uranium production, and provide continued employment for local workers. The BLM published a final EIS for the project on January 28, and will release the ROD shortly after the availability period ends on February 28.

Rock Springs Field Office RMP and Rawlins RMP Amendment

The BLM is preparing a draft RMP for the Rock Springs Field Office and amendment to the Rawlins Field Office RMP. The RMP and amendment will establish an updated management framework in the Rock Springs Field Office. They will also address wild horse management in the Rock Springs and Rawlins Field Offices to satisfy the terms of a 2013 a consent decree under the U.S. District Court for Wyoming, which requires the BLM to revise its wild horse management actions in the "checkerboard" land pattern in southwest Wyoming. The BLM is currently preparing a draft RMP that will consider several management alternatives for the 3.6 million acre project area,

and will release the draft for public review.

Big Game Migration Corridor

BLM Wyoming continues to coordinate oil and gas leasing in state-designated big game migration corridors with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The State of Wyoming began designating migration corridors in 2016 with the establishment of the Red Desert to Hoback Mule Deer Migration Corridor. During the summer of 2018, BLM Wyoming and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department worked on establishing a lease notice for any parcel offered in a state-designated migration corridor. The Special Lease Notice for Big Game Migration Corridors was first used in the third quarter 2018 BLM Wyoming oil and gas lease sale. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is currently holding a series of statewide migration corridor public forums and is likely to designate additional migration corridors in Wyoming.

Alkali Creek Reservoir Project

The Wyoming Water Development Commission proposes to construct a 294-acre reservoir on Alkali Creek and ancillary facilities across public and private land near Hyattville, Wyoming. The reservoir would provide late-season irrigation water for parts of the Nowood River Watershed. If constructed, the reservoir would also provide recreation opportunities through a minimum pool, improve fisheries, enhance wildlife and riparian habitat, reduce flooding in the area, improve downstream water quality, and provide direct and indirect economic benefits to the local community and the state. BLM Wyoming released the Draft EIS on August 31, 2018, and public comment closed on October 15, 2018. The BLM is working with the EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to address issues raised during the Draft EIS comment period. The BLM plans to release the Final EIS in March 2019.

Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project

The Wyoming Water Development Commission proposes to expand the water storage capacity of the Leavitt Reservoir north of Shell, Wyoming, to support late-season irrigation and provide recreation opportunities. The current off-channel reservoir would be expanded from 643 acre-feet to 6,604 acre-feet, which would require construction of a new 1,800-foot-long earthen dam. Additional disturbance would include supporting infrastructure and pipelines. Roughly 220 acres of the expanded reservoir would be on BLM-administered land, while 365 acres of private land would be affected by the reservoir and construction activities. BLM Wyoming released the Draft EIS on August 31, 2018, and public comment closed on October 15, 2018. The BLM is working with the EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to address issues raised during the Draft EIS comment period. The BLM plans to release the Final EIS in March 2019.

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MEMORANDUM REGARDING ALASKA OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to present a summary of BOEM's activities offshore Alaska (AK) that could be discussed during the National Governor's Association's Winter Meeting scheduled for February 22-25, 2019.

II. EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- Eni US Exploration Plan (EP): Eni US Operating Co. Inc. (Eni) has approval to explore three OCS leases, east of the Colville River Delta, in the Beaufort Sea. The leases are part of the Harrison Bay Block 6423 Unit. BOEM approved the Eni Exploration Plan on July 17, 2017, which allows for up to four exploration wells. The wells will be drilled from Eni's existing manmade gravel island, Spy Island Drillsite (SID), located in adjacent State of Alaska waters. The wells are extended reach, with a depth of ~8,000 ft. vertically and an offset of ~34,000 ft. laterally. Eni commenced drilling its first well, NN01, on December of 2017 but suspended operations in August of 2018. Eni recommenced drilling operations in NN01 on January 19, 2019 and operations are on-going.
- Hilcorp Liberty Development and Production Plan (DPP): Hilcorp Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp) proposes to develop the Liberty Prospect in Foggy Island Bay, Beaufort Sea, by constructing a manmade island, approximately 5.6 miles offshore, in about 20 ft. of water. Hilcorp estimates that peak production will be 60,000 - 70,000 barrels per day. BOEM approved the DPP on October 17, 2018, but the Center of Biological Diversity has challenged that decision (see additional details below). Depending on the outcome of the litigation, first oil may occur as early as 2021-2022. The project life is estimated to be 15-20 years, with an estimated recovery of 80 - 150 million barrels. Hilcorp is currently awaiting permits from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the State of Alaska before construction may proceed.

III. LEASE SALES

- Beaufort Sea Lease Sale: Scheduled to be the first sale under the new National OCS Program, currently under development. BOEM published the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS in *Federal Register* on November 16, 2018.
- Chukchi Sea Lease Sale: The Sale is proposed for later in 2020, pending direction on the National OCS Program.

IV. GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOLOGICAL (G&G) PERMITS

- Cook Inlet: Hilcorp proposes to conduct G&G seismic studies during the summer of 2019 (on- and off-lease) to support future exploration on its Cook Inlet leases acquired in 2017. Hilcorp proposes to begin operations on April 21, 2019, and continue for approximately 45 days. BOEM is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) on this project. The FWS and NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) communicated to BOEM that due to the lapse in appropriations, they could not meet an April 1, 2019 deadline for issuing their Incidental Take Regulations (ITRs). The two agencies have specified that completing their ITR processes by the end of April may be possible, but difficult. The FWS also informed BOEM that it may revisit the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Incidental Take Statement issued to BOEM, and revise it, to be consistent with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) take application it is currently processing.
- Beaufort Sea: TGS submitted a G&G permit application for the Beaufort Sea during the 2019 and 2020 open water season. BOEM is preparing an EA on the project. Hilcorp is currently conducting ice-monitoring in Foggy Island Bay via remote-deployed buoys to support the Liberty Project.

V. LITIGATION

CBD v. Bernhardt (9th Cir.) (Hilcorp Liberty DPP Challenge): The Center for Biological Diversity is suing the department over its decision to approve the Liberty DPP. BOEM is working with the Office of the Solicitor on preparing the administrative record, which is due to the Court on March 13, 2019. The Petitioner's brief is due April 15, 2019 followed by our answering brief on May 16, 2019.

VI. REGULATIONS

Arctic Rule: BOEM is working with the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) on revising the 2016 Arctic Exploratory Drilling Regulations (Arctic Rule) in response to the Executive and Secretarial Orders on regulatory review and reform. The rule mostly would impact BSEE's regulation affecting access to Source Control and Containment Equipment, Relief Rig Requirements, Disposal of Water-based Drilling Muds and Cuttings, and Lease Suspension of Operations for Seasonal Sea Ice Impacts. Under the revised rule, BOEM will propose to remove the requirement to submit an Integrated Operations Plan (IOP) (30 CFR 550.204).

VII. 2020-2025 NATIONAL OCS PROGRAM

The 2020-2025 National OCS Program development process was initiated with the July 3, 2017, publication of a Request for Information (RFI) that requested information on all 26 OCS planning areas. BOEM received approximately 816,000 comments from a host of stakeholders including governors, Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, energy and non-energy industries, tribal governments, non-governmental organizations including environmental advocacy groups, and the public.

After careful consideration of public input and the OCS Lands Act Section 18 factors, the Draft Proposed Program was announced on January 4, 2018. The Draft Proposed Program proposed a lease sale schedule of 47 lease sales in 25 of the 26 planning areas (excluding the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area offshore Alaska). The Draft Proposed Program was published concurrently with a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). The Draft Proposed Program and NOI comment periods closed in March 2018, and BOEM received over 2 million comments in response to the Draft Proposed Program. In their comments submitted in response to the Draft Proposed Program, Alaska supported leasing only in the Beaufort Sea Planning Area, Chukchi Sea Planning Area, and Cook Inlet Planning Area.

The Draft Proposed Program is the first of three program proposals. The second proposal is the Proposed Program that will be announced simultaneously with the Draft PEIS, followed by a mandatory 90-day comment period. The third proposal is the Proposed Final Program that will be announced with the Final PEIS and submitted to Congress and the President for a period of at least 60 days after which the Secretary may approve a new Program. Final approval is anticipated in 2020.

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MEMORANDUM REGARDING CALIFORNIA OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to present a summary of BOEM's activities offshore California (CA) that could be discussed during the National Governor's Association's Winter Meeting scheduled for February 22-25, 2019.

II. OFFSHORE WIND

In Jan 2016, Trident Winds submitted an unsolicited lease request for a commercial wind energy project offshore Morro Bay, CA. BOEM published a Request for Interest (RFI) in August 2016 to determine if there was competitive interest in the area proposed by Trident Winds. Statoil responded to BOEM's RFI, so BOEM began the competitive leasing and planning process. In May 2016, Governor Brown sent a letter requesting formation of a CA Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (Task Force), and the first Task Force meeting was held that October.

In October 2018, BOEM published a Call for Information and Nominations in the *Federal Register* to obtain public input on Call Areas and nominations from companies interested in commercial wind energy leases. The Call Areas being evaluated include two sites on the central coast (offshore Cambria, and Los Osos) and on the north coast (offshore Eureka). BOEM is coordinating with the Department of Defense (DoD) to identify Wind Energy Areas offshore California where compatibility with DoD activities exist. There have been many stakeholder meetings to engage interested parties, including federally and non-federally recognized coastal California Tribes and commercial fishermen. Next steps include identifying lease areas and developing a NEPA document(s) for lease issuance and site characterization. A tentative projection for a lease auction is April 2020. BOEM has been coordinating closely with the California Energy Commission throughout the planning process.

III. SEISMIC PERMIT REQUESTS

In December of 2017, BOEM received a seismic permit application from Beta Operating Company, LLC (Beta) to conduct a 18.9 square mile 3D geophysical survey over the Beta Field, located approximately 8 miles due west of Huntington Beach (south of Los Angeles). The proposed survey includes unleased lands adjacent to Beta's leases, so a BOEM-approved permit is required. If issued, this would be the first G&G permit issued by BOEM offshore California since 1995. On February 22, 2018 public materials were posted to the BOEM website and Beta conducted bathymetry and archaeological surveys in December 2018. The next step is for the company to submit the results of the surveys so BOEM can develop a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document (likely an EA) that examines the potential impact of the seismic survey.

IV. WELL STIMULATION

There have been 24 well stimulation treatments (WST) on the OCS offshore California between 1982 and 2014, conducted on four of the 23 platforms. In 2014, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Environmental Defense Center sued BOEM and BSEE over NEPA, the OCS Lands Act, and Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) violations. The suit was settled after BOEM and BSEE agreed to conduct an Environmental Analysis, which was finalized in a Finding if No Significant Impacts, released in May of 2016. The first WST well permit application since the EA was published was submitted to BSEE in January of 2017. At the request of BSEE, BOEM reviewed the proposed activity and determined that the company must supplement their approved Development and Production Plan (DPP) to include WST activities. The company has not yet submitted any information to BOEM to add WST to their DPP.

V. MARINE MINERALS

Following a December 2015 presentation to the Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup (CSMW), BOEM, the USGS and the California Natural Resources Agency entered into an Interagency Agreement to characterize sand resources offshore California. Five study areas where critical erosion has been identified were considered and three locations were selected for further study: the San Francisco Littoral Cell, the Oceanside Littoral Cell (northern San Diego), and the Silver Strand Littoral Cell (southern San Diego). The study is expected to be completed in FY 2020.

VI. DECOMMISSIONING

There are 23 platforms in federal waters off of the Pacific Coast and none have yet been decommissioned despite a long history of production (first production 1968). To prepare, BOEM is collaborating with BSEE and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) to lead the California Interagency Decommissioning Working Group (IDWG), a means to share information and promote communication among the federal and state partners with a role in decommissioning. Two companies, Chevron and Freeport McMoRan, have met with BSEE and BOEM to discuss upcoming plans to commence decommissioning activities.

VII. 2020-2025 NATIONAL OCS PROGRAM

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After careful consideration of public input and the OCS Lands Act Section 18 factors, the Draft Proposed Program, was announced on January 4, 2018. The Draft Proposed Program proposed a lease sale schedule of 47 lease sales in 25 of the 26 planning areas (excluding the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area offshore Alaska). The Draft Proposed Program was published concurrently with a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). The Draft Proposed Program and NOI comment periods closed in March 2018, and BOEM received over 2 million comments in response to the Draft Proposed Program. In their comments submitted in response to the Draft Proposed Program, California opposed the potential for conventional energy development off its coast.

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MEMORANDUM REGARDING MASSACHUSETTS OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to present a summary of BOEM's activities offshore Massachusetts (MA) that could be discussed during the National Governor's Association's Winter Meeting scheduled for February 22-25, 2019.

II. VINEYARD WIND

- BOEM reopened the comment period for the Vineyard Wind Draft EIS to accommodate rescheduling the public meetings that were postponed due to the lapse in appropriations. Public hearings were held the week of February 11 in Nantucket; Vineyard Haven; Hyannis, New Bedford, MA; and Narragansett, Rhode Island (RI). The public hearings were well-attended with approximately 100 attendees at each meeting, the exception being Martha's Vineyard were there were approximately 50 attendees. The reopened comment period will close on February 22, 2019. BOEM has received over 100 comments so far.
- On January 16, Vineyard Wind submitted a compensation package to the Fisheries Advisory Board ((FAB), (a subcommittee of the RI Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC)), including $6.2 million for a direct compensation fund for fisheries impact claims, and $23 million for studies and projects to make it safer to fish in and around the wind facility. Vineyard Wind is discussing the compensation package with the RI FAB. RI CRMC has since granted Vineyard Wind a number of stays for the coastal zone consistency determination process, the latest being granted on February 11 until February 21. The RI CRMC is scheduled to issue its consistency determination no later than March 1.
- BOEM is currently working with relevant Federal agencies to adjust the project permitting timeline in light of the lapse in Federal appropriations. BOEM is aiming to publish the final EIS in Spring 2019 and issue a Record of Decision in Summer 2019 (timeline currently for internal use only).

III. STATUS OF MASSACHUSETTS SALE

- Massachusetts Wind Lease Sale ATLW-4A was conducted on December 13-14, 2018. The auction lasted 32 rounds and produced three provisionally winning bids:
  - OCS-A 0520: Equinor Wind US LLC - $135,000,000
  - OCS-A 0521: Mayflower Wind Energy, LLC - $135,000,000
  - OCS-A 0522: Vineyard Wind LLC - $135,100,000
- The Department of Justice (DOJ) anti-trust review of the auction was completed on February 5, 2019.
- BOEM sent the transmittal letters and copies of the lease packages to the provisional winners for execution on February 7, 2019. Upon receipt, the provisional winners have 10 business days to return executed copies of the lease and submit payment.

IV. STATUS OF REGIONAL LEASING ACTIVITIES

- Deepwater Wind New England, LLC submitted a COP for the South Fork Wind Farm project in the OCS-A 0486 lease area on June 29, 2018. BOEM published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS in the *Federal Register* for a 30-day comment period on October 19, 2018, and held public meetings in Amagansett, NY, New Bedford, MA, and Narragansett, RI. BOEM is reviewing the public comments and preparing a DEIS, which it plans to make available for public comment in Spring 2019.
- Bay State Wind LLC is planning to submit a COP for a commercial scale wind project in the OCS-A 0500 lease area in March 2019.
- BOEM is evaluating additional leasing opportunities in the NY Bight (an area frequented by commercial fishermen based in MA), with additional Wind Energy Areas proposed in Spring 2019. The auction of identified areas is targeted for Spring 2020.
- BOEM is preparing a response to the Governor of New Hampshire's letter dated January 2, 2019, requesting to establish an intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force. BOEM intends to establish a regional Task Force that will include both MA and NH.

V. 2020-2025 NATIONAL OCS PROGRAM

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MEMORANDUM REGARDING OREGON OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to present a summary of BOEM's activities offshore Oregon (OR) that could be discussed during the National Governor's Association's Winter Meeting scheduled for February 22-25, 2019.

II. MARINE HYDROKINETIC ENERGY

BOEM is processing an unsolicited lease request from Oregon State University (OSU) for a marine hydrokinetic testing facility. OSU proposes to design, build and operate the PacWave South Energy Test Site about four nautical miles offshore Newport. The project is designed to support up to 20 megawatts of electricity generation which would be transmitted to the mainland grid via a subsea cable.

BOEM has exclusive jurisdiction to issue leases, easements, and rights-of-way regarding Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lands for hydrokinetic projects. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has exclusive jurisdiction to issue licenses and exemptions for the construction and operation of hydrokinetic projects on the OCS. FERC is working with OSU to prepare environmental documents for the proposed research project. BOEM is a cooperating agency on this review. The next step is for OSU to submit its Final License Application to FERC.

III. OFFSHORE WIND

From 2013-2018, BOEM worked towards permitting a 30 MW floating offshore wind DOE-funded technology demonstration project offshore Coos Bay, Oregon.

- An unsolicited lease request was received in May of 2013. After determining that there was not competitive interest in Feb 2014, BOEM initiated the NEPA process for the project with publication of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EA. Principle Power, Inc. (PPI) submitted a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) to BOEM on Jul 31, 2015.
- This project received grant funding from DOE, but funding was withdrawn in May 2016; PPI subsequently informed BOEM that they no longer wished to pursue the project. The main reason that the project was discontinued was that no power-purchase agreement (PPA) could be agreed upon, despite the highest levels of Oregon's government weighing in (the legislature briefly considered a bill mandating the public utility to develop a PPA and the governor's office directly facilitated discussions with stakeholders).
- In spring 2018, PPI notified BOEM's Pacific Region that they believed market conditions had changed enough for them to continue pursuing the project and requested BOEM to maintain the Determination of No Competitive Interest (DNCI). After consulting with DOI leadership, BOEM denied the request.
- A carbon tax bill is under consideration by the legislature and is supported by Governor Brown and the Oregon legislative leaders (Senate and House). If it passes, there would be implications for offshore wind's economics. BOEM is working with Oregon state officials to determine a path forward for offshore wind energy planning in the state.

IV. 2020-2025 NATIONAL OCS PROGRAM

The 2020-2025 National OCS Program development process was initiated with the July 3, 2017, publication of a Request for Information (RFI) that requested information on all 26 OCS planning areas. BOEM received approximately 816,000 comments from a host of stakeholders including governors, Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, energy and non-energy industries, tribal governments, non-governmental organizations including environmental advocacy groups, and the public.

After careful consideration of public input and the OCS Lands Act Section 18 factors, the Draft Proposed Program, was announced on January 4, 2018. The Draft Proposed Program proposed a lease sale schedule of 47 lease sales in 25 of the 26 planning areas (excluding the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area offshore Alaska). The Draft Proposed Program was published concurrently with a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). The Draft Proposed Program and NOI comment periods closed in March 2018, and BOEM received

over 2 million comments in response to the Draft Proposed Program. In their comments submitted in response to the Draft Proposed Program, Oregon opposed the potential for conventional energy development off its coast.

The Draft Proposed Program is the first of three program proposals. The second proposal is the Proposed Program that will be announced simultaneously with the Draft PEIS, followed by a mandatory 90-day comment period. The third proposal is the Proposed Final Program that will be announced with the Final PEIS and submitted to Congress and President for a period of at least 60 days after which the Secretary may approve a new Program. Final approval is anticipated in 2020.

National Governor's Association Data
(BSEE & OSMRE)

BSEE

California

- There are 23 platforms in federal waters off California.
- Exxon has 3 platforms (about 30,000 BOPD) that are shut in due to the failure to reconstruct an onshore pipeline that leaked in 2015.
- We have ordered one platform, operated by DCOR, decommissioned, but that has been appealed.
- Freeport McMoran has begun the process to decommission 3 of their 4 platforms. (The 3 platforms are also connected to the pipeline that has Exxon shut in)
- The operator Veneco has declared bankruptcy and much of the decommissioning responsibility on 2 platforms in Federal waters has fallen to Chevron. Veneco also has a platform in State waters, but their state lease does not provide that a predecessor operator will decommission the platform.

Alaska

- There is currently one production project, Northstar, which is operated by Hilcorp. There are 6 federal producing wells that were drilled from a gravel island that is in state waters.
- We have one currently active drilling project, operated by ENI that is also being drilled from a gravel island in state waters. They have been drilling this well since December 2017 with a hiatus during the broken ice seasons. They just restarted the drilling last month. The well has a 5 mile horizontal section and is currently bypassing a bottom hole assemble that was lost last year in the horizontal section.
- Hilcorp is also proceeding with their Liberty development project, which will be a gravel island in Federal waters and is scheduled to begin in the 2020 winter.
- Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) is also proceeding with their Beaufort Sea project that they bought from Shell. No drilling is anticipated within 5 years.

OSMRE

Alaska

Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. and the Wishbone Hill Mine

- Under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, a coal mining permit terminates by operation of law when mining operations have not commenced within three years of permit issuance and a valid extension has not been granted.
- OSMRE issued two TDNs to to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on December 20, 2011. Alaska submitted TDN responses in 2012 and OSMRE issued a written TDN Determination on November 4, 2014, finding that DNR had shown good cause for not taking action to resolve the violations.

Following the US District Court's decision that vacated and remanded OSMRE's Ten-Day Notice (TDN) determination to the agency, OSMRE issued a revised TDN determination to Alaska on January 18, 2017.

- Alaska requested an informal review of the Denver Field Division's (DFD) TDN determination on January 30, 2017, and the Western Region (WR) Director granted the review.
- On November 12, 2017, the WR Director modified the DFD determination and found that Alaska had demonstrated good cause for not taking enforcement action since Alaska had issued a cessation order to the operator and was conducting further investigation into the decades old matter. The matter was remanded back to Alaska DNR for further action.
- On November 29, 2018, Alaska DNR issued a decision upholding the Wishbone Hill Mine permits.
- On January 11, 2019, The Trustee's for Alaska filed a citizen's complaint with the WR Director, objecting to the Alaska DNR decision of November 29, 2018.
- The OSMRE is consulting with the Solicitor's Office regarding the review and response to the citizen's complaint of January 11, 2019.

Arizona

Potential Kayenta Mine Closure

- On February 13, 2017, Salt River Project (SRP) announced the owners of Navajo Generating Station (NGS) decided to not continue operation of NGS beyond December 2019.
- The NGS is a three-unit, 2,250 megawatt (MW), coal-fired power plant located on tribal trust lands leased from the Navajo Nation near Page, Arizona. Coal used by the NGS is exclusively supplied by the Kayenta Mine located approximately 80 miles southeast of the NGS near Kayenta, Arizona.
- The NGS and the Kayenta Mine provide major economic benefit for the region, including approximately 800 direct jobs of which 90% are Navajo and significant annual revenue for the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation.
  Media outlets report that the operator of the Kayenta Mine, Peabody Western Coal Company (PWCC) will cease mining operations at the Kayenta Mine in October 2019 in anticipation of the closure of NGS in December 2019.
  The Kayenta Mine has an approved reclamation plan and is meeting its contemporaneous reclamation schedule; OSMRE holds $182,517,133 in reclamation surety bonds.
- In the event the Kayenta Mine is purchased, NEPA analysis would be required for a transfer of the permit from PWCC to a new owner, to continue mining beyond December 2019, and to renew the Kayenta Mine Permit beyond July 2020.

Colorado

West Elk Mine EIS Adoption and Federal Mining Plan Recommendation

- OSMRE is adopting the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) for Federal Coal Lease Modifications COC-1362 and COC-67232 (including on-lease exploration plan) at the West Elk Mine located in Gunnison County, CO.

- The SFEIS for Federal Coal Lease Modifications COC-1362 & COC-67232 (including on-lease exploration plan) was prepared by Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) by USFS in August 2017 and was adopted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in December 2017. OSMRE and Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety participated as cooperating agencies.
- The SFEIS selected Alternative 3 as the preferred alternative. Alternative 3 would modify existing federal coal leases COC-1362 and COC- 67232 by adding 800 and 920 additional acres. The leases would be mined using underground longwall mining techniques producing approximately 4.5 million tons per year and continuing mining operations by approximately 3 years.
- OSMRE's Record of Decision (ROD) is scheduled to be filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the week of March 4, 2019. EPA will include the Notice of Adoption in the March 15, 2019Federal Register notice. A separate Notice of Availability is being prepared by OSMRE and will be published in the Federal Register on March 15, 2019.
- The EIS adoption and ROD will be used to support a recommendation on the mining plan for the West Elk Mine.

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Cc:	Tara Rigler; Krauss, Jeff
Subject:	Proposed response to Vanity Fair on Burning Man EIS - deadline today
Date:	Thursday, April 11, 2019 3:38:51 PM

All,

BLM Nevada has gotten an interview request from Kenzie Bryant, a writer for Vanity Fair Magazine, regarding the ongoing development of an EIS analyzing impacts from Burning Man. As this is a high-profile event and publication, we've asked her to submit written questions.

Proposed answers are below. They've been reviewed and approved by Brian Steed, and reflect his edits.

Please let me know if you have edits. I'd like to get this to DOI Comms ASAP for their review. She wants to publish this afternoon.

Thanks,
Chris

Q: I'm wondering what's changed between last year and this year that requires new measures?

The BLM is developing an Environmental Impact Statement because Black Rock City has asked to develop a permit that would last for many years and that may contemplate potential impacts of growth to 100,000 people.

Q. Many of the Burners seem to see parts of the proposal as an existential threat to the festival—especially the concrete barrier and the costs that some measures would require. What's been the BLM's response to these concerns?

The EIS analyzes a range of recommended mitigations and alternatives. Not all recommended mitigations apply to all alternatives. These should be seen as proposals to begin a discussion with BRC on how we effectively mitigate the significant impacts of the festival on the landscape.

Q. I realize that a proposal is just that: proposed measures, many of which are up for negotiation. How is the BLM planning to work with both the city of Reno and the Burning Man organization to move forward?

We are holding weekly meetings on the EIS with BRC. We have offered to have more meetings if necessary to further flesh out a range of solutions. We will also ensure that the City of Reno's concerns are addressed in the final EIS and Record of Decision.

Q. Are there any misunderstandings in either the BM community or how the proposal is being reported on in the media that you'd like to address?

As we've said previously, the range of recommended mitigation measures are only proposed, and do not apply to all alternatives. They represent a good-faith effort to begin a conversation with the proponent on how we go about addressing impacts seen in the analyses.

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Subject:	Quick Update
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All,

Just informed Burning Man (Bob Abbey) that we are continuing to complete the FEIS and ROD on the current schedule.

Sent from my iphone so please excuse my poor texting skills.

From: Hammond, Casey
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Thanks Scott. We'll continue to work with you on this. I know there are significant concerns from our solicitors on moving forward without completing the EIS, but I'm confident that there is a solution for all parties.

Thank you,

Casey Hammond
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

On Fri, May 10, 2019 at 10:10 AM <Scott.Mason@hklaw.com> wrote:

> Casey –
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> Thank you very much for taking time yesterday to meet with me, Marian, Rich and Bob regarding the DEIS, BLM, and the immediate and long term future of Burning Man. Thank you. (And I hope the Western Caucus went well.)
>
> Subsequent to our visit with you, BRC/Burning Man's government relations and event operations teams held their weekly EIS call with BLM (Mark Hall) and other EIS cooperators, as well as another call with just BRC/Burning Man, BLM and Assistant Regional Solicitor Janell Bogue to discuss next steps for the EIS. According to the call summary:
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> - Both Mark Hall and Janell Bogue stated multiple times that a DNA for 2019 was NOT an option because the draft EIS shows new significant impacts that can't be ignored. They also said they are concerned about litigation risk from third parties. (But they did not seem concerned about any litigation risk from BLM not completing the EIS properly, i.e., litigation from BRC). Bogue said she had gotten approval on this course of action from "the highest levels of BLM." (This directly conflicts with the statements Jon Raby has been making to Marian and Bob about being open to a DNA, and with your reference that a DNA was most likely for 2019.
> - Hall said the Record of Decision is on schedule for a release date of mid-June, which means BRC/Burning Man does not have much time to react.
> - Hall's plan is to permit the 2019 event from the forthcoming Record of Decision, but to phase in mitigations starting mostly in 2020.
> - He also said he has begun to incorporate public comments and he will incorporate our operational mitigations into the final EIS.
> - BRC/Burning Man presented their operational mitigations, and pointed out that Hall had not only left them out of the draft EIS, but even said previously that he did not want BRC/Burning Man to submit them.

- Hall once again asked that we negotiate the mitigations so that they are tailored to the significant impacts—otherwise he'll "just have to move forward on finalizing the EIS without BRC."

BRC/Burning Man is doing everything it can to be a good citizen, have minimal impact, and adhere to its commitment to 'Leave No Trace.' However, we are **very** concerned about the totally different messages they are getting from the various levels of the Department and look forward to your guidance on how we get to a place where we can work collaboratively. We look forward to continuing to work with you on a very short timeframe to permit the 2019 event, and work closely with the Department on a legitimate EIS process for the next ten years.

Thank you again. We look forward to hearing from you, and answering any questions you may have.

Thanks,

Scott

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Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2019 12:22 PM
To: 'Hammond, Casey' <casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov>; Lassiter, Tracie <tracie_lassiter@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: burning man

Casey – Thank you. We will see you tomorrow at 11:00am. (BTW, Kathryn Lehman says hello!)

Thanks,
Scott

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: burning man

[External email]

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Thanks,

Casey Hammond
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Land and Minerals Management
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>
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> Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
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> Department of the Interior
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From:	Michael Nedd
To:	Raby, Jon K; Tara Rigler
Cc:	Steed, Brian C; Kaster, Amanda E; Krauss, Jeff; Brown, Mark A; Hammond, Casey B
Subject:	RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Letter from Sens. Rosen and Cortez Masto regarding 2019 Burning Man event
Date:	Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:10:53 AM

Thx Jon…

Take care and have a wonderful day! :)

Michael D. Nedd
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A thought to consider "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, for all the people you can, while you can!"

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From: Jon Raby <jraby@blm.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:23 AM
To: trigler@blm.gov; jkrauss@blm.gov; m3brown@blm.gov
Cc: bsteed@blm.gov; mnedd@blm.gov; akaster@blm.gov
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] RE: Letter from Sens. Rosen and Cortez Masto regarding 2019 Burning Man event

Fyi

Sent from my iphone so please excuse my poor texting skills.

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Riddle, Kelly (Rosen)" <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
> **Date:** May 15, 2019 at 4:26:04 PM PDT
> **To:** "jraby@blm.gov" <jraby@blm.gov>
> **Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Letter from Sens. Rosen and Cortez Masto regarding 2019 Burning Man event**
>
> Hi Director,
>
> Sending this letter again because I had the incorrect email address for you. Hopefully this one works!

Thanks and all the best,

Kelly

Kelly Riddle
Legislative Assistant

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From:	Dove, William
To:	Swift, Heather N; Nachmany, Eli
Cc:	Joseph Balash; Hammond, Casey B; Lawkowski, Gary M
Subject:	Re: 15 Day meeting followups
Date:	Thursday, January 24, 2019 7:24:45 PM
Attachments:	ASLM DRAFT 15 Day OPS.docx

Heather,

Attached you will find the ASLM draft submission for this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Billy

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On Wed, Jan 23, 2019 at 5:11 PM Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Thank you all for taking the time to meet with Eli and me today. Overall, I think we had great conversations full of ideas and possible action items for the Acting Secretary.
>
> Please send me your revised plans by 8PM Tomorrow. There is no standard format for your report, and I'm comfortable with all that I've seen. But just a refresher, the revised plans should include:
> 1. Priority policy items that staff will be tasked with beginning day-1 (not necessarily regularly scheduled items/meetings that we happen to miss)
> 2. Policy, grants, etc that will be announce-able within the first 15 days.
> 3. Upcoming or potential situations that merit awareness.
> 4. Any suggested travel for the director, assistant secretary or Secretary.
>
> Please assume a Day 1 date of or around February 1. If there are things further out (Feb, March, April) that you think should be included, put them in the appropriate section of your report, and just note that they are further out than the 15 days but could be effected.
>
> Thanks again for your time. I know you're all up to your eyeballs in work. I greatly appreciate you fitting us in.
>
> And lastly, if you have any questions, please give me a call on my desk at 208-5338 or my cell 202-897-7111.

Best,

-
Heather Swift
Senior Advisor to the Secretary
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT

15 Day Plan
February 1 – 15, 2019

Priority Policy Items Resumed

All Bureaus

All ASLM Bureaus will resume basic functions including:

- Human Resources
- Congressional Correspondence
- Timeline review and adjustment for lapsed milestones
- Reevaluate reporting items to ASLM/IOS
- Evaluate DTS item status
- Travel

Bureau of Land Management

- **Regulatory Reform:** The BLM will resume work on the following regulatory actions:
    - Onshore Orders 3,4,5
    - ROW Bonding
    - Updated Planning Rule (Including ACEC)
    - Rule to implement Veg. Management for ROW
    - Revise 3809 for Critical Minerals Report
- **1002 Lease Sale:**
    - Comment Period ends February 11, 2019
    - Complete comment review and continue production
- **Resource Management Plans:** The BLM will resume work on the following RMPs:
    - Farmington
    - NPR-A IAP
    - Miles City & Buffalo
    - Converse County
    - Rock Springs
    - GSENM & Bears Ears
    - Ring of Fire
    - Sage Grouse
- **Grazing:**
    - Plan and Conduct Stakeholder roundtable
    - Determine Scope of 25 CFR Reform and begin process
- **ROW Permitting:**
    - Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline
    - Riley Ridge
    - Ten West
    - MVP

  - KXL
- **Categorical Exclusions:** BLM will continue to work on the following proposed CXs.
  - Wild Horse and Burros
  - Timber
  - Vegetation Management for ROW
- **Ongoing Projects:** BLM will continue to work on the following
  - Willow Master Development Plan
  - Desert Quartzite Solar Project
    - Cost Recovery Fees currently used to continue work
  - Palen Solar
    - Cost Recovery Fees currently used to continue work
  - Proposed Caldwell Mine
  - Proposed East Smoky Panel Mine
  - Moneta Divide
  - Sage Grouse Amendments

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- **Air Quality Regulations:**
  - Upon restoration of appropriations BOEM expects to submit the Final Rule updating its air quality regulations related to oil, gas, and sulfur operations on the OCS to OMB for interagency review. Documents are currently with the Department for review.
- **Financial Assurance**
  - Resume work on preparation and surnaming of the Financial Assurance rulemaking.
- **Pending Permit Applications:**
  - Upon restoration of appropriations, BOEM will resume work on the Environmental Assessments for the four pending Atlantic G&G permit applications.
- **Anbaric Right of Way:**
  - Complete surname process
  - Publish Request for Competitive Interest

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

- **Well Control Rule:**
  - BSEE submitted the final rule and associated documents to OMB on December 12.
  - Reengage OMB on status and timeline in order to finalize and publish final rule.
- **Arctic Rule:**
  - Complete outstanding tribal consultations to precede revisions to the Arctic Rule.

- **Reg. Reform 2.0**
  - Resume analysis and prioritization of career staff proposed regulatory reforms to finalize potential recommendations
- **Shallow Water Royalty**
  - Complete review and finalize Shallow Water Financial Models
  - Reengage consideration of Arena royalty relief application.
- **High Pressure/High Temperature:**
  - Commence drafting of Notice to Lessees.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- **Section 7 Consultation**:
  - IMCC's time to provide comments was extended to January 24, 2019
  - OSMRE will review comments and prepare the Biological Assessment (BA) to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- **Finalize INE 35 and Reg 8:**
  - Recieve final input from IMCC and one final round of solicitor review.
- **Rosebud Mine (MT):**
  - Reengage with Montana Department of Environmental Quality on status of revised permit findings information.
  - Finalize the Record of Decision (ROD).
- **Coyote Creek Mining (ND)**:
  - Reengage on "pilot" project for the leasing and permitting actions reflected in the mine plan decision document.
  - Begin the process of closer coordination and concurrent NEPA analyses.
  - Agencies will provide their comments on Ch. 1 and 2 of the EA as well as comments on the Biological Assessment to the Contractor.
- **San Juan Mine (NM):**
  - Complete OSMRE Headquarters briefing for the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Final EIS
  - Schedule Department Clearance briefing and prepare for publication.
- **Liberty 8 Mine (OK)**:
  - Comments were provided December 3, 2018.
  - Complete decision record for the lease soon after resuming normal operations.
- **West Elk Mine (CO):**
  - OSMRE will coordinate with SOL and BLM on the review and concurrence of the report.
  - OSMRE needs to finalize the findings or the ROD and submit a notice for the review team.

Potential Announcements & Publications

Bureau of Land Management

- **EIS Federal Register Notices:** The following EISs may be published despite the partial lapse in appropriation due to the availability cost recovery funds. The BLM will work to schedule review team meetings to determine specific timelines.
  - Eureka Moly – Mount Hope
  - Gemfield Mine
  - Hycroft Mine
  - Marigold Mine Plan of Operations
  - Barrick Cortez – Deep South Expansion Project
  - Carlsbad

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- **Vineyard Wind:**
  - BOEM intends to reopen the comment period and reschedule the public meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) submitted by Vineyard Wind LLC. BOEM cancelled the previously scheduled public meetings on the DEIS. BOEM intends to use carry over funds to begin this process in late January, 2019.
- **Gulf of Mexico Lease Sales:**
  - BOEM is currently using previously appropriated carryover funds to continue to prepare lease sales 252 and 253.
  - **Lease Sale 252:** Complete work on the Final Notice of Sale for Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 252 to publish by February 15, 2019 to maintain current schedule.
  - **Lease Sale 253:** Complete work on the Proposed Notice of Sale for Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 253 for publication in mid to late February to maintain current schedule.

Awareness Items

Bureau of Land Management

March and June Oil & Gas Lease Sales: The BLM has continued to use FY 2018 carry over funds to continue to prepare for quarterly lease sales in March and June of 2019 as mandated by the Mineral Leasing Act.

2019 Fire Season Preparedness: In coordination with the Department of the Interior's Office of Wildland Fire, the BLM is preparing for the 2019 fire season. The first step was to initiate the annual hiring process for the firefighters. The BLM is also looking at how to expeditiously provide required safety training for newly hired firefighters. Further, the BLM is using available carryover funding to move forward with post-fire stabilization treatments and fuels reduction projects, consistent with Executive Order 13855.

Burning Man 10 Year Permit: The BLM had originally targeted a November release of the Draft EIS for the proposed renewal of the Burning Man Event Special Recreation Permit for 2019-2028. As a result of additional air quality requirements the expected publication for the Draft EIS was moved to January 25, 2019 the timeline for the Draft EIS publication continues to extend to more than two months passed the expected publication, the ROD may not be signed by the original planned date of June 13, 2019. As the event is scheduled for August 25, 2019, further delays may impact the event. The Burning Man DEIS is currently a high priority for BLM-NV due to the timeline.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

OSMRE AML Emergency Reclamation Projects: OSMRE staff has been designated as "excepted" and called back from furlough to respond to Abandoned Mine Land Emergency activities, (i.e., those AML events that present an immediate danger to life, public health, and safety). OSMRE staff working with the designated State AML programs must review the incident, declare an emergency and provide an Authorization to proceed with the reclamation using AML grant funding. As of January 24, there have been 21 incidents since the beginning of the partial lapse in appropriations.

Potential Travel Items

BLM Special Recreation Permit Events: The following events will be held on BLM managed lands despite the partial lapse in appropriations due to the availability of cost recovery funding.

- The King of Hammers off road race- the second largest special recreation permit issued by the BLM – will take place at the Johnson Valley Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area in San Bernardino County, California from February 1-9. The desert race event attracts approximately 50,000 spectators during the nine-day period.
- Best In The Desert Off-Highway Vehicle Race. From February 1-3, the BLM-AZ the Colorado River District will host the race through a Special Recreation Permit The events are expected to attract 400 race participants and approximately 5,000 spectators.

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area: The BLM has maintained public accessibility to the Red Rock Canyon NCA throughout the partial lapse in appropriations due to fee revenue.

- Red Rock Canyon is the most-visited National Conservation Area within BLM. Located 17 miles west of the Las Vegas strip, the area receives over 2 million visitors a year. The site offers 13-mile scenic drive, miles of hiking trails, rock climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking, road biking, picnic areas, nature observing and visitor center with indoor and outdoor exhibits as well as a book store.

Timber & Grazing Stakeholder Roundtables: Upon the availability of appropriations, the BLM will continue to plan and arrange possible dates for roundtable meetings with stakeholders to discuss BLM and Department efforts to improve grazing and timber policy.

Cow Mountain Recreation Management Area Acquisition: Prior to the partial lapse in appropriations, the Department reviewed and approved the concurrence memos for the proposed acquisition of approximately 1,400 acres of private property to expand the Cow Mountain off-highway vehicle area in Northern California. The acquisition would support increased OHV, recreation, and hunting opportunities in the area. The project would be funded through California state grants and LWCF funds. During the 2018 fire season, 82 percent of the existing Cow Mountain Recreation Management Area was severely burned. As a result of the damage, the existing BLM managed area is temporarily closed. BLM began restoration efforts in late 2018 in partnership with an AmeriCorps team and in close coordination with the California OHV community. Restoration is expected to be completed this year. The OHV community is highly supportive of the acquisition and the BLM has worked with DOI communications and external affairs to prepare a press release and travel memo which can be made readily available.

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) Management Plan
In February The BLM-CO Royal Gorge Field Office plans to issue a final decision for the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) Management Plan. The Arkansas River is the most commercially rafted river in the United States and is a major economic driver for the region. The BLM manages the AHRA in partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, which is also a signatory on the plan. The plan addresses river allocation, recreation facility development, and resource management along the entire 152-mile stretch. BLM has previously coordinated materials and planning with DOI communications and external affairs to begin planning for a potential event.

From: Hammond, Casey
To: Playforth, Taylor G
Subject: Re: Amodei - Burning Man
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 1:25:03 PM

Sure. We could do 5.
Casey Hammond
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On Mon, May 20, 2019 at 1:20 PM Playforth, Taylor <taylor_playforth@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> --
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> Senior Advisor
> US Department of Interior
> Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs
> (202) 795-0977

From: Playforth, Taylor
To: Hammond, Casey B
Subject: Re: Amodei - Burning Man
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 2:22:06 PM

I locked in 5pm. I'll share a calendar invite.

On Mon, May 20, 2019 at 1:24 PM Hammond, Casey <casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: Casey Hammond
To: Kaster, Amanda E
Subject: Re: Briefings and FR notices
Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:56:30 PM

Ok

Casey Hammond
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

On Jan 24, 2019, at 12:44 PM, Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov> wrote:

> Can we chat about this later today?
>
> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **Shannon, Timothy** <tshannon@blm.gov>
> Date: Thu, Jan 24, 2019 at 12:41 PM
> Subject: Briefings and FR notices
> To: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>
> Cc: Brian Amme <bamme@blm.gov>
>
> Good afternoon Amanda,
> For Nevada, the Burning Man DEIS is our main priority, as the timeline for the event is getting really tight. We are putting the finishing touches on the draft and the briefing package this week. I should be able to get something up to you by early-mid of next week.
>
> As for other efforts we have several mining projects in the pipeline. These are all on cost recovery or existing funding sources.
> Mt. Hope SEIS
> Gemfield DEIS
> Hycroft DEIS
> Marigold DEIS
> Coeur Rochester NOI
> Barrick Deep South (Final)
>
> There are a couple of things we are keeping in mind, as we move forward. We will have to bring people on to publish the FRN i.e., budget and communications. Additionally, how we deal with questions, comments and contacts with project managers and mail staff. We think our biggest hurdles are the briefing schedules and getting published. If we get through the briefings, maybe we can hold the publication for the mines until we start up again. At least we would be ahead of the game, if that makes sense.
>
> One note is Coeur Rochester is just an NOI. No briefing was required, so it can publish theoretically. This maybe a good test case.

Again, our priority will be Burning Man. We look forward to working with you and
thanks for all your assistance, TR

--
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Resource Advisor
Nevada State Office

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Amanda Kaster-Averill
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
o: (202) 208-3027

From: Dove, William
To: Raby, Jon K
Cc: Kaster, Amanda E; Hammond, Casey B
Subject: Re: Burning Man
Date: Friday, May 10, 2019 10:27:01 AM

Thanks Jon,

I appreciate it. The best number is my desk line: 202-208-4606. If you can give me a heads up on the best time for you I will make sure I am available.

-BD

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On Fri, May 10, 2019 at 10:23 AM Jon Raby <jraby@blm.gov> wrote:

> Thxs Billy and let's try and connect today. What is a good number for me to call you at? I'll forward their comments in a separate email.
>
> Sent from my iphone so please excuse my poor texting skills.
>
> On May 10, 2019, at 7:00 AM, Dove, William <william_dove@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
>
> > Hi Amanda and Jon,
> >
> > Casey and I had the opportunity to talk to the Burning Man folks yesterday about the Draft EIS and their event. I was hoping to get some more details on this info. Would it be possible to get the comments submitted by the proponents and for me to be included on any briefings or calls on the topic? Burning man mentioned that there might be some internal BLM discussions coming up. Given the sensitivity of this project and all the interest surrounding it, it would be great if I could be on any discussions for ASLM awareness.
> >
> > Thanks all,
> >
> > Billy
> >
> > **Billy Dove** | *Advisor*
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From:	Christopher Tollefson
To:	Balash, Joseph R; Hammond, Casey B; Dove, William T; Macdonald, Cara Lee
Cc:	Kaster, Amanda E; Krauss, Jeff; Tara Rigler; Steed, Brian C
Subject:	Re: Statement for E&E on Black Rock permit
Date:	Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:41:36 AM

Sorry - should have modified the subject line - this request is for the E&E news inquiry.

Hoping you can also review the LCCRDA release today and let me know when it's good to go to DOI Comms.

Thanks,
Chris

Chris Tollefson – Chief of Public Affairs

Bureau of Land Management – 20 M Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003

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On Apr 9, 2019, at 9:37 AM, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov> wrote:

> All,
>
> Hoping you can review this proposed response to an E&E News inquiry about Black Rock. The reporter has a Tuesday noon ET deadline. BLM Nevada drafted the response:
>
> ***E&E News* - Comment period for Black Rock Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (National):** Reporter Kellie Lunneyasked if the BLM would extend by 30 days the comment period on the draft EIS for Black Rock City LLC's request for a 10-year permit to hold Burning Man. The reporter was referring to Rep. Mark Amodei's (R-Nev.) request to the BLM during a hearing last Thursday. The public comment for the EIS currently ends April 29.
>
> **Proposed response:** "No decision regarding the request for a deadline extension has been made at this time."
>
> Thanks,
> Chris

From:	Tollefson, Christopher
To:	Balash, Joseph R
Cc:	Hammond, Casey B; Dove, William T; Macdonald, Cara Lee; Kaster, Amanda E; Krauss, Jeff; Tara Rigler; Beverly Winston
Subject:	Re: Urgent: Draft statement and background for CNN - Burning Man EIS
Date:	Wednesday, May 1, 2019 2:30:31 PM

Will do. Thanks!

On Wed, May 1, 2019 at 2:29 PM Joseph Balash <joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> That works for me
>
> Joe Balash
> Assistant Secretary
> Land and Minerals Management
> Department of the Interior
>
> On May 1, 2019, at 2:29 PM, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov> wrote:
>
> > Fair question. I think the intent was to counter the idea that we were somehow exceeding our authority. We can just take the "even if they are outside of our jurisdiction " part out.
> >
> > **Chris Tollefson – Chief of Public Affairs**
> >
> > Bureau of Land Management – 20 M Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003
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> >
> > On May 1, 2019, at 2:22 PM, Joseph Balash <joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > I'm fine with this except the following:
> > >
> > > "In fact, regulations require that the BLM consider all relevant, reasonable measures even if they are outside our jurisdiction."
> > >
> > > Why do we call out that some of the measures may be outside of our jurisdiction?

Joe Balash
Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
Department of the Interior

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Team,

Because the report submitted today covers the period from the 17-23rd as the week ahead, the following items would fall outside the range and would not be included. Can your team please double check that these items will actually be happening on the 15th. If not we will need to update the timing so that they can be included this week.

March 12-15. BLM-AK will hold a National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement alternatives development workshop with the Inupiat Community of Arctic Slope, North Slope Borough, State of Alaska, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, U.S. Geological Service, and the National Park Service. (3/5/19)

By March 15. BLM anticipates submitting an Instruction Memorandum on implementing Federal Land Policy and Management Act Section 512 for power line Rights of Way (ROWs), as well as Secretarial Order 3372 Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. The policy will outline agency requirements for managing authorized activities on public lands for vegetation management, facility inspection, and operation and maintenance of power line ROWs. (2/12/19) DTS 17100

By March 15. BLM-ID anticipates receiving rulings from the DOI Hearings Division regarding 24 petitions for stay filed on the nine final grazing decisions issued in Dec. 2018 for the Battle Creek, East Castle Creek, and Owens allotments. While the appellants have advocated for stays of various parts of the decision, BLM does not oppose full stays. BLM-ID briefed the BLM Director's Office on these decisions on Nov. 7, 2018 and Jan. 31, 2019. (5/4/18)

By March 15. BLM-ID anticipates submitting to the Washington Office for review a Federal Register Notice of Intent for an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze Blackrock Land Exchange proposal from the Simplot Company. Simplot proposes to convey 667 acres of non-federal land in the Idaho Falls District to the BLM in exchange for 719 acres (of which 140 is contaminated) near Simplot's existing phosphate processing plant. Through this proposed exchange, the BLM would gain land highly suitable for recreation and wildlife habitat, and dispose of land adjacent to an industrial facility and needed by Simplot for future plant operations. BLM-ID's Initial Action Notice was approved in Dec. 2018. (12/7/18)

March 15. An Instruction Memorandum (IM) providing guidance on the issuance of Wild Horse and Burro gather decisions and National Environmental Policy Act compliance has been approved and is scheduled for publication. The IM provides policy on public review periods for gather decisions, and the timing of gather decisions. (3/12/19)

March 15. BLM-AK plans to publish the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bering Sea-Western Interior Draft Resource Management Plan in the Federal Register. This

will initiate a 90-day public comment period through June 12. (3/12/19)

March 15. BLM-CA. The Ridgecrest Field Office plans to release for public comment the Battery Minerals-Panamint Lithium Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA evaluates a proposal to conduct exploratory drilling for lithium, which is on the DOI critical minerals list. The area of interest is the outer rim of Panamint Dry Lake in Inyo County. The sites are within the Panamint Lake Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Basin and Range National Conservation Lands. (2/26/19)

March 15. BLM-CO and the DOI Solicitor's office will respond to an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) memo received in Dec. 2018 regarding work to be performed at the Bonita Peak Mining District. The EPA ordered Sunnyside Gold Company to drill into the American Tunnel and install monitoring sites for water quality and volume as part of CERCLA clean-up efforts for the Gold King Mine. (3/5/19)

March 15. BLM-CO. The Gunnison Field Office will implement seasonal wildlife restrictions on motorized travel for Gunnison Sage-Grouse. This restriction will affect approximately 200,000 acres of BLM lands in the Gunnison basin. Motorized travel will be temporarily restricted on portions of 38 BLM and County roads. This sage-grouse seasonal management effort is cooperative with the Forest Service and Gunnison County underway since 2010. Approximately 2,500 acres along the Signal Peak ridge will be closed to all uses from March 15 - May 15 to limit disturbance to Gunnison Sage-Grouse during the lekking season. The Signal Peak restrictions were developed with input from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, local wildlife advocates, and trail users. These management restrictions are new for 2019. (2/26/19)

March 15. BLM-NV. The Black Rock Field Office anticipates releasing the Burning Man Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Special Recreation Permit Renewal. The proposed action would increase the event population from 80,000 to 100,000. The alternatives developed from internal and public scoping are: 1) keeping the event population at 80,000; 2) shifting the event northward up the Black Rock playa due to flooding concerns; 3) lowering the permitted population to 50,000 participants; and 4) no event. The DOI Review Team was briefed and cleared the package to move forward on March 8. (10/1/18)

March 15. BLM-OR/WA. The Coos Bay District will implement seasonal public access restrictions to protect the threatened western Snowy Plover. The bird's nesting season begins in mid-March along Oregon coast beaches, and the District manages nesting sites and habitat at the New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern and the North Spit of Coos Bay. In response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's biological opinion, the Coos Bay District restricts public access on the dry sand at these locations from Mar. 15 to Sep. 15 to protect the plovers while they nest and raise their young. (3/12/19)

March 15. BLM-WY plans to issue a Record of Decision for Lost Creek uranium expansion project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS analyzes Lost Creek ISR, LLC's proposal to expand its existing uranium mine in Sweetwater County, Wyo., continuing employment and expanding production at the mine. (2/5/19)

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Subject:	Urgent: Draft statement and background for CNN - Burning Man EIS
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All,

Please review this proposed response to CNN. Nevada BLM helped with this draft to respond to criticisms of the EIS. We believe CNN's request for a general statement is a good opportunity to let them know why the BLM is doing the analysis, how the proponent fits in, and that this is part of an overall process.

Please let us know when we can send to DOI Comms.

Thanks,
Chris

***CNN* - Burning Man (National):** Reporter Kate Sullivan asked for BLM comment in response to the Burning Man event criticizing the draft Environmental Impact Statement report.

Proposed response: "In 2017 and 2018, The BLM held three public outreach meetings, two public scoping meetings and a 45-day formal scoping period to allow the public to provide input on the proposed renewal of the Special Recreation Permit for 2019 through 2028. The comments received were used to create the alternatives proposed in the DEIS.

The mitigations outlined in the DEIS are proposals and do not apply to all alternatives. These proposals enable the BLM to begin a conversation with the proponent, in this case Burning Man Project, on how we go about addressing impacts seen in the analyses. In fact, regulations require that the BLM consider all relevant, reasonable measures even if they are outside our jurisdiction. The comments received during the recently closed comment period will help determine what will be included in the final EIS that we anticipate completing in July."

On Background: The Burning Man event is held on Federal land, in the Congressionally designated Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA). This land has special protections under the National Conservation Area Act, and Congress has directed the BLM to conserve, protect and enhance the area for current and future generations. Between the NCA Act and the Resource Management Plan, there are special protections for the NCA. For example it is withdrawn from mining, oil and gas development, new rights-of-ways, leasing, and has air quality standards.

The BLM prepared the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for two reasons: 1) BRC's permit expired at the end of the 2016 event (the event was allowed to occur in 2017 and 2018 using a Determination of NEPA Adequacy as a new National Environmental Policy Act document was written); and 2) BRC wanted us to look at the potential impacts of attendance growth to 100,000 as part of their permit renewal. As baseline studies were done for the permit renewal, it was realized there were impacts to the playa that were not realized when the last NEPA document was done in 2012 and the attendance was at 50,000.
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Review Team Members,

Attached for your review are materials supporting BLM-NV's approval of the final Record of Decision for the MacKay/Marigold Mine. The related documents are attached below.

Per the Department's April 2018 NEPA Document Clearance Process memo, the review team has 3 business days to inquire further into the ROD or request a single oral briefing for all interested members of the Review Team. If no objections are raised by the Review Team within this 3 day feedback period, the delegated SES member may sign and approve the ROD.

Please send your comments or requests for additional information to BLM-NV State Director **Jon Raby** (cc'd above) by 5:45 pm EST, Friday, October 29, 2019.

Thank you,
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Mackay Optimization Project

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Introduction

The Humboldt River Field Office (HRFO) of the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a modification to the Plan of Operations (Plan) for the Marigold Mine Project (Project) (NVN065034) from the Marigold Mining Company (MMC) in June 2015. The Project proposed an expansion and optimization of MMC's existing gold mining operations. The Project is located on public land administered by the BLM and private land controlled by MMC in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately 35 miles east of Winnemucca, Nevada.

Summary

The EIS analyzed the Proposed Action and two alternatives: Alternative I: Partial Discharge to Cottonwood Creek and Pipeline to Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs) and the No Action Alternative.

The Proposed Action, would include 2,055 acres of new disturbance (801 acres of public land and 1,255 acres of private land), increasing the mine's surface disturbance to a total of 7,738 acres (3,272 acres of public land and 4,466 acres on private land). Alternative I increases the surface disturbance to a total of 7,741.5 acres. All proposed disturbance would occur within the existing Plan boundary and includes combining multiple existing pits into three large pits, optimizing mining activities. Waste rock storage areas, heap leach pads, and other supporting facilities would be expanded to support the pit expansion. The pits are proposed to extend below the historic water table necessitating dewatering of the groundwater and (RIBs) for recharging the excess water downgradient of the pits. The proposed action would result in a 10-year extension of the mine life to the year 2035, a period of passive leaching, and approximately three years for reclamation and site closure. The mine currently employs approximately 400 workers. The proposed action would increase employment by 20 temporary jobs during a one-year construction phase but no additional operations employees during the extended mine life.

Amendments to two associated rights-of-ways (ROWs), which are needed to accommodate the proposed mine changes, were also evaluated in the EIS. These ROWs include relocation of a portion of the county road called Buffalo Valley Road and a portion of the existing 120-kV power line (ROW held by NV Energy).

Under Alternative I, all components of the Proposed Action and ROW amendments would be the same except for the proposed dewatering recharge method which would increase the total disturbance by approximately 4 acres (7,742 acres total). A portion of the dewatered groundwater (approximately 191 gallons per minute (gpm)) would be treated at a water treatment plant, transported via an above ground pipeline system to be discharged to Cottonwood Creek drainage, creating a water source for livestock and wildlife while recharging the aquifer. The remaining portion of water from dewatering would be piped to the RIBs.

Under the No Action Alternative, the plan modification would not be authorized and the activities described under the Proposed Action would not occur. MMC would continue mining

activities as authorized in their current Plan, dated November 6, 2013, with closure in 2027, followed by approximately three years of reclamation.

Decision

Based on the Marigold Mine Plan of Operations – Mackay Optimization Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), DOI-BLM-NV-W010-2016-0002-EIS, and the rationale section in this Record of Decision (ROD), it is my decision to select the Proposed Action, including the applicant's committed environmental measures described in the FEIS section 2.2.13, and all of the BLM recommended mitigation in the FEIS for the Proposed Action. The modification to the Plan of Operations is subject to these mitigation measures, which are enclosed as Appendix (A) *Marigold Mine Plan of Operations – Mackay Optimization Project Conditions of Approval and Applicant Committed Environmental Protection Measures*.

The Plan, approved below, provides for the continuation and expansion of mining and ore processing in an area where mining has been identified as an appropriate land use as stated in the Winnemucca District RMP. Approval of the Plan will allow MMC to utilize its current workforce, equipment and infrastructure to expand and extend the life of the mine. The mitigation measures specified in this ROD will minimize environmental impacts identified in the FEIS. The monitoring requirements specified in this ROD will assist the BLM and others to identify, avoid, and/or mitigate, if necessary, any unforeseen environmental impacts that may occur. The environmental measures committed to by MMC and the conditions of approval (including monitoring) in this ROD will provide environmental protection during and after implementation of the action and provide BLM periodic opportunities to re-evaluate its analysis of potential impacts during and after implementation.

Alternatives Including the Proposed Action

Proposed Action

- Combination of four of the existing and authorized open pits (Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, and East Hill pits) to become a single open pit to be called the Mackay Pit;
- Combination of the existing and authorized Terry Zone Pit and 8-Pit to become the Mackay North Pit;
- Increase the size of the 5-North Pit;
- Dewater the Mackay and Mackay North pits at a rate of up to 10,718 gpm with an average rate of about 8,154 gpm;
- Construct and operate a new production well and dewatering wells with associated roads, power, and above-ground pipelines;
- Construct and operate a water treatment plant for reducing naturally-occurring arsenic from dewatered groundwater;
- Construct and operate rapid infiltration basins (RIBs) with associated laydown yard, roads, pipelines, and monitoring wells;
- Move overburden (waste rock) material stored in the Old Marigold and Top Zone waste rock storage areas (WRSAs) to enable creation of the Mackay North Pit;

- Create one new WRSA (the 5-North) and expand the Northeast and Northwest Expansion WRSAs;
- Move backfill material within pits to allow for pit expansions and future backfill placement;
- Construct processing pad Cells 22, 23, and 24;
- Relocate material from Cell 5 through Cell 9 on the western edge of the processing pad facility to other areas on lined containment to accommodate the Mackay North Pit footprint;
- Increase the solution application rate from the existing 15,000 gpm to 20,000 gpm;
- Construct new process ponds on existing disturbance;
- Construct two new carbon column trains on existing disturbance;
- Relocate a portion of the existing 120-kilovolt (kV) power line (operated by NV Energy) resulting in an additional 2.3 miles of power line;
- Make changes to ancillary facilities including:
  - Move the authorized East Stormwater Diversion Structure;
  - Relocate the existing lime silo and explosives magazine;
  - Move, construct, and add growth media stockpiles and miscellaneous infill disturbance areas and fencing to include proposed facilities;
- Move haul roads to accommodate the new facility footprints;
- Relocate the previously authorized but not yet constructed portion of the existing public Buffalo Valley Road, as well as reroute a second portion to accommodate mine changes (requires ROW by Humboldt County);
- Reconstruct and relocate an access road to private land inholdings in T33N, R43E, section 30;
- Move the planned location of the authorized but not yet constructed utility route and construct approximately five miles of a 25-kV power line in the utility corridor;
- Increase exploration disturbance by 95 acres;
- Redistribute disturbance acres between disturbance categories;
- Increase the total disturbance area to approximately 7,738.1 acres; and
- Increase the mine life as follows:
  - Increase mine life by up to 10 years (from 2027 to 2037) as a result of the above optimization strategies;
  - Processing would continue for at least an additional three years (through 2040) until final reclamation begins in 2041; and
  - Dewatering would begin in 2025 in order to prepare for mining operations associated with the Proposed Action (which would begin in 2027) and dewatering would cease in 2035.

Alternative I: Partial Discharge to Cottonwood Creek and Pipeline to RIBs

All components of Alternative I would be the same as the Proposed Action except for the proposed dewatering operations. This alternative would discharge a portion of groundwater pumped during dewatering (not to exceed 191 gpm to an engineered portion of the ephemeral Cottonwood Creek drainage, where the temporary discharge of the water could be beneficial to wildlife due to the potential natural creation of a small riparian zone.

Discharged water would dissipate before reaching the end of the engineered channel, and the rate would be reduced or eliminated when natural conditions (e.g., storm events, spring run-off) could potentially cause water to reach fissures or Interstate 80. The remaining portion of pumped groundwater would be piped to the RIBs. Pipelines would be constructed above ground.

No Action Alternative

BLM would not authorize modification of the Plan of Operations and MMC would continue authorized mining and exploration disturbance within the Plan boundary on 3,211 acres of private land and 2,471 acres of public land for a total authorized surface disturbance of approximately 5,683 acres. Public land within the authorized Plan of Operations boundary would remain available for future mineral development or for other purposes as authorized by the BLM.

Alternatives Considered and Eliminated from Detailed Analysis

The FEIS considered and eliminated from detailed analysis 17 other alternatives:

- 10 related to the method for the disposal, distribution and recharge of excess pumped groundwater,
- 4 related to waste rock handling, including pit backfilling,
- 2 related to greater sage grouse habitat, and
- 1 addressed the future use of the pit lake.

The FEIS contains a complete discussion of alternatives considered and the rationale for eliminating specific alternatives from detailed analysis.

Environmentally Preferred Alternative

While the no action alternative is environmentally preferable because mining would cease ten years sooner, the BLM's preferred action alternative is the Proposed Action. The BLM's preferred alternative includes all of the environmental protection measures of the Plan of Operations (Plan) and all mitigation measures identified in the FEIS.

Rationale

The rationale for the decision to select the Proposed Action is spelled out in this section. The following resources were identified as having direct, indirect, and potential cumulative impacts during analysis in the EIS: air quality, water resources, social values and economics, vegetation, visual resources, and wildlife (all wildlife, Greater Sage-grouse, Golden Eagles, and Dark Kangaroo Mice). Impacts are generally identical for the Proposed Action and the Alternative I except for the disposal method of excess groundwater. As such, the disposal method is the deciding factor.

The Proposed Action would discharge all excess groundwater to the subsurface using RIBs whereas Alternative I would discharge up to 191 gpm to a channelized section of ephemeral Cottonwood Creek. Evaluation of the surface water discharge resulted in the following concerns:

Although the discharge flow is limited by the topography and designed to prevent surface water from being present below the channelized portion of the stream, there is a potential for the surface water to flow into existing surface fissures that are located adjacent to and across the Interstate-80. If augmented surface water flow reaches these fissures, there is a potential that erosion could affect the stability of the interstate and safety of all traffic.

In addition, the discharge is only proposed to occur during groundwater pumping for mining. Although the discharge would create an alternative water source for stock and wildlife, cessation of discharge into the stream may negatively affect them. Stock and wildlife dependent on the water, potential riparian habitat, or increased prey base would need to find alternate sources. Adjacent sources may become overused and overcrowded, and wildlife unable to find an adjacent water source may suffer or succumb to mortality.

The impacts to the individual resources are summarized below:

Air Quality

The effects to air quality, measured in Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs), Greenhouse Gases, and mercury emissions would be nearly identical under all alternatives. However, HAPs would increase by 1.1 tons per year from existing conditions under both the Proposed Action and Alternative I due to the extension of 10 years of operations. There is no recommended mitigation or monitoring for this resource other than what has already been committed to by the applicant for authorized operations.

Water Quantity (Ground Water)

Under the No Action Alternative, MMC would not be dewatering the aquifer in order to mine below the historic water table. The existing groundwater hydrologic sink created by the adjacent Lone Tree Mine dewater would persist. The hydrologic sink would still be present for at least 200 years into the future and would affect an area of approximately 34,854 acres in the year 2235. Impacts to groundwater quantity from MMC would include seepage of surface water into the subsurface from the Millennium Catchment and the continued use of 1,577 gpm of groundwater for production purposes.

The effects to groundwater quality would be nearly the same for both the Proposed Action and Alternative I. Under both alternatives, groundwater would be required to be pumped in order to mine. Dewatering would contribute to the existing groundwater impacts created by the adjacent Lone Tree Mine. MMC dewatering would extend the recovery time and expand the sink. Expansion of the hydrologic sink would primarily occur at the Marigold Mine and southward towards the Battle Mountain Range and would affect an area of 53,706 acres in 2235, 200 years after cessation of dewatering.

Water Quality (Groundwater)

There would be no impacts to groundwater quality under the No Action Alternative. Groundwater naturally exceeds arsenic standards. Groundwater pumped under the Proposed Action and Alternative I would be treated prior to recharge back into the aquifer downgradient of the mine. In addition, under the Proposed Action and Alternative I, water chemistry in saturated backfill (i.e., waste rock material placed back into the pits) is predicted to exceed Nevada

Department of Environmental Protection Profile I reference values for cadmium, mercury, antimony, thallium, arsenic, and pH. Although exceeding reference values, constituents released from the backfill could potentially react (precipitate/absorb) with the backfill and native material, diminishing the concentrations. As such, impacts outside the backfill areas and in the groundwater are not anticipated. Since these backfilled areas would be within the hydrologic sink created by the Mackay Pit Lake and flow through the bedrock aquifer is limited, impacts to groundwater outside of the hydrologic sink are not anticipated. MMC would monitor and implement design and construction features for waste rock dumps and mine pits to mitigate potential adverse impacts per the existing "Glamis Gold, Inc., GMMC Marigold Mining Company, Sulfide Waste Management Plan" (Revised March 23, 2000).

Pit Lake

Upon cessation of mining, a pit lake would form under the Proposed Action and Alternative I. This pit lake is predicted to be have a surface of 119 acres and be 424 feet deep. Water quality is expected to meet NDEP Profile III reference values. The presence of the pit lake would create a permanent hydrologic sink, after recovery of the larger sink created by Lone Tree Mine, with long-term evaporative losses up to 500 acre-feet per year. A pit lake would not be created by the No Action Alternative.

Water Quality (Surface Water)

The effects to surface water quality would be nearly the same for both the Proposed Action and Alternative I. Under both alternatives, surface disturbance would result in some runoff that would be captured and collected in stormwater or process ponds and some that would be diverted around the mine site via diversions in Trout and Cottonwood Creeks. Ephemeral surface water flow is anticipated to dissipate into the alluvium downgradient of the mine. Surface water captured in stormwater and process ponds would be used on the mine site or lost to evaporation. Under Alternative I, some of the dewatered groundwater would be supplied to Cottonwood Creek as a water source for stock and wildlife. Discharge to Cottonwood Creek is not expected to reach the Humboldt River.

Modeled impacts to the Humboldt River for both alternatives would be identical, which were determined to be indistinguishable from statistical noise in the model.

No impacts to seeps and springs are anticipated under either the Proposed Action or Alternative I. Sedimentation and erosion is also expected to be the same under both alternatives. However, under Alternative I, there is a potential for the groundwater discharged to Cottonwood Creek to flow into existing surface fissures that are located adjacent to and across the Interstate-80. If the augmented surface water flow reaches these fissures, there is a potential that erosion could affect the stability of the interstate and safety of all traffic. Under the Proposed Action, this would not occur as surface water would not be supplemented with groundwater discharges.

Wetlands and Riparian Resources

Under the No Action and the Proposed Action, there would be no impacts anticipated for wetlands and riparian resources. Existing wetlands and riparian areas are not affected by mining activities.

Alternative I would discharge up to 191 gpm to a portion of a channelized section of ephemeral Cottonwood Creek. Discharge is proposed to only occur during groundwater pumping during active mining. Although the discharge into ephemeral Cottonwood Creek would create a water source for stock and wildlife, cessation of discharge into the stream may negatively affect them. Stock and wildlife dependent on the water, potential riparian habitat, or increased prey base would need to find alternate sources when pumping ceased. Adjacent sources may become overused and overcrowded, and wildlife unable to find an adjacent water source may suffer or succumb to mortality.

Social Values and Economics

Under both the Proposed Action and Alternative I, employment of 400 mine employees and 20 contractors would be sustained and extended an additional 10 years past current mine life, until 2037. In addition approximately 30 additional contractors would be required for 25 months over seven years. Wages in the amount of $51.4 million per year; demand for housing and public services; taxes paid; and vendor use would continue for an additional 10 years past the current mine life (2027), until 2037. Under the No Action alternative mine life would end in 2027 and these changes would not occur.

Vegetation

Under both the Proposed Action and Alternative I, approximately 2,060 acres of vegetation would be removed temporarily, which would increase the potential for dust and could potentially lead to establishment of noxious weeds. Under Alternative I, with the discharge of water to Cottonwood Creek, riparian areas could be created along the creek while mine operations continue. However, once mine operations end, these riparian areas would disappear and possibly be replaced by noxious weeds.

Special status species which would be affected include plains prickly pear cactus, of which two individuals were noted in the direct impact area. Common to all alternatives was the potential for fugitive dust, which could cover plants, impeding photosynthesis.

Mitigation measures in place since the authorization of the original mine would continue to apply. This includes development and monitoring of reclamation for revegetation success.

Visual Resources

Impacts to visual resources including night skies would be identical under all alternatives. Under both the Proposed Action and Alternative I, current conditions would continue to 2037. No new fixed lighting is proposed but construction and operation of the mine under both the Proposed Action and Alternative I would extend lighting into areas not previously authorized for surface disturbance. Authorized lighting would continue to be used and illumination of the night sky would continue through 2037. In order to mitigate for impacts to visual resources, MMC would paint or stain buildings, structures, and pipelines to produce flat-toned, non-reflective surfaces using the BLM color chart for color selection to blend with the existing environment.

Wildlife

Under both the Proposed Action and Alternative I, approximately 2,060 acres of temporary and 446 acres of permanent habitat loss would occur and impacts from human activity and presence would continue through 2037 or until reclamation was complete. However, under Alternative I, discharge to Cottonwood Creek could potentially create habitat. After dewatering to the channel ceases in 2037, wildlife dependent on the riparian habitat and additional water would need to find alternate water sources or habitat. Adjacent water sources may become overused or overcrowded and those wildlife unable to find an adjacent water source may suffer or succumb to mortality.

Greater Sage Grouse

Impacts to Greater Sage Grouse (GRSG) habitat under the No Action alternative would continue at current levels: 261 acres of Primary Habitat; 507 acres of General Habitat; and 35 acres of Other Habitat of authorized disturbance. Under the Proposed Action and Alternative I an additional 21 acres of GRSG habitat would be disturbed. The number of Primary Habitat acres would not change from the No Action alternative (261 acres); however, two less acres of General Habitat would be affected (505 acres) due to a redesign of authorized but not yet constructed disturbance and 23 additional acres of Other Habitat would be affected (58 acres).

No GRSG sign or individuals have been observed within the Plan boundary. The nearest leks are located between 1.3 and 3.0 miles from the Project and between 2.5 and 4.6 miles from the nearest point of disturbance. Noise has been present at the site from authorized mining operations and proposed activities would be concurrent with those already occurring at the mine. Disturbance under the both the Proposed Action and Alternative I would be concentrated around authorized operations to the extent possible. Exploration activities would occur within the Plan boundary. Existing noise and activity would be a continuation of what is currently occurring, such as from drilling, blasting, loading trucks, and hauling material to designated areas. Mining activities under both the Proposed Action and Alternative I would likely not increase levels of noise but continue them to 2037 at their current levels.

The Proposed Action and Alternative 1 are consistent with the Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment (ARMPA) (BLM 2019) prepared by the BLM to conserve, enhance, and restore GRSG habitat. The ARMPA presents land use plan goals, objectives, land use allocations, and management actions for protecting and preserving GRSG and its habitat on BLM-administered lands in Nevada.

Golden Eagle

During surveys conducted in 2015, 30 golden eagle nest sites were observed in the area of analysis. Of the 30 nests, 22 were determined to be inactive and eight were active. One golden eagle nest is inside the Plan boundary, approximately 0.8 miles (4,183 feet) from the authorized disturbance and 2.6 miles (13,938 feet) from the nearest disturbance associated with the Proposed Action and Alternative I.

Human and equipment presence and noise associated with the Proposed Action and Alternative I could result in eagles avoiding otherwise suitable foraging habitat within the Project. Both the Proposed Action and Alternative I would result in a total disturbance of 2,056 acres in addition

to the already authorized amount of 5,683 acres, representing a potential loss of foraging habitat. Additionally, eagles are known to feed on carrion, and any eagles that feed on roadkill along any access route would be at risk from collisions with vehicles. In addition, the additional six miles of power line would increase the risk of collision with the power line. Noise created by expanded mine operations would be of the same amount and intensity as noise already generated at the mine, but it would occur through 2037 instead of 2027. Noise generated by the expanded mine would not be any closer to the known golden eagle nests than noise produced by the existing mine. Exploration could occur anywhere within the Plan boundary, which could result in temporary noise that could bother golden eagles. MMC has included two new environmental protection measures in the EIS to address potential impacts to golden eagles.

Dark Kangaroo Mouse

The dark kangaroo mouse is a State of Nevada protected mammal and BLM sensitive species. Approximately 15,871 acres of potential dark kangaroo mouse habitat is in the area of analysis. Of this acreage, approximately 1,035 acres of potential habitat would be temporarily lost under the Proposed Action and one additional acre would be lost under Alternative I.

Unavoidable adverse impacts to dark kangaroo mice would include the permanent loss of those areas not subject to reclamation that overlap potential dark kangaroo mouse habitat. Additionally, it is unknown if this species would be able to re-inhabit the previously disturbed areas after reclamation as this species has specific habitat requirements that may not be achieved during reclamation (loose sandy soils in valley bottoms and alluvial fans dominated by sagebrush, and fine gravelly soils). It is also not known if the habitat is occupied.

Additional Important Factors

- Winnemucca District Land Use Plan Conformance: The Proposed Action conforms to the BLM's Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan for the Winnemucca District Planning Area, approved May 21, 2015, and amended by the ROD and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Great Basin Region, including the Greater Sage-Grouse Sub-Regions of Idaho and Southwestern Montana, Nevada and Northeastern California, Oregon, Utah, March 27, 2019. This is in accordance with the locatable mineral objective MR9, which states, in part, "Manage locatable mineral operations to provide for the mineral needs of the nation while assuring compatibility with and protection of other resources and uses."

- This decision will allow MMC to continue conducting mining exploration and development activities on the public lands.

- This decision is consistent with other federal, state and local plans to the maximum extent consistent with Federal law and Federal Land Policy and Management Act provisions.

- The selected action will not adversely impact any threatened or endangered species or significant scientific, cultural or historical resources as these resources are either not present or will be avoided.

- The selected action, subject to implementation of all mitigation recommended in the EIS meets the purpose and need for the federal action.

- Implementation of the enclosed *Marigold Mine Plan of Operations Amendment – Mackay Optimization Project Conditions of Approval and Applicant Committed Environmental Protection Measures* requires MMC to monitor for impacts and reduce or prevent impacts.

- Based on the President's National Energy Policy and Executive Order 13212, the Proposed Action will not generate any adverse energy impacts or limit energy production and distribution. Therefore, no "Statement of Adverse: Energy Impact" is required per WO IM No 2002-053 and NV IM 2002-049.

- Based on the environmental impact analysis contained in the EIS and mitigation measures that will be implemented, it is determined that this decision will not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation of the public lands.

- The results of public outreach, including consultation and coordination with governments and agencies, as summarized in this ROD, informed the decision.

Public Involvement

Native American Consultation

On March 7, 2016, the BLM sent consultation letters to the Battle Mountain Band, Winnemucca Indian Colony, and the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians. There was no response to the initial letters; however the Winnemucca BLM has continued to keep the tribes informed about the Project. The Project was discussed with the Battle Mountain Band Tribal Council during in-person government-to-government consultation on November 10, 2016. The Battle Mountain Band had general questions about the size of the project and met with representatives from the BLM and MMC at the Marigold Mine on December 12, 2016, to discuss activities at the mine. Tribal representatives were kept informed regarding the progress of the Project and were provided the Draft EIS in May 2019. No additional comments or concerns have been raised by the tribes about the Project.

Cooperating Agencies

The cooperating agency relationships established during this Project facilitated the exchange of views and expertise between BLM personnel and other government officials and staff. This form of consultation, unique to planning and NEPA processes, was crucial to the shaping of this EIS. The following six agencies were invited to participate with the BLM as cooperating agencies: US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Humboldt County, Lander County, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). The United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) were official cooperating agencies for preparation and review of this EIS. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) have agency-wide Memorandums of

Understanding (MOUs) with the BLM for coordination on National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) projects, and the USEPA and NDEP actively coordinated with the BLM on this EIS.

Intergovernmental Partners

Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, the BLM's coordination responsibilities include maximizing consistency with the plans and policies of other government entities to the extent consistent with federal law.

Coordination was conducted with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (NDEP/BMRR) as specified within Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 3000-NV920-0901, MOU for Mining and Mineral Related Activities within the State of Nevada.

NEPA regulations require that EISs be filed with the EPA (40 CFR, Subpart 1506.9). The draft and final EIS was submitted to the EPA, as required by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations. Coordination was conducted with the EPA as outlined in the 2008 MOU regarding mining EISs in Nevada between the BLM and EPA.

Public Scoping

To initiate the public scoping process, the BLM published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in the Federal Register on March 4, 2016. Letters were sent to potentially interested parties and a news release was also issued by the BLM that stated the comment period to accept public comments was open for 31 days. Two public meetings were held in March 2016, in Winnemucca and Battle Mountain, Nevada. The BLM received a total of 22 comment letters during the scoping period. Comments received during the scoping period were considered in the analysis of the proposed Project.

Issues of Concern Identified in Project Scoping

The 22 public scoping letters contained 70 individual comments. Commenters ranged from individuals to state and federal agencies and environmental groups. Comments relating to the Proposed Action were identified and have been consolidated into the following issues:

Issue Statements	
Air Quality including Climate Change	
1	What National Ambient Air Quality Standards pollutants would be emitted by the Project: amounts, sources, types, distribution, and environmental measures utilized to reduce such?
2	Would the Project affect any Class I Prevention of Significant Deterioration areas and would modeling be necessary to make this determination?
3	What hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) would be released by the Project, in what amounts, and what would the impacts be to the individual resources?
4	How would climate change affect long-term impacts from the Project?
5	What greenhouse gases would be emitted by the Project: amounts, sources, types, distribution, and environmental measures utilized to reduce such.

Issue Statements	
6	Would mercury emissions be emitted by the Project: amounts, sources, types (thermal process, fugitive emissions from heap leach and waste rock storage areas, etc.), distribution, and environmental measures utilized to reduce such?
7	Would mercury, a HAP, be emitted by the Project in such quantities to contribute to annual emissions in Nevada?
8	What amount of fugitive dust (PM10 and PM2.5) would be emitted by the Project: amounts, sources, distribution, and environmental measures utilized to reduce such?
9	What would be the social cost of carbon?
Cultural Resources Including National Historic Trails	
1	Would culturally significant sites be avoided or mitigated, if necessary, using an approved National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) treatment plan?
2	Was consultation under National Historic Preservation Act included in the public notice for scoping? If not how will the NHPA process be combined with NEPA and the public made aware of the opportunity for consultation?
3	What impacts to the California National Historic Trail are anticipated?
Environmental Justice	
1	Would any minority or low-income populations be affected by the Project?
Geochemistry	
1	What is the mine Project's geochemistry? Support this discussion with applicable guidance and methodology.
2	How would waste rock be handled and reclaimed to ensure that no leaching or release of contaminants occurs?
Invasive, Nonnative Species	
1	How would the existing weed management plan be updated for this Project and the recently acquired Valmy-Trenton Canyon area?
Migratory Birds	
1	Would there be impacts on migratory birds including nesting sites?
2	Would there be impacts on raptors and raptor nesting sites?
Native American Religious Concerns	
1	Would this Project affect Native American religious concerns?
Noise	
1	Would noise from the Project operations affect greater sage-grouse?
2	Would noise from the Project operations affect human habitation, especially the unincorporated area of Valmy?
Rangeland Management	
1	How would the Project activities including proposed fencing affect livestock grazing on the North Buffalo Allotment?
Realty	
1	How would the re-location of the NV Energy 120 kV power line affect public access and resources?
2	How would the re-location of the County Road affect public access and resources?
Recreation	
1	How would the Project affect existing recreation in the area such as hunting, hiking, and rock hounding?
2	How would public access for recreational activities through the Project area be affected?
Social and Economic Values	
1	What would be the social cost of carbon?
2	What are the economic benefits of the Project?
3	Would the loss of scenic views affect the economic viability of the area?
4	What are the impacts to the lifestyle, economics, and quality of life of the communities in the region?
5	What are the impacts on social and economic values with the delayed closure of the mine from the Project?
Special Status Species	
1	What special status species, plants and animals, would be affected by the Project? What methodology would be employed to make this determination?

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2	How would greater sage-grouse be affected: noise, vegetation, nesting, leks?
Threated and Endangered Species	
1	What threatened and endangered species, plants and animals, would be affected by the Project?
Transportation including Public Access and Safety	
1	How would Buffalo Valley Road be constructed, financed, and maintained; and are there any safety concerns associated with the re-route?
2	What would the source of gravel for the Buffalo Valley re-route be?
3	What are the potential impacts to traffic routes and volumes from the Project?
4	What are the impacts of the re-route on access to the private parcel, in particular during the mine expansion construction phase?
Vegetation	
1	What are the impacts of the loss of plant species including variations in numbers and species due to the change in landscape proposed?
Visual Resources including Night Sky and California Trail	
1	What effects would occur to the California National Historic Trail and its viewshed?
2	What are the lighting plans for this Project?
3	What are the anticipated impacts on adjacent land and dark skies from portable and permanent lighting practices proposed at the Project?
Waste, Hazardous or Solid	
1	Would surface and ground water be affected by solution containment systems for process fluids?
2	What hazardous materials, petroleum products, and solid wastes would be associated with the Project, including the use, storage and disposal methods?
Water Quantity and Quality	
1	What are the water sources and water needs for the Project?
2	What is the hydrologic characterization of the Project area and cumulative area including all existing water resources?
3	What are the impacts to surface and ground water for all aspects of mine operations and after closure? Include methodology used to make these determinations.
4	How would the Project activities affect on-site surface waters such as Cottonwood Creek and Mud Springs?
5	How would the existing surface and ground water monitoring plan be amended for this Project?
6	Would the existing storm water pollution prevention plan be updated for this Project?
7	What are the potential impacts of dewatering to existing water rights within and outside of the Project area?
8	Fully characterize the pit lake evaluation including volume, surface area, timeline of filling, evaporation estimated, and water quality.
9	What are the potential impacts of dewatering to groundwater and surface water flows, elevations, and quality? Especially after creation of a pit lake?
10	What is the relationship, if any, between the proposed pit lake for this Project and the nearby Lone Tree pit lake?
11	What are the anticipated evaporative water losses from the pit lake?
12	What are the potential impacts of RIBs during operation as well as reclamation?
Wetland and Riparian Zones	
1	Has the United States Army Corps of Engineers determined if drainages within the Project area are waters of the U.S.?
2	Would wetlands and riparian habitat be affected by Project activities?
Wildlife	
1	Would the Project disrupt the various migration routes between summer and winter ranges for wildlife such as mule deer, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep?
2	How would habitat removal impact wildlife and would there be a resulting loss of various wildlife species and numbers?
General Mitigation	
1	What environmental protection measures and monitoring are proposed for this Project?

Issue Statements	
Reclamation and Closure	
1	What are the reclamation, closure, and post-closure management plans for the heap leach pads, waste rock storage areas, pits, and other facilities?
2	What are the availability, source, and properties of growth media and cover material?
3	Describe cover designs in detail and provide information on the effectiveness of the proposed covers including a discussion of soil amendments, if deemed necessary?
4	Explain how the volume and quality of draindown from the heap leach pads was determined and how it would be captured, treated and controlled post-mining?
5	Would the Project use only native species for revegetation?
6	What are the ecological risks of the vegetation grown on or near reclaimed facilities including evapotranspiration cells and other open water drainages following closure?
Alternatives	
1	Would a revised waters of the U.S. determination be necessary to discharge pumped groundwater to the Humboldt River or a tributary drainage?
2	Re-injection of groundwater, discharge via pipeline to the Humboldt River, and discharge to other natural streams should be considered alternative methods of discharge in the EIS.
3	Based on water quality and public access, would the pit lake be available for post-mining public use?

Draft EIS (DEIS)

To solicit public comments and feedback on the Draft EIS, the BLM published the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS in the Federal Register on May 20, 2019. Letters were sent to potentially interested parties and a news release was also issued by the BLM that stated the Draft EIS was available for review during a 45-day comment period. Two Public meetings were held in June 2019, in Battle Mountain and Winnemucca, Nevada to solicit comments from interested publics and answer questions about the Project. One person from the public attended the meeting in Winnemucca; no members of the public showed up at the Battle Mountain meeting. Comments received were considered in the Final EIS.

Individuals, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations submitted 13 letters with comments on the Draft EIS. The comments and responses to them are in contained in Appendix I of the Final EIS. Based on comments received, the BLM prepared the final EIS adding some information that clarified and improved the EIS analysis; however, it was determined that a supplemental EIS was not necessary because there were no substantial changes in the Proposed Action that are relevant to environmental concerns presented in the Draft EIS. Moreover, there were no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns or having a bearing on the Proposed Action or impacts.

Final EIS (FEIS)

The Notice of Availability for the FEIS was published by the BLM in the Federal Register on September 13, 2019, and by the EPA on September 6, 2019. The 30-day availability period ended on October 15, 2019.

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Ester M. McCullough
District Manager

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Date Signed

Appendix A: Marigold Mine Plan of Operations – Mackay Optimization Project Conditions of Approval and Applicant Committed Environmental Protection Measures.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS APPROVAL DECISION UNDER SURFACE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (43 CFR§3809)

The Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office (WD/HRFO), has reviewed the modification to the Marigold Mine Plan of Operations (Plan), case file NVN065034. The Plan was submitted in June 2015 and was last revised in October 2018. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), DOI-BLM-NV-W010-2016-0002-EIS was prepared and is detailed in the above Record of Decision (ROD).

It is my decision to approve the modification to Plan NVN065034, including the environmental protection measures specified in the plan of operations. This approval is subject to the attached conditions of approval, referenced in the above ROD (pages 1-10). MMC may only perform those actions that have been described in the Plan. Implementation of the aforementioned conditions will prevent unnecessary or undue degradation.

The surface occupancy proposed in the Plan meets the conditions specified in the applicable regulations (43 CFR§3715). The BLM concurs with the occupancy of the subject lands. MMC must comply with sections 3715.2, 3715.2-1, and 3715.5 of the 43 CFR regulations.

This approval does not constitute: certification of ownership to any person or company named in your plan of operations; recognition of the validity of any mining claims named in your plan of operations; or recognition of the economic feasibility of the proposed operations.

No work is authorized under the modified plan of operations until MMC has complied with all federal, state and local regulations, including obtaining all necessary permits from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and other federal, state and local agencies.

Activities approved in this decision shall not begin until the BLM Nevada State Office issues a decision accepting the updated reclamation financial guarantee. In addition, to approval of the reclamation financial guarantee from the BLM, you must also seek concurrence from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (NDEP/BMRR). The types of financial instruments that are acceptable to the BLM are found at 43 CFR 3809.555. Please contact the BLM Nevada State Office at (775) 861-6400 for further information on the financial guarantee process.

In accordance with 43 CFR 3809.552(c) and the February 5, 2004, Millennium Expansion Project Final Supplemental EIS and ROD, a long-term contingency fund (long-term trust) must be established to perform post-reclamation tasks that include long term closure and post-closure period maintenance of the proposed Mackay Pit Lake. A cost estimate for this new trust shall be submitted to the BLM HRFO within 90 days of this decision. You must also seek concurrence from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (NDEP/BMRR). The costs should include a complete description of the assumptions used for the costs in the financial analysis. The cost estimate should use the latest versions of the Standardized Reclamation Cost Estimate (SRCE), Heap Leach Draindown Estimator (HLDE), Interim Fluid Management (IFM), and Process Fluid Stabilization (PFS) models, and any other associated cost models/estimates needed to estimate an appropriate fund

amount that conforms to existing conditions, all appropriate regulations, and authorized operating parameters.

If you are adversely affected by this decision, you may request that the BLM Nevada State Director review this decision. If you request State Director Review, the request must be received in the BLM Nevada State Office at: **BLM Nevada State Office, State Director, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada 89502**, no later than 30 calendar days after you receive or have been notified of this decision.

The request for State Director Review must be filed in accordance with the provisions in 43 CFR 3809.805. This decision will remain in effect while the State Director Review is pending, unless you request and obtain a stay (suspension) from the State Director. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted using the standards and procedures for obtaining a stay (43 CFR 4.21) from the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA).

If the State Director does not make a decision on your request for review of this decision within 21 days of receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined and you may appeal this decision to the IBLA. You may contact the BLM Nevada State Office to determine when the BLM received the request for State Director Review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21-day period in which to file your Notice of Appeal with this office at 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445, which we will forward to IBLA.

Under 43 CFR 3809.801(a)(1), if you wish to bypass a State Director Review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR part 4. Your Notice of Appeal must be filed in this office at 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. As the appellant you have the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. Enclosed is BLM Form 1842-1 which contains information on taking appeals to the IBLA. This decision will remain in effect while the IBLA's decision is pending, unless you request and obtain a stay under 43 CFR 4.21. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted under the criteria in 43 CFR 4.21.

Request for Stay

If you wish to file a petition (request) pursuant to regulations 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by IBLA, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of this notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in the decision and, to the IBLA, and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to parties if the stay is granted or denied.
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits.
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted.
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Approval of the Plan by the BLM does not constitute a determination regarding the viability or ownership of any unpatented mining claims involved in the mining operation. Approval of the Plan in no way implies the economic viability of the operations. Any modification to the Plan must be coordinated with and approved by the authorized officer. Surface occupancy related to the Plan is reasonably associated with the mining operation. The Bureau's authority applies only to activities on public land. However, federal law and policy require that mitigation measures associated with this project apply to private lands that are part of the project as well as to the public lands.

This Decision is issued pursuant to 43 CFR 3809.803. It is effective immediately. In the case of an appeal before the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), this Decision will remain in effect unless OHA grants a stay under §4.21(b) of this title.

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Ester M. McCullough
District Manager

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Date Signed

Enclosure:
Appeal Form 1842-1

MARIGOLD MINE PLAN OF OPERATIONS AMENDMENT – MACKAY OPTIMIZATION PROJECT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND APPLICANT COMMITTED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Marigold Mining Company (MMC) shall prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands and resources. As part of that, the following site management practices shall be used.

    a. No hazardous or toxic waste, waste oil or lubricants shall be disposed of within the Plan boundary. Trash and other debris should be contained on the work site and then hauled to an approved landfill.

    b. Burial and/or burning of trash and other debris are not authorized without specific permits from BLM and other appropriate agencies.

    c. MMC shall be responsible for having a spill prevention and clean-up plan. MMC shall also provide adequate on-site spill control and clean up materials and instruct on-site personnel in spill prevention and clean-up methods.

    d. Any oil, noxious fluids, fuels, or chemicals spilled onto the ground or water shall be cleaned up immediately. After clean up, the oil, noxious fluids, fuels, or chemicals and any contaminated material shall be removed from the site and disposed of at an approved disposal facility.

2. MMC is responsible for reclamation of lands disturbed by the proposed operations.

3. MMC shall be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and obtain all appropriate federal, state and local authorizations and permits.

4. MMC will monitor the proposed activity to identify or prevent impacts according to the operating permits and plans listed in Appendix C, Table 1 of the EIS.

5. MMC will monitor groundwater sources according to State of Nevada, Department of Environmental Protection standards and will maintain water quality and quantity for wildlife, livestock, and human consumption to State of Nevada standards.

6. All reporting requirements specified by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) or Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) will also be reported to the BLM Winnemucca District/Humboldt River Field Office (WD/HRFO) within the same time frames.

7. An as-built map will be submitted to the BLM WD/HRFO by April 15 of each year, showing topography, township, range and sections, locations of all mine operations and activities, including new areas of disturbance, and areas that have been reclaimed with month and year the area was regraded or reseeded.

8. The financial guarantee, or portions thereof, shall be released upon the BLM WD/HRFO and NDEP/BMRR concurrence that adequate reclamation has been successfully completed. Bond release criteria shall be those set forth in regulations at 43 CFR 3809, and the *Nevada Guidelines for Successful Revegetation for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service* (Instruction Memorandum #NV99-013). Bond release will be conducted according to the Surface Management Regulations at 43 CFR 3809.590 through 3809.594.

9. The operator shall be responsible for all costs associated with any releases of subsurface fluids resulting from their exploration drilling operations and practices. Protection measures shall be taken to control groundwater including potential artesian groundwater flows. In the event an uncontrollable artesian flow occurs, the artesian flow shall immediately be brought to the attention of the BLM authorized officer.

10. MMC will monitor the Unnamed Springs, Double Source Spring, Mud Spring, and Ames Spring on a quarterly basis for presence of water. Protocols for spring surveys will follow the document titled: *Inventory and Monitoring Protocols for Springs Ecosystems* (Stevens et al. 2011). If water is present, the following field parameters shall be collected: time of day, air and water temperature at source, pH, specific conductance at 25 µm/cm, concentrations of dissolved oxygen, and alkalinity (CaCO3, HCO3). If sufficient water to collect a sample is present, a sample would be taken and sent to a laboratory to be tested for the following constituents: concentrations of base cations and anions, metals, total dissolved solids, and H and O stable isotopes (d18OVSMOW and dDVSMOW).

11. MMC will be responsible for updating the existing monitoring plan, if necessary, and continued monitoring and reporting of changes in ground water levels and quality. MMC would provide the monitoring results, describe any deviations from the original predictions, and propose modifications to the current monitoring plan required by NDEP and/or NDWR, in an annual report to the NDEP and/or NDWR, and the BLM

12. MMC will update and recalibrate the groundwater and the pit lake and pit backfill geochemistry models as new data and monitoring results become available (see spring and groundwater monitoring requirements above, and waste rock characterization requirements below). MMC will provide an update of the model to the BLM authorized officer and NDEPBMRR detailing the results of the recalibration and any deviations from the original predictions. Updates to the model are required on a five-year cycle or with each NEPA action affecting groundwater until dewatering commences. Upon commencement of dewatering, deviations from the original predictions in the model, shall be included in the annual monitoring report required above.

13. MMC has chosen to treat all waste rock in the Mackay North and 5-North pits as potentially acid generating (PAG). As such, none of this material can be used as backfill in the pits below the predicted recovery water level in accordance with the Sulfide Waste Rock Management Plan. If MMC wants to use this waste rock as backfill below the water table, a plan for kinetic testing should be completed. Upon approval of the proposed kinetic testing plan by BLM and NDEP-BMRR, MMC will commence with the testing until a request for termination is approved. The results of this testing would be used to determine if the waste rock can be used to backfill the proposed pits.

14. Mitigation Measure WQ-1: If waste rock material from the Mackay North and the 5-North Pits is not tested, it would not be used as backfill material below the water table and will be treated as PAG per the WRMP. Only material that has been tested and meets NDEP criteria can be used as backfill below the water table in any of the on-site pits.

15. MMC would initiate site-specific groundwater monitoring to determine whether water treatment is necessary within 90 days of the ROD and continue monitoring until the BLM and NDEP-BMRR determine further testing is no longer necessary. MMC will submit the results of the on-going water quality investigation for BLM and NDEP-BMRR review and concurrence on an annual basis.

16. Mitigation Measure WQ-2: If the monitoring results indicate the need for the treatment of the water, submittal and approval of a treatment plan design would be required two years prior to commencing dewatering operations.

17. Within 90 days from receipt of the ROD, MMC will design and submit a plan to monitor flow, infiltration, and water quality conditions in the natural channel from the Millennium Catchment to the beginning of the Lower Trout/Cottonwood Diversion. The monitoring plan will be in place and monitoring will begin within six months of the ROD.

18. Mitigation Measure VR-1: MMC will paint or stain buildings, structures, and pipelines to produce flat-toned, non-reflective surfaces using the BLM color chart for color selection to blend with the existing environment.

APPLICANT COMMITTED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES

The Plan includes the applicant-committed Environmental Protection Measures (EPMs) outlined below. These measures are outlined by resource, or program; however, all will apply across the project area and across resources, as applicable.

Air Quality

To control fugitive dust, water or mineral stabilizers are applied to haul and access roads within the Plan boundary. Speed restrictions are enforced to further minimize particulate emissions from roadways. Concurrent reclamation during the life of the operation, as mine components are completed, reduce the acreage of disturbed lands, thereby reducing fugitive dust. Enclosures, baghouses, binder chemicals, and water sprays are used as appropriate to control dust emissions from existing crushers, screens, crusher transfer points, and dry chemical transfer points (lime). MMC maintains an Air Quality Operating Permit (AP1041-0158).

Cultural Resources and Paleontological Resources

To prevent and minimize potential impacts to cultural and paleontological resources within the Plan boundary, EPMs have been incorporated in the existing operation. MMC has developed the existing mining operation to avoid cultural resources known to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). However, to prevent inadvertent impacts to known cultural resources, MMC has a Cultural Resources Protection Program previously authorized by BLM for the Marigold Mine that includes the following:

- Mining activities and facilities and employee and equipment access within the Plan boundary and its vicinity is prohibited within 100 feet of cultural resources eligible or unevaluated to the NRHP in order to prevent impacts to resources;
- Mine exploration and operations equipment are limited outside of the Plan boundary;
- MMC will conduct education programs for employees;
- Employee access to known paleontological sites on public and private land near the mine are prohibited;
- Per the 2003 Final Supplemental EIS and 2005 Environmental Assessment (BLM 2003 and 2005), a 100-foot buffer zone around the boundary of any cultural resources eligible or unevaluated to the NRHP will be established by installing a two-strand smooth wire fence with signage “No Off-Road Travel.” The 100-foot buffer zone will be established by a qualified, third-party archaeologist approved by the BLM;
- If previously undocumented or unidentified cultural resources (archaeological or historical), subsurface components of documented cultural resources, human remains, burial sites, or vertebrate paleontological resources are discovered during exploration, construction, operation, or reclamation activities, MMC will immediately cease activities within 300 feet

of the discovery, ensure that the discovery is appropriately protected, and immediately notify the BLM by telephone followed with written communication. Work will not resume until a BLM Authorized Officer issues a notice to proceed. If resources are identified as eligible for the NRHP, impacts will be mitigated through an appropriate Treatment Plan approved by the BLM, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), MMC, and the Advisory Council, or through site avoidance;

- If fossiliferous deposits, specifically vertebrate fossil deposits, are located during exploration construction, operation, or reclamation activities, the BLM will be notified, and measures will be taken to identify and preserve or avoid the fossils;

- Should damage, destruction, or vandalism to cultural or paleontological resources occur within in or near the Proposed Action during the period of construction, operation, or rehabilitation due to unauthorized, negligent, or inadvertent actions of MMC its employees, contractors, or other mine personnel, MMC will be responsible for costs of rehabilitation, resolution, or mitigation consistent with federal law.

- Secondary effects to eligible and unevaluated cultural resources resulting from road and drill site construction and use will be minimized through the implementation of erosion control measures, such as waterbars, double sumps for drill water, and appropriate road design; and

- The entire Plan boundary has been inventoried at the Class III level.

Drill Hole Abandonment
Mineral exploration and development drill holes, subject to Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR) regulations will be abandoned in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 534 et seq.

Employee Training
MMC provides department-specific environmental management education for employees. This training includes information on management practices incorporated into the operation of the facility to minimize impacts to the environment and ensure compliance with environmental permit criteria.

MMC will provide annual hazardous materials and waste management training for select employees.

Fire Management
MMC will comply with applicable federal and state fire laws and regulations and shall take reasonable measures to prevent and suppress fires in the area of operations. Smoking will only be permitted in areas that are free of flammable materials and only if allowed by state law or federal regulations. If smoking is allowed, smokers will position themselves in such a manner that burning material falls within cleared areas. Smoking materials will be extinguished by pressing said materials into mineral soils. When completely extinguished, debris associated with smoking will then be put into containers designed solely for this purpose and properly disposed. The mine buildings are equipped with fire extinguishers and fire hydrants. Mobile equipment on the mine

site will be equipped with fire extinguishers as required by MSHA. In the event the proposed activities start or cause a wildland fire, MMC will be responsible for all the costs associated with suppression and rehabilitation. The following precautionary measures will be taken to prevent and report wildland fires:

- All vehicles will carry fire extinguishers;
- Adequate fire-fighting equipment (i.e., shovel, Pulaski, extinguishers), and a minimum of 10 gallons of water will be kept at each drill site if a water truck will not be readily available;
- Vehicle catalytic converters will be inspected often and cleaned of brush and grass debris;
- Welding operations will be conducted in an area free from or mostly free from vegetation. A minimum of 10 gallons of water, if a water truck is not readily available, and a shovel will be on hand to extinguish any fires created from the sparks. Extra personnel will be at the welding site to watch for fires created by welding sparks. Welding aprons will be used when conditions warrant (i.e., during red flag warnings);
- Wildland fires will immediately be reported to the BLM Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center at (775) 623-3444. Information reported will include the location (latitude and longitude, if possible), fuels involved, time started, who or what is near the fire, and the direction of fire spread; and
- When conducting operations during the months of May through September, the BLM will be contacted to determine if any fire restrictions are in place for the area and to provide approximate beginning and ending dates for Project activities.

Geochemistry
Waste rock samples are submitted as determined by the Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP) requirements for analysis as required by the NDEP Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (BMRR). Waste rock analyses may include Meteoric Water Mobility Procedure (MWMP) and Acid Base Accounting (ABA) analysis as outlined in the WPCP. Analyses will continue to be reported to the NDEP and to the BLM. If the ABA tests exceed the NDEP and the BLM criteria and the pH of MWMP is below the state standards, kinetic testing (HCT) may be performed.

To date, waste rock analyses have indicated low potential for acid generation due to the low sulfide content of the waste rock. If waste rock monitoring were to indicate the material had the potential to generate acid, that portion of the waste rock will be managed in accordance with the management requirements of MMC's Sulfide Waste Management Plan. The Sulfide Waste Management Plan provides for early identification of and blending and/or encapsulation of potential sulfide waste rock in oxide material at one of the out-of-pit WRSAs. A minimum blending ratio of 3:1 acid-neutralizing to acid-generating material will be used. A minimum depth of 20 feet of oxide material will be used to encapsulate unblended potential sulfide material, and a minimum depth of 15 feet will be used to encapsulate blended material. These

measures will reduce the potential for generation of acid rock drainage, thereby reducing the potential impact on surface water and groundwater.

To accommodate the Mackay North and Mackay Pit footprints, previously characterized waste rock material in the Old Marigold WRSA, Top Zone WRSA, and backfills will be moved either to the processing pads and treated as ore, if the grade is at or above MMCs current cutoff grade, or to other adjacent WRSAs in accordance with the most recent waste rock handling methods. The waste rock material will be handled in accordance with the Sulfide Waste Management Plan and most recent waste rock management plan (WRMP).

Lands and Realty
Prior to any construction of the RIBs area and infrastructure, MMC will prepare final design plans. The design, construction, and use of the RIBs will avoid the existing ROWs located near the southeast corner of the proposed RIBs.

Migratory Birds and Raptors
MMC will continue to use a qualified biologist to conduct breeding bird surveys within all suitable habitats prior to ground disturbance, if construction activities occur from the following dates:

- March 1 through August 31 for breeding bird surveys, and
- February 1 through August 31 for raptor nest surveys and avoidance of ground-disturbing activities

These surveys identify either breeding adult birds (i.e., by territorial defense behavior) or nest sites within the areas to be disturbed. If active nests are present, MMC will coordinate with the BLM to develop appropriate protection measures for these sites, which may include avoidance, construction constraints, buffer establishment, etc. An option to conducting breeding bird surveys also includes avoidance of ground disturbance activities between February 1 and August 31, allowing construction to proceed outside of the breeding season without clearance surveys. Other protection measures for migratory and raptor bird species include the following:

- Protect active raptor nests in undisturbed areas within 0.25 miles of areas proposed for vegetation conversion using species-specific protection measures provided by the BLM, NDOW, and USFWS;
- Limit permitted activities from May 1 to the end of July within 0.25 miles of raptor nest sites unless the nest site has been determined to be inactive for at least the previous five years; and
- Prevent access of migratory birds to cyanide solutions in process ponds by utilizing bird balls and netting.
- MMC will implement their existing Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy (Stantec 2018)
- MMC will develop an Eagle Conservation Plan.

- Exploration drilling activities will not occur within one (1) mile of an in-use golden eagle nest unless additional coordination with the USFWS, NDOW, and the BLM determines that a reduced buffer could be applied.

- Should MMC be unable to avoid impacts that will be considered a take of golden eagle(s) under the Eagle Act, they will coordinate with the USFWS, NDOW, and the BLM.

Noxious Weeds, Invasive, and Non-native Species
MMC has active management of noxious weed controls at the site as described in MMC's Integrated Weed Management Plan (Stantec 2016a). Noxious and invasive weed controls are implemented through vegetation establishment to minimize competition from weedy species and to maximize the establishment of disturbed sites, and chemical control of new or established infestations of noxious weeds. If herbicides are used to control noxious weeds, the application rates and methods conform to BLM standards, thereby avoiding potential risks to human health and the environment. Noxious weed occurrences on public lands adjacent to the Plan boundary are also reported to the BLM.

Preventative measures include the education of key employees for the identification of weed species and the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs). Noxious weed BMPs include timing of disturbance, timing of weed control activities, controlling weeds prior to disturbance, gear cleaning, proper disposal of weeds, use of weed-free materials, and the establishment of competing vegetation. Treatment or control of weeds may be done through mechanical, biological, or chemical controls. Chemical applications will be carried out by trained personnel. Noxious weed occurrences within the reclaimed areas will be reported to the BLM, and an appropriate eradication plan will be developed. If herbicides are used to control noxious weeds, the application rates and methods will conform to BLM standards, thereby avoiding potential risks to human health and the environment. Noxious weed occurrences on public lands adjacent to the Plan boundary will be reported to the BLM.

Reclamation
The post-mining land use for the area disturbed by the expansion is expected to be similar to the pre-mining land uses. The uses include mineral exploration, mining, livestock grazing, wildlife, and recreation. Reclamation will be in conformance with the BLM and the NDEP reclamation regulations. Experience from past reclamation efforts will be considered for designing reclamation of the proposed disturbance.

Sedimentation and Erosion
Revegetation of disturbed areas will reduce the potential for wind and water erosion. Following construction activities, areas such as cut-and-fill embankments and growth media stockpiles will be seeded as soon as practical and safe. Concurrent reclamation will be maximized to the extent practical to accelerate revegetation of disturbed areas.

The EPMs will be used to limit erosion and reduce sediment in precipitation runoff from Project facilities and disturbed areas during construction and operations. The EPMs may include, but are not limited to, diversion and routing of stormwater using accepted engineering practices, such as

diversion ditches, and the placement of erosion control devices such as sediment traps, and rock and gravel cover.

Surface waters will be managed to avoid sediment loading. Temporary diversions will be employed under the site Stormwater General Permit and will be maintained and modified on an annual basis or as needed. Permanent diversion structures will be completed when a component, such as a tailings facility or a waste rock facility, are at final design limits, to ensure the structure is appropriately sized and located.

Permanent diversions are designed to contain the 100-year, 24-hour storm event. A typical ditch is about 10 feet in width and four feet in depth; however, the dimensions vary based on topography and watershed size.

Sediment control will be provided by a combination of EPMs at each facility.

- The processing pad and chemical/petroleum storage areas will be contained within an exclusionary berm.

- The WRSAs will have stormwater containment berms and sediment basins to reduce runoff impacts to receiving waters.

- The WRSAs will be reclaimed concurrently to reduce sediment loss. This will include ripping compacted surfaces and application of growth media to increase permeability to the vegetation root zone. Temporary stormwater diversions will be installed where appropriate and armored where flow velocities exceed approximately four feet per second, dependent upon channel material. The upslope portion of the facility surface will be graded to control runoff and permanent and temporary engineered diversions will be installed as necessary for erosion control and rerouting of the surface water features.

Stability of Facilities
The WRSAs, dam structures, and heap leach facilities are designed and constructed to ensure stability during construction, operation, and post-closure. Stability modeling results for the heap leach pad and dam structures are included in applications for the NDWR –Dam Safety Branch and NDEP-BMRR permits. These facilities are monitored on a regular basis during operations to identify any visible stability problems.

Mining Claims
Survey monuments, claim markers, witness corners, reference monuments, bearing trees, etc., will be protected against destruction, obliteration, or damage. When operations are concluded, the operator will remove survey markers, stakes, flagging, etc., for which the operator has no further need. Prior to destruction or damage during surface disturbing activities, MMC will contact the BLM to develop a plan for necessary restoration or reestablishment activity of the affected monument in accordance with Nevada Instruction Memorandum No. NV-2007-003 and Nevada law. MMC will bear the cost for the restoration or re-establishment activities including the fees for a Nevada professional land surveyor.

For valid unpatented mining claims that are held within the Plan boundary, but where MMC is not the owner or operator (via lease agreement), MMC will place a 100-foot buffer around these features to avoid impacts to these claimants. In the event a valid unpatented mining claim is inadvertently impacted by the Project, a settlement with the claimant will be negotiated, which will likely involve a lease agreement for future control of those claims.

Vegetation
MMC will continue to use established EPMs to prevent impacts to vegetation. During reclamation, WRSAs and roads will be ripped and or/scarified to produce a rough surface for anchoring of reapplied growth media and seeded with the approved seed mix. Growth media will be placed at a minimum depth of six inches. Seed bed preparation can be performed immediately prior to seeding to allow seed placement prior to soil re-compaction. Seed bed preparation and seeding will typically be conducted in the fall to take advantage of winter and spring moisture.

Visual Resources
During mining closure activities, WRSAs will be graded to eliminate the benches between lifts, reduce the side slopes to an approximate 3H:1V grade, and round-off top benches to approximate more natural contours. After slopes are stabilized and graded, growth media is applied, and WRSAs are seeded. These efforts reduce moderate contrasts in landforms and lines associated with the Marigold Mine to weaken contrasts as vegetation establishes and matures.

MMC has prepared a Lighting Management Plan to document their lighting needs at the mine site as well as to describe BMPs that are used to reduce light pollution (SSR Mining 2017), which include:

- Lighting will be installed where necessary to maintain safety and security within the Project.

- Lighting will follow the standards for maximum lumens per acre output, as recommended by the International Dark Sky Association, when it does not compromise safety or conflict with other regulatory requirements, such as MSHA's lighting requirements. In addition, outdoor lighting fixtures will be installed in conformance with the provisions of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the National Electric Code, and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

- To the extent possible, lighting fixtures will be low pressure sodium/high pressure sodium, will be outfitted with amber shields, or will consist of LED lights with a very low "cool", neutral or "warm" rating (i.e. those with CRI ratings of >50 and CCT ratings of <5000) to minimize blue light emissions.

- Uplighting will not be used, except in cases where the fixture is shielded from the sky by a roof overhang or similar structure and where the fixture does not cause light to extend beyond the structural shield.

- Where possible, lights will be fully shielded and pointed downward.

- Lighting during non-operating hours will be turned off unless lighting is required for security or safety reasons. Lighting, where possible, will be on timers or sensor-activated during nighttime operating hours to minimize hours of operation.

- Temporary and mobile lighting, such as that used at exploration drill pads or light plants used in active mining areas, will be aimed so as to minimize glare and light trespass and turned off after completion of the work.

- Because of the potential for adjustment, either inadvertently or intentionally, the installation and use of swivel-mounted floodlights will be discouraged. If floodlights will be used, they will be fully shielded and properly aimed.

Waste, Hazardous or Solid

Management of solid waste and hazardous materials are managed under MMC's integrated Emergency Response Plan (ERP) to address the potential release of fluids from mine facilities. The section of the ERP that addresses chemical releases contains procedures for the control of leaks or spills. Continued operation in accordance with the ERP assists in keeping spills localized and contained to allow for efficient cleanup. MMC has the necessary spill containment and cleanup equipment and trained personnel available at the site to quickly respond to minor releases.

Hazardous substances are handled in accordance with applicable MSHA or Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations (Titles 30 and 29 of the CFR).

Non-hazardous solid waste generated on the site is disposed in an approved Class III waivered onsite landfill. Used tires are either recycled by the suppliers or buried in the WRSAs. Used equipment, such as batteries, alternators, starter motors, etc., is recycled for remanufacture. Used petroleum products, antifreeze, and Freon are transported off-site to approved recycling facilities.

Management of solid waste and hazardous materials will continue to be managed under MMC's Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (SHWMP) and integrated ERP, to address release of fluids from mine facilities. The sections of the SHWMP and ERP that addresses chemical releases contains procedures for the control of leaks or spills.

Hazardous materials storage tanks require secondary containment sufficient to hold 110 percent of the volume of the largest tank within the containment system. Management of tanks and vessels comply with manufacturer's recommendations, state and federal regulations, and BMPs.

Slag from the on-site laboratory will be recycled. Crucibles and cupels from the laboratory are sent to a licensed hazardous waste landfill for disposal. Other hazardous waste that is generated is managed in accordance with the applicable Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

Cyanide transportation, storage, handling, and use will continue to be carried out in accordance with the International Cyanide Management Code.

Water Quality
EPMs used to control sediment in precipitation runoff from Project facilities and disturbed areas during construction and mine operations include, but are not limited to, diversion and routing of stormwater using accepted engineering practices, such as diversion ditches, sediment traps, and rock and gravel cover.

Temporary stormwater diversions are installed where appropriate and armored where flow velocities exceed approximately four feet per second, dependent upon channel material. Temporary diversions are employed under the site's Stormwater General Permit (NVR 300000) and maintained and modified on an annual basis or as needed. Permanent diversion structures are completed when a component, such as a tailings facility or a WRSA, are at final design limits, to ensure the structure is appropriately sized and located.

Surface waters continue to be managed to avoid excessive sediment loading to runoff outside of the Plan boundary.

The various stormwater diversion and sediment control structures are monitored by visual inspection to ensure integrity. If necessary, precipitation accumulated within process component containment areas after major storm events are removed by pumping and disposing of in the heap leach processing facilities. Stormwater diversion structures at the WRSAs are visually inspected after major storm events and during spring snowmelt to verify the integrity of the diversion structures, to remove accumulated debris that could impede water flow, and to make repairs as necessary. These monitoring efforts comply with the requirements in the General Stormwater Permit (NVR 300000). Monitoring data are reported to the NDEP Bureau of Water Pollution Control on an annual basis. Other monitoring and control technologies are further specified as part of state permitting activities (i.e., General Stormwater Permit), which includes applications and reviews for the Stormwater General Discharge Permit and the WPCP (NEV88040).

Groundwater monitoring continues to be conducted on a quarterly basis in compliance with the WPCP. Water quality samples are collected from the existing monitoring points. The samples are analyzed for the constituents specified in the site’s WPCP. Monitoring data is submitted to NDEP and BLM on a quarterly and annual basis.

Samples continue to be collected from the freshwater production wells on an annual basis. The samples are analyzed for the constituents specified in the site’s WPCP. Monitoring data is submitted to the NDEP-BMRR and BLM on an annual basis.

Monitoring of the heap leach facilities includes daily inspection to verify the liner containment system is functioning properly. Flow rates for the heap leach pad leak detection, and pregnant pond and barren pond leak detection sumps, are monitored weekly. If fluid is present at the monitoring ports, then the sumps must be evacuated, and monitoring must be conducted on a more frequent basis. The daily, weekly, and quarterly monitoring and sampling is documented in the quarterly monitoring report submitted to NDEP-BMRR and BLM. Samples from the pregnant ponds, barren ponds, tailings solution, and tailings reclaim water must be collected and analyzed annually for the constituents specified in the WPCP.

The petroleum fueling area has its own concrete containment pad for incidental spills. The tailings and waste rock dumps have stormwater diversion ditches to prevent runoff from entering the facilities. The waste rock dumps will be reclaimed concurrently to reduce sediment loss. This will include ripping compacted surfaces to increase permeability to the vegetation root zone.

Stormwater discharge samples are collected from drainages within the Plan boundary from areas of exposed waste rock materials. Samples are analyzed for the effluent parameters listed in 40 CFR 440.104(d)(d). Monitoring data is reported to the NDEP on an annual basis. Other monitoring and control technologies are further specified as part of state permitted activities such as the General Storm Water Permit, which includes applications and reviews for stormwater general discharge and WPCPs.

The site WPCP will be updated to include monitoring points required for the proposed facilities and for the dewatering, RIBs, and water management procedures included in the updated reports. MMC is in the process of obtaining water rights for dewatering, as required, and also is in the process of voluntarily obtaining water rights to address evaporation from the proposed pit lake at full capacity as determined by the NDWR.

Wildlife and Livestock
A BLM-approved range control fence will be placed around the perimeter of mine facilities as needed to prevent access by wildlife and livestock to mining operations.

To prevent access by wildlife and livestock, fencing that meets the BLM requirements will be installed around solution ponds, stormwater ponds, and open conveyance solution channels, as needed. Any monitoring wells located outside the fenced area will be clearly marked and locked. Other fences and controls will be installed as necessary.

MMC manages livestock access to water by providing troughs outside the fenced mine boundary, which is supplied by the mine supply well. Livestock herders continue to have access to this trough to fill their water trucks.

Other protection measures for the protection of wildlife and livestock include: Enforced speed limit of 10 miles per hour around facilities and 35 miles per hour on haul roads; Proper management of the waivered-Class III landfill; and Formalized procedures for verbal and written reporting of wildlife mortalities to the NDOW.

There are currently two troughs in use. Additional troughs may be added as the mine develops, through consultation with livestock managers. Monitoring wells located outside the fenced area will be clearly marked and locked. Additional fences and controls will be installed as necessary.

MMC will manage potential ponding of cyanide solution on the heap leach pads to prevent wildlife access by the following:

- Identify areas of ore with a high clay content and blending with rockier material to promote drainage, as appropriate;

- Survey and level benches on the heap leach pad to ensure a level surface with minimal low spots that can contribute to solution collection and ponding;
- Visually inspect cells under active leach;
- Manage solution flow to the pad to limit ponding or reduce it if it has occurred;
- As needed, use chemicals, such as surfactants, to promote drainage;
- As needed, use technology such as drones to perform extensive visual inspections;
- As needed, use auditory or physical deterrents to discourage wildlife in the area;
- Use of temporary netting to eliminate access for wildlife for limited/small-scale ponding; and
- Cessation of leaching, re-ripping of the pad, or discontinuation of leaching and stacking of the next bench.

Other protection measures for wildlife and livestock include:

- Installation of fencing, netting, or bird balls over open solution conveyance channels and ponds containing process solutions to prevent access by birds and bats;
- Monitoring and managing cyanide concentrations of the process solutions; and

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Notice of Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement
For the Marigold Mining Company – Marigold Mine –
Mackay Optimization Project,
Humboldt County, Nevada
October 2019

Introduction

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has signed a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Mackay Optimization Project which will expand gold mining operations at the Marigold Mine. The Marigold Mine is located in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately 35 miles southeast of Winnemucca and currently employs approximately 400 full time people.

Marigold Mining Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of SSR Mining, Inc., operates the gold mine which is currently authorized to disturb up to 5,682.6 acres of land (3,211.4 acres of private land and 2,471.2 acres of public land). Changes to their operation will include 2,055.9 additional acres (800.9 acres of public land and 1,255.0 acres of private land) of disturbance and increase the mine life by up to 10 years.

Through scoping, public comments, and ongoing cooperating agency consultation, the BLM in its EIS has identified and analyzed effects to the following resources: water (including surface water, groundwater, and geochemistry); air quality; vegetation (including noxious weed species and special status species); wildlife (including migratory birds and special status species); grazing management; land use and access; aesthetics (visuals); cultural resources; Native American cultural concerns; recreation; social and economic values; hazardous materials; wetlands and riparian zones.

Communication Goals

This communication plan will guide the process and rollout of the ROD for the proposed project. The ROD is being signed by the Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District.

Communication activities are directed at providing the public, government agencies, and stakeholders with information regarding the proposed expansion of the mine. Through this communication, the goal is to notify the public of the ROD.

Target Audience

Through the scoping process, the EIS team identified a list of organizations and individuals interested in this process. Additionally, the team identified congressional staffs, county commissioners, and Tribal officials as requiring specific briefings or letters.

- Local residents, organizations, and governments (City of Winnemucca, Town of Battle Mountain, Humboldt County, and Lander County, Nevada)
- Cooperating agencies (Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (BMRR))
- Nevada government agencies – Nevada State Clearinghouse which distributes it to Nevada government agencies including NDOW, NDEP, Nevada Department of Water Resources (NDWR), Nevada Division of Minerals (NDOM), and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
- Federal agencies – USEPA, USFWS, USGS, National Park Service
- Government to government consultation with potentially affected Tribes.
- Interested Parties who received the initial scoping letter (62 people, agencies, and groups)
- News Media: The release about the proposed project will be sent to BLM Nevada's three standard media distribution lists that cover approximately 190 contacts in print, radio, and television.

Communities Most Affected

- Winnemucca, NV
- Battle Mountain, NV

Key Messages

- The BLM strives to be a good neighbor in the communities we serve, where we provide opportunities for economic growth with space for multiple uses such as mining, ranching, energy development, and recreation.
- The operating Marigold Mine is located about 35 miles southeast of Winnemucca and 13 miles west of the Town of Battle Mountain in Northern Nevada. The gold mine is currently authorized to disturb up to 5,682.6 acres of land (3,211.4 acres of private land and 2,471.2 acres of public land).
- MMC submitted a Plan of Operations Modification for BLM approval.
- The Mackay Optimization Project will involve expansion of the Marigold Mine, with a proposed increase in disturbance of 2,055.9 acres (1,255 acres of private land and 800.9 acres of public land).
- Multiple existing pits will be combined into three large pits. Waste rock storage areas, heap leach pads, and other supporting facilities will be expanded in association with the pits.
- The pits will extend below the historic water table necessitating dewatering of the groundwater at a rate up to 10,718 gallons per minute (gpm) with an average rate of 8,154 gpm, and rapid infiltration basins for recharging the excess downgradient of the pits.
- The modification will extend the mine life by up to 10 years.

- Amendments to two associated rights-of-ways (ROWs) will be needed to accommodate the proposed mine changes and are also evaluated in the FEIS. These ROWs include relocation of a portion of the county road, called Buffalo Valley Road and the existing 120-kV power line (ROW held by NV Energy). Separate decisions will be made for these ROW amendments.
- The NOI for this project was published in the *Federal Register* on March 4, 2016, and two public meetings were held in Winnemucca and Battle Mountain, Nevada. The BLM received a total of 22 comment letters during the scoping period. Comments received during the scoping period were considered in the analysis of the proposed project.
- The NOA for the Draft EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on May 20, 2019 and was available for comment during a 45-day comment period. Two Public meetings were held in June 2019, in Winnemucca and Battle Mountain, Nevada to solicit comments from interested publics and answer questions about the project.
- Thirteen comment letters were received, however, only five of them contained substantive comments. Four of the letters were in support of the project and centered on the local and economic benefits; one was against, and three commented on technical difficulties in accessing the draft EIS due to failure of the original website. An alternative website was set up by Stantec immediately upon becoming aware of the failure and a new BLM website was operational within two days.
- The substantive comments included concerns on potential impacts to the groundwater quality and quantity, pit lake water quality, surface water, wetlands and riparian areas, wildlife specifically eagles, slope stability of the pits and waste rock storage areas adjacent to Buffalo Valley road, subsidence fissures along Interstate 80, environmental protection measures, monitoring, and mitigation.
- The NOA for the Final EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on September 13, 2019, and was available for a 30-day period.
- Formal Native American Consultation was initiated on March 7, 2016. Letters were sent to the Battle Mountain Band, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians, and the Winnemucca Indian Colony. There was no response to the initial letters; however the Winnemucca BLM has continued to keep the tribes informed on the project. The Project was discussed with the Battle Mountain Tribal Council during in-person government-to-government consultation on November 10, 2016. The Battle Mountain Band had general questions about the size and met with representatives from the BLM and MMC at the Marigold Mine on December 12, 2016 to discuss activities at the mine.
- A Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued. The preferred alternative identified from the analysis conducted in the EIS is the Proposed Action. The ROD will be used to approve the Amendment to the Plan of Operation.

Strategies

1. Coordinate with government agencies, such as the EPA, NDOW, NDEP, and SHPO.

2. Send copies of the signed ROD to cooperating agencies.
3. Send certified letters to local Tribes announcing signing of the ROD.
4. Advertise the release of the ROD on the web as well as local newspapers.

Communications Products

- Weekly Highlights Report/Week Ahead Report (internal)
- News release
- Website (ePlanning): https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/eplanning
- Project Website: **https://go.usa.gov/xmwds**

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For Immediate Release

BLM publishes Notice of Availability for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Marigold Mine – Mackay Optimization Project

WINNEMUCCA, NV – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office (WD/HRFO) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the *Marigold Mine – Mackay Optimization Project* proposed in Humboldt County, Nevada. A Notice of Availability of the Final EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on September 6, 2019. A copy of the EIS is available on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) ePlanning website at https://go.usa.gov/xmwds.

Marigold Mining Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of SSR Mining, Inc. has requested an expansion of their operations at the existing Marigold Mine, which is located approximately 35 miles southeast of Winnemucca, Nevada, in the Battle Mountain Range, Humboldt County. The operating gold mine is currently authorized to disturb up to 5,682.6 acres of land (3,211.4 acres of private land and 2,471.2 acres of public land).

The EIS analyzes environmental impacts associated with Marigold Mining Company's proposal to expand the existing Marigold Mine. Proposed changes to their operation would encompass 2,055.9 additional acres (800.9 acres of public land and 1,255 acres of private land) and increase the mine life by up to 10 years. The plan modification would combine multiple existing open pits into three larger pits. The pits are proposed to extend below the historic water table necessitating dewatering of the groundwater and include rapid infiltration basins for recharging the excess water down gradient of the pits. Waste rock storage areas, heap leach pads, and other supporting facilities would be expanded in association with the pits. In addition, amendments to two associated rights-of-ways (ROWs) would be needed to accommodate the proposed mine changes and are also evaluated in the EIS. These ROWs include relocation of a portion of the Buffalo Valley Road and the existing 120-kV power line (ROW held by NV Energy).

A range of alternatives was considered and discussed in the EIS, and two alternatives were analyzed along with the Proposed Action: (1) Alternative I: Partial Discharge to Cottonwood Creek and (2) the No Action Alternative. The BLM preferred choice is the Proposed Action. Mitigation measures would be applied to minimize environmental impacts and to assure the proposed action does not result in unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands.

For further information, please contact Jeanette Black, Project Lead, at 775-623-1500.

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Review Team Members,

Attached for your review are materials supporting BLM-NV's approval of the final Record of Decision for the Hycroft Mine. The related documents are attached below.

Per the Department's April 2018 NEPA Document Clearance Process memo, the review team has 3 business days to inquire further into the ROD or request a single oral briefing for all interested members of the Review Team. If no objections are raised by the Review Team within this 3 day feedback period, the delegated SES member may sign and approve the ROD.

Please send your comments or requests for additional information to BLM-NV State Director **Jon Raby** (cc'd above) by 5:00 pm EST, Friday, October 18, 2019.

Thank you,
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Communication Plan
Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for the Hycroft Mine Phase II Expansion Project
In Humboldt and Pershing Counties, Nevada

Issue:
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office (BRFO) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have prepared a joint Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to analyze and disclose environmental impacts associated with Hycroft Resources and Development, Inc.'s (HRDI's) proposed Hycroft Mine Phase II Expansion Project (Project) and request for authorization to remove inactive (i.e., outside of the nesting season) golden eagle nests and incidental take under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (Eagle Act). The BLM is the lead agency in development of the FEIS. The proposed Project would be located in Humboldt and Pershing Counties, approximately 55 miles west of Winnemucca, Nevada. Both the BLM and the FWS will issue Records of Decision.

Project as Approved and as Proposed:
HRDI has proposed to expand precious metal mining operations at the existing Hycroft Mine. Current authorized facilities at the Hycroft Mine include: open pits; waste rock facilities (WRFs); heap leach facilities (HLFs); tailings storage facility (TSF); processing facilities; small vehicle and haul roads; ancillary facilities; exploration activities; well field right-of-way (ROW); and a 120 kilovolt transmission line.

The amendment to the Plan of Operations (Project) proposes to extend mining from 2024 to 2039, extend ore processing activities to 2041, and construct a new TSF. In addition, the Project would affect golden eagle nests and territories; therefore, HRDI has requested authorization from the USFWS to remove inactive golden eagle nests and a 30-year incidental take permit for golden eagles under the Eagle Act.

The FEIS describes and analyzes the proposed Project's direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on all affected resources. In addition to the Mine Expansion Proposed Action (BLM Decision) and the Eagle Take Permit Proposed Action (USFWS Eagle Permit Decision), the following alternatives are also analyzed in the document: The Mine Expansion Alternative A (BLM Alternative Decision), referred to as Alternative A; Eagle Take Permit Alternative A (USFWS Alternative A Eagle Permit Decision); the BLM No Action Alternative; and the USFWS No Action Alternative.

BLM has chosen Alternative A as the preferred action. The Hycroft Mine Phase II Expansion Project Alternative A would result in approximately 4,800 acres less surface disturbance, and the plan boundary would be nearly 7,800 acres less than the initially proposed action. Under Alternative A, all components of the proposed action would be the same except the Northeast TSF and all associated infrastructure would not be constructed, rather, the Southwest TSF would be constructed instead with all associated infrastructure. Alternative A would include an expansion to the authorized Plan boundary to accommodate the Southwest TSF (Alternative A Expansion Plan Boundary). The Alternative A Expansion Plan Boundary would encompass approximately 5,310 acres of public lands administered by the BLM. Alternative A would

expand the authorized Project boundary, which encompasses 14,753 acres, by 5,310 acres of public lands administered by the BLM, for a combined total of 20,063 acres. Under Alternative A, HRDI would construct and operate an approximately 2,426-acre facility (dam and tails surface) known as the Southwest TSF to accommodate tailings generated by mining sulfide ore below the groundwater table and processed in the authorized mill facility located on private land.

Alternative A includes the following activities:

- Expand the authorized Plan of Operations boundary (Authorized Plan Boundary) to the west;
- Extend mining and ore processing activities to 2041;
- Increase rate of process water pumping and extend until 2041;
- Construct and operate the Southwest TSF and associated pipeline corridor and haul road;
- Expand the existing Brimstone Pit below the pre-mining groundwater table;
- Conduct active dewatering of the Brimstone Pit through the installation and operation of dewatering wells;
- Conduct passive dewatering within the expanded pit footprint;
- Expand the South WRF;
- Modify the approved land use in the South Processing Complex to allow for the option of constructing the Southwest WRF in place of the complex, if desired;
- Modify waste backfill plans with respect to the proposed mining plan;
- Expand haul and secondary roads around the pits, WRFs, HLFs, and TSF;
- Modify the milling operation to process ore in an ambient oxidation and leaching process;
- Construct and operate an oxygen plant;
- Construct stormwater diversions, install culverts, and other stormwater controls;
- Construct growth media stockpiles;
- Incorporate four HRDI ROWs that exist wholly within the Authorized Plan Boundary into the Plan Amendment and relinquish the ROWs with the BLM;
    - Microwave repeater site and road (NVN-046292);
    - Floka access road (NVN-054893);
    - Pipeline (buried), wells, power distribution and access roads (NVN-046564); and
    - Road and water pipeline (NVN-039119).
- Continued use of the well field ROW;
- Relocate rangeland improvement facilities within the footprint of the Southwest TSF;
- Reroute Rosebud Road around the Southwest TSF;
- Reallocate 10 acres of exploration disturbance on private land to public land; and
- Implement the authorized and proposed additional applicant-committed Environmental Protection Measures to new facilities and activities.

In addition, HRDI has submitted an application to the USFWS requesting authorization to remove inactive golden eagle nests and for incidental take under the Eagle Act for operational activities associated with both the BLM's currently authorized mining activities and proposed expansion Project. HRDI has requested authorization to remove inactive eagle nests and a 30-year incidental take permit for golden eagles under the Eagle Act. HRDI's Eagle Conservation Plan (ECP) is the foundation of the permit application and contains commitments

to avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse effects on golden eagles resulting from the implementation of the Project.

Background:
Mining activities in the vicinity of the Hycroft Mine began in 1875 with the discovery of sulfur. Over 200,000 tons of sulfur were produced by underground mining methods from the 1870s through the early 1950s. Small amounts of silver, potash, and mercury were also produced during the early 1900s. In the late 1970s, Homestake Mining Company conducted exploration drilling on claims controlled by the Crofoot family and delineated a small tonnage, bulk-mineable gold deposit near the north end of the Authorized Plan Boundary along one of the main faults in the area, the Central Fault.

In 1984, Standard Slag Corporation constructed the Lewis Mine, a small (4,000,000-ton) heap leach operation, on patented and unpatented lands leased from Mr. Frank Lewis. The ore processed at the Lewis facility was mined from the northern end of the Central Fault. In 1985, HRDI acquired the Crofoot claim block, and in 1987, procured the Lewis facility and leases from Standard Slag Corporation. Processing activities at the Lewis Mine were terminated in September 1993 and the Lewis processing site has since been closed. The Crofoot processing facility was constructed by HRDI and began precious metal production in October 1987. The bulk of the ore (66 million tons [Mtons]) hauled to the Crofoot leach pads originated at the Central Fault open pit complex, which included the Bay Area, South Central, Boneyard, Gap, and Cut-4 open pits.

In 1997 and early 1998, an additional five Mtons of run-of-mine (ROM) material were transported to the Crofoot site from the Brimstone deposit, an ore body located on another main fault in the area, the East fault. This was the last ore to be placed on the Crofoot heap leach pads. The balance of the ore from the Brimstone deposit went to the Brimstone heap leach pad and plant adjacent to the Brimstone open pit. The Hycroft Mine was placed in a care and maintenance program in late 1998 due to the decrease in gold prices. The process operations continued until 2004 when the process facilities were placed in care and maintenance.

In 2007, HRDI became a wholly owned subsidiary of Allied Nevada Gold Corporation (Allied) and reactivated open pit mining in the third quarter of 2008. In 2015, Allied filed bankruptcy and reorganized, changing the name of the parent company to Hycroft Mining Corporation, while maintaining ownership of HRDI. The BLM analyzed mine expansion proposals in a series of Environmental Assessment (EA) documents and then an EIS, which resulted in a Record of Decision issued on August 14, 2012. A further amendment to the Hycroft Mine Plan of Operations was submitted in July 2014 and is referred to as the Authorized Plan in the FEIS.

Federal policy encourages the development of federal mineral resources and requires reclamation of disturbed federal lands. Under these federal policies, the statutory right exists, guided by Department of Interior regulations, to use federal lands for the purpose of mineral prospecting, exploration, development, extraction, and other associated reasonable uses.

Key Messages:

Project Mining Expansion:

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Eagle Take Permit:

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For questions about the Project mine expansion contact Taylor Grysen – BLM Project Manager, telephone: (775) 623-1500, address: 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445.

For questions about the eagle take permit contact: Heather Beeler – USFWS Project Manager, telephone: (916) 414-6651, address: 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825.

This Project is expected to be controversial and some of the potential anticipated issues and concerns may include:

- Air and atmospheric resources
- Cultural resource (including National Historic Trails)
- Noxious weeds, invasive species, and nonnative species
- Migratory birds
- Native American religious concerns
- Wastes and materials (hazardous and solid)
- Water quality (surface and ground)
- Geology, minerals, and energy
- Golden eagles
- Lands and realty
- Paleontology
- Rangeland management
- Recreation
- Social values and economics
- Soils
- Special status species (plants and wildlife)
- Transportation and access
- Vegetation
- Visual resources
- Wildlife

Interested Stakeholder Groups:
The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and USFWS are cooperating agencies on this FEIS. The United States Environmental Protection Agency is also participating as a coordinating and cooperating agency with the BLM on this Project. State and local officials, including the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and Nevada Division of Water Resources, were consulted throughout preparation of the EIS.

Outreach:
The BLM and USFWS has and will continue to perform outreach with the following stakeholder groups:

- Nevada Congressional delegation
- Livestock grazing permittees
- Recreation groups
- General public
- Native American Tribal governments
- Federal, State, and local agencies
- Adjacent private landowners
- Right-of-way, permit and leases holders
- Interested business and consultants
- Special interest groups
- News media

Outreach Methodology:

- Press release
- Federal Register notice
- Public meetings in Reno and Winnemucca
- Briefings
- Tribal coordination and consultation meetings and site visits

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For Immediate Release

BLM signs Record of Decision for Hycroft Mine Phase II Expansion Project

Winnemucca, NV – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) signed the Record of Decision for the proposed mine expansion of the precious metals operations at the existing Hycroft Mine. The Hycroft Mine is located approximately 55 miles west of Winnemucca in Humboldt and Pershing Counties, Nevada.

The Record of Decision extends mining from 2024 to 2039, extending ore processing activities until 2041, and constructing a tailings storage facility at the southwest corner of the mine's boundary. The Record of Decision selects the agency preferred action alternative, which results in a take of only one eagle territory. The FEIS analyzed impacts to the following resources: air and atmospheric resources; cultural resource (including National Historic Trails); noxious weeds, invasive species, and non-native species; migratory birds; Native American religious concerns; wastes and materials (hazardous and solid); water quality (surface and ground); geology, minerals, and energy; lands and realty; paleontology; rangeland management; recreation; social values and economics; soils; special status species (plants and wildlife); transportation and access; vegetation; visual resources; and wildlife.

HRDI has requested authorization from the USFWS to remove inactive eagle nests and a 30-year incidental take permit for golden eagles under the Eagle Act. This is a separate decision from the USFWS.

Questions related to the Hycroft Mine Phase II Expansion project may be directed to:

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Additional information regarding this proposed project is available online at:
https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-

office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=42790&dctmId=0b0003e8807d0792

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PLAN OF OPERATIONS APPROVAL

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Hycroft Mine Amendment to Plan of Operations
Phase II Expansion Project

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Hycroft Mine Amendment to Plan of Operations
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Bureau of Land Management
Winnemucca District
Black Rock Field Office
Winnemucca, Nevada

Introduction

The Black Rock Field Office (BRFO) in the Winnemucca District of the United States (U.S.) Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received an Amendment to the Plan of Operations for the Hycroft Mine Phase II Expansion Project (project) from Hycroft Resources and Development, Inc. (HRDI), a wholly owned subsidiary of Hycroft Mining Corporation, in April 2014 (BLM Case File No. NVN-064641), which was revised in June 2014, January 2017, March 2017, and June 2018. The project includes the expansion of the existing precious metal mining operations at the existing Hycroft Mine. The project is located on public land administered by the BLM and private land controlled by HRDI located in Humboldt and Pershing counties, Nevada, approximately 55 miles west of Winnemucca, Nevada.

In addition, HRDI has requested authorization from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to remove inactive eagle nests (i.e., outside of nesting season) and for a 30-year incidental take permit for golden eagles under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (Eagle Act). HRDI's Eagle Conservation Plan (ECP) is the foundation of the permit application and was developed with commitments to avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse effects on golden eagles resulting from the implementation of the project. The USFWS consideration to issue an eagle take permit constitutes a discretionary federal action that is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Therefore, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzed two separate federal actions: (1) HRDI's proposal for a mine expansion submitted to the BLM and (2) an eagle take permit application and ECP submitted to the USFWS. The BLM hereby issues this ROD for the proposed mine expansion project. The USFWS will issue a separate Record of Decision (ROD) for HRDI's application for an eagle take permit and the associated ECP document.

Summary

The EIS analyzed six alternatives: (1) the Mine Expansion Proposed Action (Proposed Action); (2) the Mine Expansion Alternative A (Alternative A); (3) the BLM No Action Alternative (No Action Alternative); (4) the Eagle Take Permit Proposed Action (USFWS Eagle Permit Decision) (5) the Eagle Take Permit Alternative A (USFWS Alternative A Eagle Permit Decision); and (6) the USFWS No Action Alternative. Three alternatives analyzed were specific to the BLM's decision including: (1) the Proposed Action; (2) Alternative A; and (3) the No Action Alternative.

Under the proposal as submitted by HRDI, it would expand mining and ore processing activities on public lands at the existing Hycroft Mine. This would include expanding the authorized project boundary and creating additional surface disturbance. The proposed expansion total mine-related surface disturbance would increase by 8,737 acres on public land, from approximately 6,144 acres to 14,881 acres. This would also expand the authorized project boundary, which encompasses 14,753 acres, by an additional 13,082 acres of public land, for a total of 27,835 acres on public and private land. The Proposed Action would extend the period of mining from the previous authorization by 15 years, from 2024 to 2039, with ore processing continuing an additional two years after mining operations cease until 2041. Under the Proposed Action, the mine would employ 515 employees, which is a decrease of 291 workers from the previously authorized 806 employees. Under the Proposed Action, HRDI would construct and operate a 3,465-acre facility (dam and tails storage) known as the Northeast Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) to accommodate tailings

generated by mining sulfide ore below the groundwater table and processed in the authorized mill facility located on private land. Additionally, HRDI would expand mining activities in the Brimstone Pit by removing material below the pre-mining groundwater table thus requiring dewatering activities. Upon cessation of mining and dewatering activities, infiltration of groundwater into the Brimstone Pit would result in the formation of a pit lake.

Under Alternative A, all components of the Proposed Action would be the same except the Northeast TSF and all associated infrastructure would not be constructed, and the Southwest TSF would be constructed instead. Alternative A would include an expansion to the authorized Plan boundary to accommodate the Southwest TSF (Alternative A Expansion Plan Boundary). The Alternative A Expansion Plan Boundary would encompass approximately 5,310 acres of public lands administered by the BLM. Alternative A would expand the authorized project boundary, which encompasses 14,753 acres, by 5,310 acres of public lands administered by the BLM, for a combined total of 20,063 acres. Under Alternative A, HRDI would construct and operate an approximately 2,426-acre facility (dam and tails surface) known as the Southwest TSF to accommodate tailings generated by mining sulfide ore below the groundwater table and processed in the authorized mill facility located on private land.

Under the BLM No Action Alternative, HRDI would continue mining activities as outlined in their previously approved Plan of Operations.

Alternatives Including the Proposed Action

Proposed Action

- Expand the authorized Plan of Operations boundary to the east;
- Extend mining from 2024 to 2039 and extend ore processing activities to 2041;
- Increase rate of process water pumping and extend until 2041;
- Construct and operate the Northeast TSF and associated pipeline corridor and haul road;
- Construct and operate the North Heap Leach Facility (HLF) East expansion and associated solution ponds;
- Expand the existing Brimstone Pit below the pre-mining groundwater table;
- Conduct active dewatering of the Brimstone Pit through the installation and operation of dewatering wells;
- Conduct passive dewatering within the expanded pit footprint;
- Expand the South Waste Rock Facility (WRF);
- Modify the approved land use in the South Processing Complex to allow for the option of constructing the Southwest WRF in place of the complex, if desired;
- Modify waste backfill plans with respect to the proposed mining plan;
- Expand haul and secondary roads around the pits, WRFs, HLFs, and TSF;
- Modify the milling operation to process ore in an ambient oxidation and leaching process;
- Construct and operate an oxygen plant;
- Construct stormwater diversions, install culverts, and other stormwater controls;
- Construct growth media stockpiles;

- Incorporate four HRDI rights-of-ways (ROWs) that exist wholly within the authorized Plan of Operations boundary into the Plan Amendment and relinquish the ROWs with the BLM;
    - Microwave repeater site and road (NVN-046292);
    - Floka access road (NVN-054893);
    - Pipeline (buried), wells, power distribution and access roads (NVN-046564); and
    - Road and water pipeline (NVN-039119).
- Initiate use of the well field ROW;
- Relocate rangeland improvement facilities within the footprint of the Northeast TSF;
- Reroute Rosebud Road around the Northeast TSF;
- Reallocate 10 acres of exploration disturbance on private land to public land; and
- Implement the authorized and proposed additional applicant-committed EPMs to new facilities and activities.

Alternative A

The Alternative A, which is the preferred alternative, includes:

- Expand the Authorized Plan Boundary to accommodate the Southwest TSF;
- Extend mining from 2024 to 2039 and extend ore processing activities to 2041;
- Increase rate of process water pumping and extend until 2041;
- Construct and operate the Southwest TSF and associated pipeline corridor and haul road;
- Construct and operate the North HLF East expansion and associated solution ponds;
- Expand the existing Brimstone Pit below the pre-mining groundwater table;
- Conduct active dewatering of the Brimstone Pit through the installation and operation of dewatering wells;
- Conduct passive dewatering within the expanded pit footprint;
- Expand the South WRF;
- Modify the approved land use in the South Processing Complex to allow for the option of constructing the Southwest WRF in place of the complex, if desired;
- Modify waste backfill plans with respect to the proposed mining plan;
- Expand haul and secondary roads around the pits, WRFs, HLFs, and TSF;
- Modify the milling operation to process ore in an ambient oxidation and leaching process;
- Construct and operate an oxygen plant;
- Construct stormwater diversions, install culverts, and other stormwater controls;
- Construct growth media stockpiles;
- Incorporate four HRDI ROWs that exist wholly within the authorized Plan of Operations boundary into the Plan Amendment and relinquish the ROWs with the BLM;
    - Microwave repeater site and road (NVN-046292);
    - Floka access road (NVN-054893);
    - Pipeline (buried), wells, power distribution and access roads (NVN-046564); and
    - Road and water pipeline (NVN-039119).
- Reroute the previously approved alignment of the Seven Troughs Road to accommodate the construction of the Southwest TSF;
- Reroute portions of Jungo Road to accommodate the Southwest TSF;
- Initiate use of the well field ROW;

- Relocate the authorized water supply pipelines and power line within the well field ROW to follow the proposed relocation footprint of Jungo Road;
- Reallocate 10 acres of exploration disturbance on private land to public land; and
- Implement the authorized and proposed additional applicant-committed EPMs to new facilities and activities.

No Action Alternative

The No Action Alternative includes:

- HRDI would continue mining activities as outlined in the previously approved Plan of Operations, reclamation and closure plans;
- Includes 6,144 acres of authorized disturbance; and
- Public land within the authorized Plan of Operations boundary would remain available for future mineral development or for other purposes as authorized by the BLM.

Environmentally Preferred Alternative

The BLM's environmentally preferred action alternative is also the BLM's preferred alternative. The BLM's preferred alternative includes all of the EPMs for the amendment to the plan of operations and all mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIS.

The amendment to the plan of operations, approved below, provides for the continuation and expansion of mining and ore processing in an area where mining has been identified as an appropriate land use as stated in the Winnemucca District RMP. Approval of the amendment will allow HRDI to utilize and expand its current workforce, and its equipment and infrastructure to expand and extend the life of the mine. The mitigation measures specified in Appendix A to this ROD will minimize potential adverse environmental impacts identified in the Draft EIS. The monitoring requirements specified in this ROD will assist the BLM and others to identify, avoid, and/or mitigate, if necessary, any unforeseen adverse environmental impacts that may occur. The EPMs committed to by HRDI, and specified in Appendix B to this ROD, and the conditions of approval (including monitoring) in this combined ROD/amendment to the plan of operations approval will provide environmental protection during and after implementation of the Agency Preferred Alternative and provide BLM periodic opportunities to re-evaluate its analysis of potential impacts during and after implementation.

USFWS Alternatives

The Draft EIS also analyzed three alternatives for the USFWS's decision including: (1) the Eagle Take Permit Proposed Action (USFWS Eagle Permit Decision); (2) the Eagle Take Permit Alternative A (USFWS Alternative A Eagle Permit Decision); and (3) the USFWS No Action Alternative. The three alternatives analyzed were specific to the USFWS's decision for issuance of an eagle take permit.

Eagle Take Permit Proposed Action (USFWS Eagle Permit Decision)
Under the Eagle Take Permit Proposed Action (USFWS Eagle Permit Decision), HRDI has requested an eagle take permit as allowed by regulation under the Eagle Act for removal of inactive nests (i.e., outside of nesting season) (50 CFR 22.25) and disturbance take associated with nest removals and mining activities (50 CFR 22.26) that may result in the loss of up to three golden eagle breeding territories. Under the USFWS Eagle Permit Decision, the USFWS would issue an eagle take permit to HRDI that aligns with the approval of the BLM Plan Amendment. The USFWS Eagle Permit Decision is for the USFWS to issue a 30-year permit, which would be re-evaluated every five years, as required by the Eagle Act permit regulations.

Eagle Take Permit Alternative A (USFWS Alternative A Eagle Permit Decision)
Under the Eagle Take Permit Alternative A (USFWS Alternative A Eagle Permit Decision), the USFWS would issue an eagle take permit to HRDI that aligns with the BLM Alternative A, an alternative to the Plan Amendment. The USFWS would authorize nest removals and loss of one territory.

USFWS No Action Alternative
Under the USFWS No Action Alternative, the USFWS would take no further action on HRDI's permit application. The Hycroft Mine would continue to operate without a take permit and would take some reasonable steps to avoid taking eagles; however, HRDI would not be protected from enforcement for violating the Eagle Act should take of an eagle occur.

Alternatives Considered and Eliminated from Detailed Analysis

In addition, the EIS considered and eliminated from detailed analysis the following alternatives for both the BLM and USFWS: Backfill of Open Pits Above Water Table to Eliminate Pit Lake Formation Alternative; No Mining Below the Water Table to Eliminate Pit Lake Formation Alternative; Operate Authorized South Processing Complex and Not Construct New TSF Alternative; Daylight Only Operations Alternative; Water Management Alternative; Thickened or Dry Stack Tailings Alternative; USFWS Issuance of Golden Eagle Nest Removal Permit Alternative; USFWS Issuance of Silver Camel Nest Removal Permit Only; USFWS Issuance of Eagle Take Permit for Different Duration Alternative; USFWS Nest Removal Mitigation. The Draft EIS contains a complete discussion of alternatives and for the rationale for eliminating specific alternatives from detailed analysis.

Public Involvement

Native American Consultation

Information exchange and government-to-government consultation with Native American tribes related to the project has been ongoing for several years. On January 2, 2015, the BLM sent letters to the Native American tribes to initiate information exchange related to the project. These letters provided tribes with a description and map of the project and invited the tribes to provide any questions, comments, or concerns to the BLM, and requested the tribes to enter into formal government-to-government consultation with the BLM if they desired. These letters initiated

formal consultation in accordance with the NHPA and other legal authorities. Tribes contacted to consult on the project include the:

- Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe;
- Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe;
- Battle Mountain Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone;
- Lovelock Paiute Tribe;
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe;
- Summit Lake Paiute Tribe; and
- Winnemucca Indian Colony.

Although no tribes responded to the letter, the BLM continued to provide information and updates to the tribes, including sending copies of the Draft and Final EIS. In addition to sending letters, the project was discussed at ongoing consultation meetings with interested tribes.

The project was discussed at a regularly-scheduled consultation meeting with the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe on April 20th, 2015. The tribe expressed concerns about the relocation or removal of eagle nests, which is a USFWS action. During a consultation early-on (March 18th, 2014), the tribe also expressed concerns about quarries.

The project was discussed at a regularly-scheduled consultation meeting with the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe on October 23rd, 2015. Cultural resources issues including the historic properties treatment plan were discussed, and the tribe was interested in further discussing any potential archaeological excavations. Eagle nest removal was discussed and the tribe was informed that the USFWS would consult with the tribe on that issue.

The project was discussed at a regularly-scheduled meeting with the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe on February 20th, 2016. Cultural resources issues were discussed including the potential for the destruction of several rock stacks. A field visit was offered to the tribe but they did not respond.

The project was discussed at a regularly-scheduled consultation meeting with the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe on April 15th, 2017, at which time a general status update was provided. No additional concerns were identified by the tribe during the meeting.

The project was discussed at a regularly-scheduled consultation meeting with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe on January 24th, 2018, at which time a general project overview was provided. Concerns were raised about eagles and disappointment in USFWS consultation efforts. Concerns were also raised about the potential for holding ponds and the effects of animals getting into the ponds and being injured or killed.

A field trip to the project area was held on June 25th, 2014, with representatives from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe. Several stacked rock features were observed and tribal representatives asserted a cultural association to those features. During the field trip some individuals voiced opposition to the excavation of archaeological sites. Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe expressed concern about destruction of chert quarries in the general vicinity of the project. One of the quarries recorded during the inventory was visited but

it turned out that it wasn't going to be disturbed by the project. There are several other quarries in the north part of the survey area but most are not going to be affected. The tribal members on the tour did not have any particular comments about the quarries during the visit.

Copies of the draft MOA for implementing the historic properties treatment plan for the project were mailed to the seven tribes listed above in March of 2019, for their review and comment. Three of the seven tribes, those who have a data-sharing agreement with the BLM, were also mailed a copy of the historic properties treatment plan, as well, for their review and comment. No issues were identified.

The USFWS coordinated and consulted with Native American tribes on issues related to eagles. The following tribes have been engaged based on their location within a 109-mile range from the project area:

Fort Bidwell Indian Community of Paiute Indians;
Susanville Indian Rancheria;
Pit River Tribe, Includes: XL Ranch; Alturas; and likely Rancheras;
Cedarville Rancheria;
Greenville Rancheria;
Alturas Indian Rancheria;
Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe;
Big Pine Paiute Tribe;
Bishop Paiute Tribe;
Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indians;
Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma;
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of The Fort Hall Reservation;
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe;
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe;
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony;
Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe;
Battle Mountain Shoshone Tribe;
Winnemucca Indian Colony;
Lovelock Paiute Tribe of the Lovelock Indian Colony;
Elko Band;
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation;
South Fork Band;
Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians;
Walker River Paiute Tribe;
Wells Band;
Yerington Paiute Tribe;
Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe;
Burns Paiute Tribal Council;
Klamath Tribes; and
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

Cooperating Agencies

The cooperating agency relationships established during this project facilitated the exchange of views and expertise among BLM personnel and other government officials and staff. This form of consultation, unique to NEPA processes, was crucial to the shaping of this EIS. The following two agencies were official cooperating agencies with the BLM for the project: the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW); and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Intergovernmental Partners

Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, the BLM's coordination responsibilities include maximizing consistencies with the plans and policies of other government entities.

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) occurred at points along the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and NEPA process regarding site eligibility, impacts and mitigation of effects.

Coordination was conducted with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (NDEP/BMRR) as specified within Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 3000-NV920-0901, MOU for Mining and Mineral Related Activities within the State of Nevada.

The NEPA regulations require that EISs be filed with the EPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Subpart 1506.9). The draft and final EIS were submitted to the EPA, as required by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations. Coordination was conducted with the EPA as outlined in the April 26, 2018 MOU regarding mining EISs in Nevada between the BLM and EPA.

Public Scoping

To initiate the public scoping process, the BLM published the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in the Federal Register December 30, 2014. A news release was posted on the BLM's Winnemucca District Office website and sent to local newspapers. Three public open house meetings were held as follows: January 20, 2015 in Reno, Nevada (four members of the public attended the meeting and no written comments were received); January 21, 2015 in Lovelock, Nevada (nine members of the public attended this meeting and one written comment was received); and January 22, 2015 in Winnemucca, Nevada (six members of the public attended this meeting and one written comment was received). In addition to the two written comments provided at these public scoping meetings, 12 additional public scoping letters were received by the BLM during the December 30, 2014 through January 29, 2015 scoping period.

Issues of Concern Identified in Project Scoping

As a result of the public and internal scoping process, issues of concern were identified for the proposed project. Comments relating to the proposed project were identified and have been consolidated into the following issues:

- What are the potential impacts on air quality from mine emissions?
- What are the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Prevention of Significant Deterioration increments applicable to air quality in the project area?
- What are the expected point source and fugitive emissions from the Proposed Action including particulate matter less than 10 microns, particulate matter less than 2.5 microns, and greenhouse gases?
- What are the proposed alternatives for the project and what are the potential direct and indirect impacts of the project alternatives?
- What are the direct impacts and indirect visual impacts to sites on the National Register of Historic Places and the National Historic Trails from the Proposed Action and alternatives?
- What are the expected cumulative impacts from the project?
- What are the potential impacts on cultural resources?
- What is the cumulative impact on golden eagle populations in the western United States from the proposed eagle take, including if new territories and artificial nests are created under mitigation?
- Would any minority or low-income populations be affected by the project?
- What are the potential impacts on land use, realty, access, and transportation from the Proposed Action and alternatives?
- What mitigation measures and monitoring are proposed to address project-related impacts, and how would they be implemented and monitored for effectiveness and success?
- What are the potential impacts on Native American religious concerns?
- What are the potential impacts on public safety from the proposed tailings dam and potential failure?
- What are the potential impacts on rangeland management?
- What are the potential impacts on recreation including Burning Man and the National Conservation Area?
- What are the potential impacts on soil resources?
- What are the potential impacts on visual resources including night skies?
- What are the potential impacts on wastes and materials (hazardous and solid?
- What are the potential impacts on water quantity and quality including geochemistry?
- What are the potential impacts from the formation of a pit lake on resources?
- What effects does the project have on geothermal resources?
- What are the potential impacts on wetlands and riparian areas?
- What are the potential impacts on wildlife including special status species?
- What are the potential impacts on vegetation including special status species?
- How will the project impact golden eagle nests and breeding territories and what is the breeding history of the nests proposed for take?
- What are the environmental impacts of the proposed project's golden eagle mitigation measures and what are their level of significance?

- What are the potential impacts on golden eagles?
- What are the proposed mitigation measures for electric utility power pole retrofits and how would they be implemented and monitored for effectiveness?
- How will the proposed project be reclaimed, and how will reclamation be maintained during closure?
- What are the proposed closure and post-closure activities, and how will effectiveness of the closure activities be monitored?

Draft EIS

To solicit public comments and feedback on the Draft EIS, the BLM published the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS in the Federal Register on May 17, 2019. Letters were sent to potentially interested parties and a news release was also issued by the BLM that stated the Draft EIS was available for comment during a 45-day period, and an additional seven-day comment period extension. Two public meetings were held on June 5, 2019 in Lovelock, Nevada, and June 6, 2019 in Winnemucca, Nevada.

Individuals, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations submitted nine letters with comments on the Draft EIS. The comments and responses to them are contained in Table 3-2 of the Final EIS. Based on comments received, the BLM prepared the Final EIS adding information that clarified and improved the EIS analysis, however, it was determined that a supplemental EIS was not necessary. This is because there were no substantial changes in the Proposed Action or alternatives that are relevant to environmental concerns presented in the Draft EIS. Moreover, there were no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the Proposed Action and alternatives or impacts.

Final EIS

The Notice of Availability for the Final EIS was published by the BLM in the Federal Register on September 6, 2019. The 30-day availability period ended on October 7, 2019. The EPA submitted a comment letter on the Final EIS. In their letter, the EPA made the following recommendations:

- Preparation of a Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) be prepared concurrently with plans for the State Engineer's tailings dam permitting process;
- Clarifications in the ROD on the reduction in compensatory mitigation for golden eagles; and
- Further discussion of foreseeable impacts from groundwater pumping, guzzler relocation, and deeper well drilling.

The BLM's response to these recommendations is:

- The State Engineer at the Nevada Department of Water Resources is responsible for issuing a dam safety permit for the tailings dam. The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation, is responsible for issuing any associated water pollution control permits that may be needed for the proposed tailings dam. The BLM requires that the proponent completes the permitting process and provides the BLM with a copy of the FMEA before constructing the tailings dam.

- The compensatory mitigation for golden eagles should be addressed in the decision by the USFWS. The USFWS decision is required before the BLM mine expansion project may proceed.
- Broad discussions of the impacts of groundwater pumping have occurred in the Draft and Final EIS. At this time it is unclear that wells will be re-drilled and guzzlers will be relocated. As these impacts develop and if guzzlers are relocated and wells re-drilled, the BLM will conduct more detailed analyses and monitoring. The development of relocated guzzlers and wells being drilled deeper may require new NEPA documentation.

Rationale

Rationale for the decision to select Alternative A, the preferred alternative as well as the environmentally preferred alternative, is spelled out in this section. The following topics identified during scoping and analysis in the EIS informed my decision. They are noted below in order of their relevance to the alternative selected. Additional factors that influenced the decision follow these topics.

Geologic Stability

Geologic stability is a concern due to the size of the tailings facility impoundment, the potential for seismic activity in the area, and environmental damage in the event of dam failure. The analysis, supported by a baseline geologic report, conclude that Alternative A is the more geologically stable location.

Golden Eagles

The take of golden eagle nests and loss of golden eagle territory is a critical issue for Native American tribes, the USFWS and the BLM, and therefore was taken heavily into account in the rationale for selecting Alternative A. Alternative A will result in the take of three golden eagle nests and the loss of one territory (Silver Camel eagle territory). Whereas, a selection of the proposed action alternative would have resulted in the take of six golden eagle nests and three eagle territories. The USFWS will determine whether to permit any eagle nest take or loss of eagle territories. USFWS will issue its decision under a separate ROD.

Bats

There was concern for special status bat species because bat species in Nevada have uncertain trends and are vulnerable to population declines from habitat loss and disease, such as White Nose Syndrome (WNS). Currently, WNS has not been documented in Nevada. In addition, BLM strives to prevent a situation that could cause the decline of bats due to reduction in habitat. The potential loss of bat roosting or hibernacula habitat under the selected alternative is extremely limited to non-existent, whereas under the proposed action alternative, 56 acres of potential bat roosting habitat would be removed. This decision would result in the removal of 3,852 acres of potential bat foraging habitat, which is less than the proposed action alternative's removal of 8,737 acres.

Burrowing Owls

Burrowing owls are a BLM special status species and protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. There was a concern for burrowing owls as they are vulnerable to habitat loss and

fragmentation. This decision would result in the removal of 3,896 acres of potential habitat, which is less than the proposed action alternative's removal of 6,207 acres.

Cultural Resources

The BLM's responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. § 306108) were completed in accordance with the regulations found in 36 CFR 800.3 to 800.6 before this decision was made.

The proposed action alternative would have adversely affected seven National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible historic properties while the alternative selected will adversely affect six NRHP-eligible historic properties. The proposed action alternative would have affected 21 rock features, some of which may have had cultural or religious significance to Native American tribal members. The selected alternative does not affect any of the rock features. This rationale relies heavily on the planned implementation of the mitigation measures described in a Historic Property Treatment Plan (HPTP; see below).

Visual effects to the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA) were considered (the NCA having been created to protect the viewshed of the Historic Trails) but, given the long history of mining at this location (over 100 years), expansion of the existing mine was not considered an adverse impact to the resource.

In consultation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, the Battle Mountain Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, the Lovelock Paiute Tribe, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, and the Winnemucca Indian Colony, the BLM has made a determination of adverse effect for the undertaking. The SHPO provided their concurrence on this finding in a letter dated May 30, 2018.

Per 36 CFR 800.6, which requires the resolution of adverse effects to NRHP-eligible historic properties, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been prepared that addresses the adverse effects to the six NRHP-eligible historic properties. The applicant, BLM and SHPO are signatories on the MOA, the final signature being secured on June 20th, 2019. Per stipulations in the MOA, an HPTP has been prepared, which specifies the mitigation measures to be taken. The MOA also requires that a bond to cover costs for completion of the cultural mitigation be in place before BLM issues a Notice to Proceed.

Rangeland Management

Selection of Alternative A results in lesser impacts than the proposed action alternative and only involves one grazing allotment versus multiple grazing allotments. An important factor that weighed into rationale for selecting Alternative A was that no range improvements will be impacted whereas range improvements would have been impacted if the proposed action alternative had been selected. A related rationale involves the five springs that are located within the extent of the drawdown area. There is no difference in the impacts associated with the five springs under the action alternatives. The rationale relies on the decision being subject to implementation of all of the applicant committed environmental protection measures and the mitigation developed in the EIS.

Sand Cholla

Sand cholla, present in the area, was previously listed as a special status plant when the NEPA process began for this project. Although the plant species was removed from the list in November 2017, it was evaluated in the EIS. This decision impacts fewer sand cholla than the proposed action alternative (13 occurrences vs. 44) and results in fewer acres of sand cholla habitat being impacted.

Crosby's Buckwheat

Crosby's buckwheat is mentioned here because it is a special status plant species that occurs in the project area and has been analyzed in previous permitting for this mine site. There are no new occurrences of Crosby's buckwheat under the action alternatives that were not already previously analyzed. HRDI has demonstrated its commitment to salvaging Crosby's buckwheat under previous authorizations by transplanting, planting seedlings, and preserving seeds from the Crosby's buckwheat population located at this mine site. The rationale for this decision relies on HRDI's commitment to preventing unnecessary degradation to sensitive species, such as the Crosby's buckwheat.

Dark and Pale Kangaroo Mouse

Dark and pale kangaroo mice were a concern because they are special status species that are experiencing population declines and habitat loss. Although Alternative A will disturb more potential dark and pale kangaroo habitat than the proposed action alternative, these species were not observed during the baseline surveys.

Winnemucca District Land Use Plan Conformance

Alternative A conforms with the BLM's Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan for the Winnemucca District Planning Area, approved May 21, 2015, as amended by the Record of Decision (ROD) and Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment, March 2019. Locatable mineral objective MR9, states, in part, "Manage locatable mineral operations to provide for the mineral needs of the nation while assuring compatibility with and protection of other resources and uses."

Additional Important Factors that informed the decision:

- The results of public outreach, including consultation and coordination with governments and agencies, as summarized in this ROD.

- HRDI has or will obtain all appropriate water rights for mining below the water table and development of a future pit lake.

- Based on ground water quality analysis, treatment will be implemented upon infilling of the pit lake to prevent or mitigate potential water quality concerns.

- Based on the conclusions reached in the air quality analysis, including a cumulative air impact analysis, there are no unresolved issues concerning air pollutant emissions. There will be Green House Gas emissions, Hazardous Air Pollutant emissions and

fugitive dust emissions associated with implementation of the Alternative A. The were no major differences in amount of emissions under the action alternatives..

- HRDI has demonstrated its commitment to reducing light pollution under previous authorizations as well as retrofitting existing lighting. The rationale for this decision relies on HRDI's commitment to continue in this same manner therefore helping to prevent unnecessary pollution of the night sky resource.

- Implementation of Alternative A will have no impact on any threatened or endangered listed species.

- Alternative A will result in fewer acres of habitat loss for pronghorn antelope and mule deer.

- Other than temporary disruption during road re-alignment work, public access through the project area would not be affected.

- Implementation of the selected alternative involves fewer fenced acres than under the proposed action alternative and therefore less change in existing recreation opportunities.

- With Alternative A, there will be fewer surface acres disturbed and fewer permanent acres disturbed.

- This decision will provide continued opportunities on public lands for HRDI to conduct mining exploration and development.

- This decision will allow the mine life to be extended 15 years.

- This decision provides jobs and adds to the local economy, which is important to rural Nevada.

- The decision will not generate any adverse energy impacts or limit energy production and distribution.

- Alternative A is the environmentally preferred course of action.

- The decision is consistent with other federal, state and local plans, and to the maximum extent consistent with Federal law and Federal Land Policy and Management Act provisions.

- Implementation of Alternative A, subject to implementation of all mitigation included in the EIS, meets the purpose and need for the federal action.

- Implementation of the attached Appendices A through C require monitoring of impacts and as implemented, will reduce or prevent impacts to public land resources.

- Monitoring, mitigation, and adaptive management procedures will be conducted to reduce impacts to wildlife. Coordination with agencies having regulatory authority (e.g. NDOW and USFWS) will occur as necessary to limit impacts to wildlife.

- Reclamation and revegetation at the end of mine life will remove or reduce many of the affects in the long term creating a more balanced ecosystem.

- Based on the environmental impact analysis contained in the EIS, and subject to implementation of all mitigation, this decision will not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation of the public lands.

Record of Decision

Based on the Hycroft Mine Amendment to Plan of Operations Phase II Expansion project (project) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2015-0007-EIS, and the rationale section of this ROD, it is my decision to select the Mine Expansion Alternative A (Alternative A), including the applicant's committed Environmental Protection Measures (EPMs) described at DEIS Section 5.3 and all of the mitigation at DEIS Section 5.2 for Alternative A. Refer to Appendix A of this ROD for a complete description of mitigation measures, Appendix B of this ROD for a complete description of EPMs, and Appendix C for the conditions of approval. Alternative A is subject to all three appendices in their entirety. Bureau's approval applies only to activities on public land.

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Ester M. McCullough
District Manager

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Date Signed

PLAN OF OPERATIONS APPROVAL DECISION UNDER SURFACE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (43 CFR §3809)

The Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office (WD/BRFO), has reviewed the Amendment to the Plan of Operations (Case File No. NVN-064641) for the Hycroft Mine Phase II Expansion Project. The amendment proposal was submitted by Hycroft Resources and Development, Inc. (HRDI) in April 2014 and was last revised in June 2018. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2015-0007-EIS, was prepared and is detailed in the above Record of Decision (ROD).

It is my decision to approve amendment NVN-064641, including the mitigation measures specified in Appendix A to this ROD and the Environmental Protection Measures (EPMs) specified in the amendment and Appendix B to this ROD. This approval is subject to the attached conditions of approval, Appendix C, referenced in the above ROD. HRDI may only perform those actions that have been described in the amendment to the plan of operations Alternative A. Implementation of the aforementioned conditions will prevent unnecessary or undue degradation.

The surface occupancy proposed in the amendment meets the conditions specified in the applicable regulations (43 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] §3715). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is in concurrence with the occupancy of the subject lands. HRDI must comply with all applicable regulations, including sections 3715.2, 3715.2-1, and 3715.5 of Title 43.

This approval does not constitute certification of ownership to any person or company named in your plan of operations; recognition of the validity of any mining claims named in the plan of operations; or recognition of the economic feasibility of the proposed operations.

No work is authorized under the amendment until HRDI has complied with all applicable federal, state and local regulations, including obtaining all necessary permits from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and other federal, state and local agencies.

Activities approved in this decision shall not begin until the BLM Nevada State Office issues a decision accepting the reclamation financial guarantee. A sufficient financial guarantee acceptable to both the BLM and NDEP, Bureau of Mining and Reclamation, must be in place before your operations can begin. The types of financial instruments that are acceptable to the BLM are found at 43 CFR 3809.555. Please contact the BLM Nevada State Office at (775) 861-6500 for further information on the financial guarantee process.

If you are a party adversely affected by this decision, you may request that the BLM Nevada State Director review this decision. If you request State Director Review, the request must be received in the BLM Nevada State Office at: **BLM Nevada State Office, State Director, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada 89502**, no later than 30 calendar days after you receive or have been notified of this decision (43 CFR 3809.804).

The request for State Director Review must be filed in accordance with the provisions in 43 CFR 3809.805. This decision will remain in effect while the State Director Review is pending, unless you request and obtain a stay (suspension) from the State Director. If you request a stay,

you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted using the standards and procedures for obtaining a stay (43 CFR 4.21) from the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA).

If the State Director does not make a decision on your request for review of this decision within 21 days of receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined and you may appeal this decision to the IBLA. You may contact the BLM Nevada State Office to determine when the BLM received the request for State Director Review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21-day period in which to file your Notice of Appeal with this office at 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445, which we will forward to IBLA.

Under 43 CFR 3809.801(a)(1), if you wish to bypass a State Director Review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR Part 4. Your Notice of Appeal must be filed in this office at 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. As the appellant you have the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. Enclosed is BLM Form 1842-1 which contains information on taking appeals to the IBLA. This decision will remain in effect while the IBLA's decision is pending, unless you request and obtain a stay under 43 CFR 4.21. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted under the criteria in 43 CFR 4.21.

Request for Stay

If you wish to file a petition (request) pursuant to regulations 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by IBLA, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of this notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in the decision and, to the IBLA, and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to parties if the stay is granted or denied.
2. The likelihood of the appellant’s success on the merits.
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted.
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Approval of the Plan of Operations Amendment by the BLM does not constitute a determination regarding the viability or ownership of any unpatented mining claims involved in the mining operation. Approval of the amendment of the plan of operations in no way implies the economic viability of the operations. Any modification to the amendment to the plan of operations must be coordinated with and approved by the authorized officer. Surface occupancy related to the

amendment to the plan of operations is that reasonably associated with the mining operation. The Bureau's authority applies only to activities on public land.

This Decision is issued pursuant to 43 CFR 3809.803. It is effective immediately. In the case of an appeal before the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), this Decision will remain in effect unless OHA grants a stay under §4.21(b) of this title.

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Ester McCullough
District Manager

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Date Signed

APPENDIX A
HYCROFT MINE AMENDMENT TO PLAN OF OPERATIONS
PHASE II EXPANSION PROJECT
MITIGATION MEASURES

Cultural Resources

1) The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responsible for ensuring that Hycroft Resources and Development, Inc. (HRDI) implements the prepared Historic Properties Treatment Plan (HPTP) to address the anticipated direct impacts to the two National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible prehistoric sites and three unevaluated prehistoric sites located within the direct effects Area of potential Effect (APE) for Alternative A. The BLM has received concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on the impacts to significant resources identified in this Environmental Impact Statement. The HPTP and associated Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) shall be signed by the SHPO, BLM, and HRDI prior to issuance of the Record of Decision (ROD). HRDI shall implement the HPTP prior to any surface disturbance of these sites within the area of direct impacts.

    - Mitigation measures for the two NRHP-eligible prehistoric sites and the three unevaluated prehistoric sites directly adversely affected by Alternative A would involve data recovery (i.e., archaeological excavation) as described in the HPTP and MOA.

2) The BLM is also responsible for ensuring that HRDI implements the prepared HPTP to address the anticipated indirect impacts to the six sites located within the indirect effects APE for Alternative A. The HPTP and associated MOA shall be signed prior to issuance of the ROD. HRDI shall implement the HPTP prior to any surface disturbance of these sites within the area of indirect impacts.

    - HRDI shall support the BLM in providing historical material on Jungo Road, the railroad, and the telephone line via the development and maintenance of a website for a period of 10 years using a document prepared under Phase I mitigation. Once the website is developed, the BLM would issue a press release providing the website address.
    - HRDI shall provide funding design, fabricate, and install (in consultation with BLM) an interpretive sign and construct a rock-lined path from the road to the sign at the cabin at the recently relocated railroad tie cabin at the Sulphur townsite that was part of the Phase I expansion. HRDI shall conduct quarterly monitoring of the Sulphur Cabin and interpretive sign for evidence of vandalism and overall condition of the cabin site, and report to the BLM the status of the integrity of this interpretive site. Quarterly monitoring shall be conducted for the life of the MOA.
    - To offset the indirect visual impacts to the Applegate Trail from the construction of the Southwest Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) as outlined in Alternative A, HRDI shall coordinate with the BLM and fund the production of a wide-angle video from the point of view of a traveler along the trail in real time for the full length of the trail through the National Conservation Area (NCA). The video shall be prepared by a professional

videographer and would help preserve the viewshed, if only in video form. This video shall be considered an archive, useful primarily for researchers and trail enthusiasts. In addition, a shortened version of the video shall also be created which contains voice-over narrative describing the trail and some of the well-known spots along it. The shortened video shall be provided to the BLM for uploading to the BLM Winnemucca District Office (WDO) website to help introduce potential visitors to the trail.

- To offset the indirect visual impacts to the Nobles Trail from the construction of the Southwest TSF as outlined in Alternative A, HRDI shall coordinate with the BLM and fund the production of a tri-fold brochure that describes the route of the Nobles Trail through the NCA and the trail history. HRDI shall provide for the publishing of 1,000 copies of the tri-fold brochure for distribution to the public at the BLM WDO.

3) HRDI shall contract a BLM-approved third-party archeologist to perform archeological monitoring during vegetation removal and disturbance to new areas around the dune margins adjacent to the proposed Southwest WRF (or previously authorized South Processing Complex facility), the South WRF, and associated growth media stockpile areas. Additional monitoring during the construction and operation phases of the mine shall also include continued monitoring of the ten sites identified in the Phase I expansion, semi-annually during operations and reclamation.

4) HRDI shall develop an employee awareness and education training program for continued protection and avoidance of the rock shelters in the exclusion areas and the Pulpit Rock feature. In addition, the training program shall include general awareness of federal protections for cultural resources and compliance with HRDI's Environmental Protection Measures (EPMs) to detect, avoid, and report any new undocumented sites. The training program will be reviewed by BLM for accuracy and completeness before implementation.

5) If any previously unrecorded sites are identified during the implementation of Alternative A and would be directly affected by operations, the effects shall be minimized or mitigated in accordance with the procedures outlined in the HPTP, MOA, and applicant-committed EPMs.

Migratory Birds

6) To offset loss of migratory bird species and other flying species (e.g., bats) that would result from Alternative A, HRDI shall remove all existing netting from pond facilities at the Hycroft Mine. Currently, existing netting is contributing to bird entanglement and mortality (instead of deterring birds from landing in ponds that could be harmful). The netting shall be replaced with either floating pond covers, bird balls, or another wildlife compatible method determined in consultation with the BLM and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). HRDI shall provide a memo to the BLM and NDOW quarterly, in conjunction with the NDOW Industrial Artificial Pond Permit (IAPP) reporting, to document the mortality rates after the nets from the existing ponds have been removed and replaced with another wildlife compatible deterrent method. This reporting and monitoring shall be completed for five years.

Special Status Species

7) During western burrowing owl nesting season (March 1 through August 31), a clearance survey following the Winnemucca BLM District's survey protocol shall be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to surface disturbance in the areas identified as potential western burrowing owl habitat within the Project Area (including habitat within the Authorized Plan Boundary subject to new disturbance and habitat within the Proposed Expansion Plan Boundary) and survey results and report submitted to the BLM. For active burrows, an avoidance buffer, no less than 75 meters (250 feet), shall be established and the buffer area avoided to prevent destruction or disturbance to nests/burrows until they are no longer active. The site characteristics used to determine the size of the buffer are: a) topographic screening; b) distance from disturbance to nest/burrow; c) the size and quality of foraging habitat surrounding the nest/burrow; d) sensitivity of the species to nest disturbances; and e) the protection status of the species. Additional monitoring shall be conducted to ensure the nesting burrowing owls have fledged the nest prior to disturbance. If no active nests are present within the area surveyed, implementation of the proposed disturbance would commence within ten days of survey completion.

8) No documented western burrowing owl burrows have been detected within the Alternative A Expansion Plan Boundary. However, during pre-disturbance clearance surveys, if any burrows are detected, to offset the permanent loss of western burrowing owl burrows within the Alternative A disturbance area, mitigation and monitoring measure as described below would be implemented.

    a. To offset the permanent loss of detected western burrowing owl burrows within the Alternative A Expansion Plan Boundary disturbance footprint, HRDI should coordinate with the BLM and the NDOW to create Artificial Burrow Systems (ABS) to replace lost burrows. Techniques and methods for creating the ABS should be done in coordination with the BLM and the NDOW based on existing literature. Pre-clearance surveys would be completed prior to the installation of ABS. Depending on the location of placement of the ABS, additional baseline studies conducted by HRDI and a potential supplemental National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis may be needed. Monitoring for the effectiveness of the created ABS should include identification of burrowing owls within the Project Area during the time of year they are present (spring/summer) and capturing and tagging burrowing owls by installing telemetry devices to track their movements to determine if they are using the ABS for nesting. Monitoring should be coordinated with the BLM and the NDOW prior to any field identification of burrowing owls. Monitoring should be performed for five years.

General Wildlife

9) HRDI should be financially responsible for the relocation and/or replacement of any guzzlers that would be impacted by Alternative A. HRDI should coordinate with the NDOW on the relocation and/or replacement of any guzzlers that would be impacted by Alternative A. HRDI should provide NDOW at least 30 days advance notice prior to relocation and/or replacement of any guzzlers that would be impacted by Alternative A. HRDI should provide NDOW access

to existing guzzlers within the mine operation boundary and to relocated guzzlers if current access is restricted as a result from mine expansion activities. Depending on the location of final placement of the new guzzler(s), additional baseline studies conducted by HRDI and a potential supplemental NEPA analysis may be needed.

10) During final permanent mine closure planning, to the extent technically feasible, HRDI shall coordinate with the BLM and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) on potential engineering design opportunities to create a sustainable ecosystem around the pit lake, which may include landscape contouring and sloping banks to create lake edges and opportunities for riparian and wetland vegetation to develop. The feasibility of implementing this mitigation measure would depend on the overall stability of pit and public safety factors that would be determined with the engineering design. Techniques and methods for designing a sustainable pit lake ecosystem shall be done in coordination with the BLM and the NDEP based on existing literature, such as described in *Pit Lakes are a Global Legacy of Mining: An Integrated Approach to Achieving Sustainable Ecosystems and Value for Communities* (Blanchette and Lund, 2016), (https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1877343516301014).

Lands, Realty, Transportation, and Access

11) Under Alternative A, Jungo Road would be rerouted around the Southwest TSF. Jungo Road is a Humboldt County right-of-way. The reroute of this alignment would be coordinated between the BLM and Humboldt County. If alternative routes other than the proposed reroute by HRDI is selected by Humboldt County and the BLM, additional baseline studies conducted by HRDI and a potential supplemental NEPA analysis may be necessary to approve this component of Alternative A.

12) Under the Alternative A, the Seven Troughs Road would be rerouted around the Southwest TSF. The reroute of this alignment would be coordinated between the BLM and Humboldt and Pershing counties. If alternative routes other than the proposed reroute by HRDI is selected by Humboldt and Pershing counties and the BLM, additional baseline studies conducted by HRDI and a potential supplemental NEPA analysis may be necessary to approve this component of Alternative A.

APPENDIX B
HYCROFT MINE AMENDMENT TO PLAN OF OPERATIONS
PHASE II EXPANSION PROJECT
APPLICANT COMMITTED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES

The Plan of Operations includes the environmental protection measures outlined below. These measures are outlined by resource, or program; however, all will apply across the project area and across resources, as applicable.

Air Quality

- Hycroft Resources and Development, Inc. (HRDI) currently holds four air quality permits (Class I Operating Permit to Construct – Mill; Class I Operating Permit to Construct – Gyro Crusher; Class II Operating Permit and Mercury Operating Permit to Construct) for the Hycroft Mine. Appropriate modifications to the air quality permits would be obtained from the Bureau of Air Pollution Control (BAPC) for the new Project facilities and land disturbance. As per BAPC regulations, the project air quality operating permits must be authorized by the BAPC prior to project commissioning. Pollution control equipment is and will continue to be monitored according to construction and operating permits. Fugitive dust is and will continue to be monitored and controlled according to the Surface Area Disturbance Dust Control Plan as required by BAPC.
- Air emissions, including point and fugitive dust sources, would be controlled in accordance with the air quality operating permits for the Project and would be controlled in accordance with present Best Management Practices (BMPs) shown in the Hycroft Mine Dust Control Plan. Committed practices for fugitive dust control include: wet drilling as needed; stemming and optimizing blast patterns; application of water and dust suppressants; limiting/controlling vehicle speed; controlling vehicle access by fences or berms; water sprays; enclosures; minimizing drop height; surface wetting; concurrent vegetation; placement of gravel or paving; and revegetation.

Cultural Resources and Native American Religious Concerns

- Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 10.4(g), HRDI would notify the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Authorized Officer (AO), by telephone, and with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (as defined in 43 CFR 10.2). Further pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4 (c) and (d), the operator would immediately stop all activities near the discovery and not commence again for a maximum of 30 days or when notified to proceed by the BLM AO.
- HRDI would not knowingly disturb, alter, injure, or destroy any historical or archaeological site, structure, building, or object. If HRDI discovers any cultural resource that might be altered or destroyed by operations, the discovery would be left intact and reported to the BLM AO.
- To prevent impacts to cultural resources, HRDI would avoid eligible or unevaluated cultural sites within the Project Area. HRDI would ensure that eligible or unevaluated

cultural sites within the Project Area are mapped and flagged by a qualified cultural resource specialist with a Global Positioning System unit in order to avoid any discovered sites.
- HRDI would avoid Pulpit Rock and known rock shelter locations within the Project Area by establishing a 250-foot setback from the cliff areas and cultural sites operational activities. HRDI may fence the Project boundary, but an arrangement would be reached with the Northern Paiute tribes to allow them access to cultural areas.

Fire Management

- HRDI would comply with applicable federal and state fire laws and regulations and would take reasonable measures to prevent and suppress fires in the area of operations. HRDI and contractors would be required to carry fire extinguishers, hand tools, or backpack-type water pumps in their vehicles to suppress small fires.

Hazardous Materials Management

- Solid and hazardous wastes would be managed according to Hycroft's Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Used oil, antifreeze, diesel fuel, grease, oil, solvents, ammonium nitrate, emulsion, and Class A explosives would be utilized as part of HRDI's proposed activities. Approved staging facilities, safety measures, transportation, and handling requirements are already in use and would continue to be utilized for the proposed Project. Used materials would be recycled where possible.
- Aerosol cans would be emptied and de-pressurized prior to disposal. Liquid drained from aerosol cans would be tested to determine their waste status and managed appropriately. Accumulation of pressurized cans would be minimized.
- Hazardous waste would be stored in properly labeled storage containers, dumpsters, or barrels. Storage containers would be closed except when materials were being placed in the containers. The storage containers would be clearly labeled or marked with the dates when accumulation began and when the container was filled. Storage containers would be in good repair with no defects and would be suitable for off-site shipment under the Nevada Department of Transportation requirements. Hazardous wastes would be shipped to an approved location by a certified hazardous waste vendor in accordance with Resource Conservation Recovery Act requirements.

Heap Leach Facilities

- Heap leach effluent is and would continue to be monitored as part of the Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP). Operational flows are and would continue to be reported on a regularly scheduled basis, dependent upon individual facility parameters.
- Effluent quality and quantity parameters are and would continue to be provided to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) in quarterly and annual reports. New and revised Fluid Management and Monitoring Plans would be submitted to the NDEP as part of the WPCP modification and copied to BLM under separate cover.

Lighting

- HRDI would utilize screening on proposed stationary lights and light plants. Lighting would be directed onto the pertinent site only and away from adjacent areas not in use with safety and proper lighting of the active work areas being the primary goal. Lighting fixtures would be hooded and shielded as appropriate. The Project would also modify or retrofit the existing lighting facilities. HRDI would utilize the lighting measures provided in the Hycroft Mine Lighting Management Plan, which are designed to reduce the impacts to night skies.

Migratory Birds

- In order to avoid potential impacts to breeding migratory birds, a nest survey would be conducted by a qualified biologist within potential breeding habitat prior to any surface disturbance proposed during the avian breeding season (March 1st through August 31st). Surveys would be conducted no more than ten days and no less than three days prior to initiation of surface disturbance. Surveys would follow established BLM standards and protocols and would be approved by the BLM biologist prior to being implemented. If active nests are located, the BLM biologist would be notified immediately and appropriate protection measures, which may include avoidance or restriction of activities, would be established. If no active nests are present in the area survey, implementation of the surface disturbance would commence within ten days of survey completion.

Noxious, Invasive and Nonnative Species

- HRDI would work with the BLM to prevent the spread of noxious, invasive, and nonnative species in the area affected by the expansion. The ongoing weed control program would continue in the area of the proposed activity. Employees and contractors would be educated to identify weeds that could occur in the area disturbed. Should invasive weeds be identified, HRDI would take appropriate measures to prevent their spread, as identified in the Hycroft Mine Noxious Weed Monitoring and Control Plan.
- HRDI monitors and will continue to monitor for the presence of noxious weeds in accordance with the Hycroft Noxious Weed Monitoring and Control Plan. Periodic observation of the weeds being managed is undertaken to identify new establishments and evaluate the effectiveness of the weed control program. Periodic monitoring of the Project Area identifies new infestations while they are small and can be effectively eliminated. Periodic monitoring identifies areas where prevention measures would be implemented to prevent weed infestation.

Reagent and Diesel Storage

- Monitoring of the reagent and diesel storage areas is and would continue in accordance with the WPCP.

Sediment Controls

- HRDI currently and would continue to monitor disturbed areas for signs of erosion, sediment accumulation and potential off-site discharges; and the chemical storage, dispensing and processing areas for signs of spillage or potential equipment failure in association with the storm water permit and WPCP.
- Inspections of sediment controls include: inspection of material handling areas for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage and conveyance system (non-structural controls); and inspection of erosion control systems and sediment control devices (structural controls) in areas of material handling and along transportation corridors to verify that they are working effectively and/or to determine if maintenance is required.

Storm Water

- BMPs would be used to limit erosion and sediment transport from proposed facilities and disturbed areas during construction and operation, in accordance with the Nevada General Storm Water Permit NVR300000 and the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Following construction activities and in accordance with the BLM requirements, areas such as growth media stockpiles would be seeded as soon as practical and safe. Concurrent reclamation would be conducted to accelerate stabilization of disturbed areas.
- In addition to the BMP inspections and reporting, an annual evaluation would be conducted, preferably following the spring runoff period. This evaluation would result in the preparation of a written report documenting: inspection of areas contributing to storm water discharges containing pollution (i.e., sediment or product spills/leaks); evaluation of BMPs for their effectiveness in reducing storm water pollutant loads; and a schedule for modifying the BMPs and revisions to the SWPPP, if practical reductions of pollutants can be achieved.

Tailings Storage Facility

- Final design of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) would be required for submittal of the dam safety permit through the Nevada dam safety program. Depending on what the State Engineer requires at the time of submittal, additional data may include additional stability analysis, seep analysis, sediment transport analysis, material properties analysis, drainage area analysis, extreme event impacts analysis (e.g., flooding and earthquakes), a dam break and overtopping analysis, and an Emergency Action Plan. HRDI is committed to safely constructing, operating, and eventually closing the TSF. Though not required by the State Engineer for permitting of the TSF, HRDI would conduct a Failure Modes Effects Analysis (FMEA) on the TSF. In addition, HRDI would conduct a breach analysis on the TSF concurrently with the State of Nevada dam safety permitting. The FMEA and the breach analysis would provide information on potential failure modes, the likelihood of potential breaches of the TSF from these potential failure modes, causes of potential breaches and potential measures to reduce impacts. HRDI would incorporate the findings from both the FMEA and breach analysis in the final design of the TSF.

Vegetation

- Following construction activities, areas of disturbed land no longer required for operations would be reclaimed to promote the reestablishment of native plant and wildlife habitat.
- To reduce potential impacts to sand cholla, a minimum of 50-foot buffer with flagging will be placed around the sand cholla that are to be avoided. If this buffer is not achievable due to site conditions, HRDI should consult with the BLM and coordinate a transplanting effort.
- If disturbance occurs in dark kangaroo mouse habitat or pale kangaroo mouse habitat (both species are listed on the BLM Nevada sensitive species list), HRDI would reseed the disturbed areas with a BLM-approved seed mix during reclamation.

Waste Rock Disposal Facilities and Ore Stockpiles

- Monitoring of the waste rock would continue in accordance with the Brimstone WPCP and the rock characterization program currently underway in coordination with the NDEP and BLM. This program would result in the development of a revised Waste Rock Management Plan for the Hycroft operations. Temporary ore stockpile areas would be constructed and monitored in accordance with the water pollution control permit.

Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring

- Fences and netting installed to prevent access by avian wildlife, livestock, and larger wildlife will continue to be monitored on a routine schedule to check for breaches.
- The process water pond(s) are monitored daily for the condition of wildlife exclusion features and the presence of mortalities in accordance with the Industrial Artifical Pond Permit. Mortalities are reported on a quarterly basis according to the Nevada Department of Wildlife’s (NDOW's) standard reporting forms.

Special Status Species

- Burrowing owl nest surveys would be conducted by a qualified biologist within potential breeding habitat prior to any surface disturbance proposed during burrowing owl breeding season (March 1st through August 31st). Surveys would be conducted no more than ten days and no less than three days prior to initiation of disturbance. Surveys would follow establish BLM standards and protocols and would be approved by the BLM biologist prior to being implemented. If active nests are located, HRDI would immediately notify the BLM biologist and appropriate protection measures would be established, which may include avoidance or restriction of activities. If no active nests are present within the survey area, implementation of the proposed disturbance would commence within ten days of survey completion.

Monitoring

- HRDI has been monitoring the spring sites around the Project Area to establish baseline data of atmospheric effects on spring levels. HRDI would continue to monitor the spring sites within the area of maximum drawdown prior to and following dewatering efforts to determine whether those activities have any impact on spring sites and/or clay ponds. Protocols for spring surveys shall follow the document titled: Inventory and Monitoring Protocols for Springs Ecosystems (Stevens et al., 2011). HRDI would provide spring monitoring results to the BLM and other agencies as appropriate. If impacts from dewatering activities to the Wild Rose Spring are determined during monitoring and reporting once dewatering efforts commence, HRDI would coordinate with the NDOW to develop an alternate water source for wildlife and to provide exclusionary fencing to protect the water source, if necessary. In addition, if impacts to the clay ponds west of the Crofoot Heap Leach Facility are determined to occur from dewatering operations during spring monitoring, HRDI would maintain a minimum pool depth in the main clay pond (immediately adjacent to Jungo Road on the south side). Flow would be maintained either through completing a vertical well into a deeper aquifer unaffected by dewatering or using water from an existing well. Water would be pumped to the ponds via an underground pipeline, which would be constructed within existing disturbance, if practicable. Water quality pumped to the ponds would be similar to the water quality being pumped from the wells in the well field. In coordination with the BLM and the NDOW, HRDI could reconfigure the ponds to best meet the intent of maintaining the clay ponds. HRDI would support the monitoring and maintenance of the pond development infrastructure for the duration of the mine life. As these clay ponds would be subject to BLM reclamation standards, BLM would release HRDI of the reclamation requirements as long as HRDI maintains flow to these clay ponds.
- As part of the Hycroft Mine Monitoring Plan, HRDI proposes to monitor the following in compliance with state permits and other plans: air quality; Waste Rock Facilities and ore stockpiles; reagent and diesel storage; heap leach facilities; sediment controls; groundwater; reclamation; noxious weeds; and wildlife.
- Groundwater monitoring would be undertaken in accordance with the WPCP and other permits as required.
- The revegetation release criteria for reclaimed mine sites is to achieve as close to 100 percent of the perennial plant cover of selected comparison areas as possible. At the Hycroft Project, reference areas were selected from representative plant communities adjacent to the mine site, test plots, or demonstration areas or, as appropriate. These reference areas have been used for historic reclamation that was deemed successful.

APPENDIX C
HYCROFT MINE AMENDMENT TO PLAN OF OPERATIONS
PHASE II EXPANSION PROJECT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1) An as-built map will be submitted to the BLM WDO/Black Rock Field Office (BRFO) by April 15 of each year, showing topography, township, range and sections, locations of all mine operations and activities, including new areas of disturbance, and areas that have been reclaimed with month and year the area was regraded or reseeded.

2) The financial guarantee, or portions thereof, shall be released upon the BLM WDO/BRFO and NDEP-Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation concurrence that adequate reclamation has been successfully completed. Bond release criteria shall be those set forth in regulations at 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3809, and the *Nevada Guidelines for Successful Revegetation for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service* (Instruction Memorandum #NV99-013). Bond release will be conducted according to the Surface Management Regulations at 43 CFR 3809.590 through 3809.594.

3) HRDI will monitor groundwater sources according to State of Nevada, Department of Environmental Protection standards and will maintain water quality and quantity for wildlife, livestock, and human consumption to State of Nevada standards.

4) Protection measures shall be taken to control potential artesian groundwater flows. In the event an uncontrollable artesian flow occurs, the artesian flow shall immediately be brought to the attention of the BLM authorized officer. The operator shall be responsible for all costs associated with any releases of subsurface fluids resulting from their exploration drilling operations and practices.

5) The Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits the destruction of nests (nests with eggs or young) of migratory birds. In order to avoid potential impacts to breeding migratory birds, a nest survey shall be conducted within potential breeding habitat prior to any surface disturbance during the avian breeding season (March 1 – August 31). If nests are located, or if other evidence of nesting (i.e., mated pairs, territorial defense, carrying nest material, transporting food) is observed, a protective buffer (the size depending on the habitat requirements of the species) shall be delineated and the buffer area avoided to prevent destruction or disturbance to nests until they are no longer active. The site characteristics used to determine the size of the buffer are: a) topographic screening; b) distance from disturbance to nest; c) the size and quality of foraging habitat surrounding the nest; d) sensitivity of the species to nest disturbances; and e) the protection status of the species.

6) Bi-annually, starting in 2019, until the final release of revegetation, the operator shall complete a noxious weed survey within the entire plan of operations boundary. The operator shall then have a licensed contractor treat the noxious weeds as appropriate and as approved by the BLM. A report of the findings and treatment method(s) shall be sent to the BLM within 60 days after

treatment. A pesticide use proposal will need to be submitted to the BLM for approval prior to noxious weed treatment.

7) The operator shall ensure that all mine and exploration equipment is power-washed before entering the Project Area to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Washing of this equipment is not authorized on public lands, unless an approved wash-point/facility is established in conjunction with your plan.

8) No hazardous or toxic waste, waste oil or lubricants shall be disposed of on public lands. Trash and other debris shall be contained on the work site and then hauled to an approved landfill. Burial and/or burning of trash and other debris is not authorized without specific permits from BLM and other appropriate agencies.

9) All hazardous material spills regardless of size will be cleaned up. Motorized equipment will be inspected daily by the operator for leaks or fluid loss and will be maintained to prevent leaks or fluid loss. If fluids are lost due to leaks during operations, the operator will shut down the leaking machine and will collect any contaminated soil (if present) in a 55 gallon barrel for transport offsite to a permitted facility for proper treatment and disposal. Used oil, antifreeze, batteries, tires and other recyclable materials resulting from equipment maintenance will be collected in closed containers or on pallets, as appropriate, and will be removed from the site on a regular, frequent basis for recycling. Under no circumstances will large quantities of these or other used materials be allowed to accumulate at the site, nor will any of these materials be disposed on or in the land at the site.

10) All reporting requirements specified by the NDEP or NDOW shall also be reported to the BLM WDO/BRFO within the same time frames.

11) Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g) the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), you must stop activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and protect it from your activities for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the authorized officer.

12) As directed in 43 CFR 3809.420(b)(9) *Protection of survey monuments*, it is the responsibility of the HRDI to bear the total cost of any necessary restoration or reestablishment activity of the affected monument(s). Correspondingly, in the course of any surface disturbance activity when the Public Land Survey System (PLSS)/Cadastral corners or accessories may or have been subject to obliteration, destruction, or damage, it will be the responsibility of HRDI to protect and preserve the PLSS/Cadastral monumentation.

13) The following precautionary measures should be taken to prevent wildland fires. In the event your operations should start a fire, you could be held liable for all suppression costs under Title 43 CFR 9212.4. These are in addition to any requirements imposed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration or other governing agencies for work-area fire protection.

a. All vehicles should carry at a minimum a shovel and five gallons of water (preferably in a backpack pump), in addition to a conventional fire extinguisher.
b. Adequate fire fighting equipment (a shovel, a pulaski, standard fire extinguisher(s), and an ample water supply) should be kept readily available at each active drill site.
c. Vehicle catalytic converters should be inspected often and cleaned of all flammable debris.
d. All cutting/welding torch use, electric-arc welding, and grinding operations should be conducted in an area free, or mostly free, from vegetation. An ample water supply and shovel should be on hand to extinguish any fires created from sparks. At least one person in addition to the cutter/welder/grinder should be at the work site to promptly detect fires created by sparks.
e. Any fire restrictions or closures issued by the BLM WDO will be publicized in the local media, and notice will be posted at various sites throughout the district. We will not individually contact operators. Your plan serves as an authorization that may exempt your operations from certain restrictions in those orders. Your personnel will be responsible for being aware of and complying with the requirements of those orders.
f. Any wildland fire observed should be reported immediately to the BLM Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center at (775) 623-3444.

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Review Team Members,

Attached below, please find the Record of Decision and the associated briefing paper regarding the Burning Man 2019-2029 Permit Renewal Environmental Impact Statement.

Per the Department's April 2018 NEPA Document Clearance Process memo, the review team has 3 business days to provide comments on the ROD or object to its publication. If no objections are raised by the review team within the 3-day feedback period, the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management may sign and approve the ROD.

Please send your comments or requests for additional information to BLM Nevada State Director **Jon Raby** (cc'd above) by **COB, July 15.**

V/R,
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Attachment 7

REVIEW TEAM BRIEFING PAPER – RECORD OF DECISION
for a proposed BLM Environmental Impact Statement

DATE SUBMITTED: 7/2/2019

LEAD BLM STATE OFFICE: Nevada

STATE DIRECTOR NAME: Jon K. Raby

PROJECT NAME: Burning Man 2019-2028 Permit Renewal Environmental Impact Statement

ESTIMATED DATE TO SIGN ROD: 7/15/2019

Is the timing critical? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is driving the timing? Scheduled Event

Other relevant notes on timing: The set-up for the 2019 event will start July 25, 2019.

ARE EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICABLE TO THIS PROJECT?

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act): ☐ Yes ☒ No

One Federal Decision under Executive Order 13807: ☐ Yes ☒ No

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office (BRFO) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) that analyzed and disclosed environmental impacts associated with the proposed multi-year, Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for Black Rock LLC. (BRC) to produce the Burning Man Event annually from 2019 to 2028. The project will be located on the Black Rock Desert Playa in Pershing County, approximately 8.5 miles northeast of Gerlach, and 100 miles northeast of Reno, Nevada.

The BLM has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for signature by the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, in accordance with FLPMA and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act ([REA]; Public Law (P.L.) 108-447). The BLM has selected Alternative D from the Final EIS. This will result in the issuance of an SRP for the Event with the same population cap, and similar conditions as the 2018 Burning Man Event, and with the required mitigations from Appendix E of the Final EIS. All SRPs have standard stipulations as authorized through the REA; however, those standard stipulations do not address the complexity of the Burning Man Event. Additional stipulations will be added to the SRP and be edited annually based on monitoring and necessary adaptive management measures.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT AROSE DURING THE FINAL EIS NOTICE PERIOD:

None to date.

CONFIRMATION THAT FINAL ROD TEXT IS ATTACHED: ☒ Yes

DID THE FINAL ROD TEXT CHANGE FROM WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED TO THE REVIEW TEAM? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please summarize the changes (e.g. protest resolution info):

The initial ROD that was provided to the Washington Office during the Final EIS briefing was a draft version that needed editing and a fuller explanation about rationale. The ROD that is being provided with this package has been modified accordingly.

The ROD has been edited to include the following components:

- A better description of the preferred alternative and selected additional components.
- Mitigation, Monitoring and Adaptive Management have been described and outlined with timelines and goals of implementation.
- The rationale section has been developed to support the decision.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES THAT STILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED *(include protest resolutions or Governor's Consistency Review objections, if applicable)*:

Not Applicable.

OTHER NOTES OR CRITICAL INFORMATION:

None at this time.

RECORD OF DECISION
AND
SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT APPROVAL

DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2018-0003-EIS
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Burning Man Special Recreation Permit Renewal

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Record of Decision

INTRODUCTION

The Black Rock Field Office (BRFO) of the United States (US) Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received an application from Black Rock City, LLC (BRC) to obtain a special recreation permit (SRP) to produce the Burning Man Event (Event) on an annual basis for the next 10 years. The Event is located on public land administered by the BLM Winnemucca District in Pershing County, Nevada, approximately 8.5 miles northeast of Gerlach, Nevada.

The Burning Man Event SRP Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) analyzed five alternatives:

1. Alternative A (Proposed Action): The BLM would issue an SRP for the Event that allows an annual incremental population increase of 5,000 participants starting in 2019 for a maximum population of 100,000 in 2022 through 2028.
2. Alternative B (Reduced Population Alternative): The BLM would issue an SRP for the Event at a maximum population of 50,000.
3. Alternative C (Alternate Site Alternative): This alternative would be similar to Alternative A (Proposed Action), except the larger 18,940-acre Closure Area boundary and 3,900-acre Event perimeter would shift to the north, and there would be no phased Closure Area.
4. Alternative D (No Population Change Alternative): The BLM would issue an SRP for the Event with the same population cap (80,000), durations, and conditions as the 2018 Event.
5. Alternative E (No Permit/Event Alternative): The BLM would not issue an SRP for the Event.

A description of the Proposed Action and the alternatives analyzed can be found in Chapter 2 of the Final EIS. **Appendix A** of the Final EIS includes maps of the alternatives.

SELECTED ALTERNATIVE

The BLM, in accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act ([REA]; Public Law (P.L.) 108-447), has selected Alternative D from the Final EIS. This will result in the issuance of an SRP for the Event with the same population cap, similar conditions as the 2018 Event, and with the required mitigations from **Appendix E** of the Final EIS. All SRPs have standard stipulations as authorized through the REA; however, those standard stipulations do not address the complexity of the Burning Man Event. Accordingly, additional stipulations will be added to the SRP and be edited annually dependent on monitoring and necessary adaptive management measures. Under the terms of the SRP, there will be no more than 80,000 total attendees, including Event participants, BRC staff, and BRC volunteers, allowed on the playa from the start of the Closure Order to the end of the Closure Order.

The BLM will implement a phased Closure Area, which will include a 9,570-acre[1] Closure Area footprint during build week and after the Event. During the Event, the Closure Area footprint will be 14,320 acres (see Figures 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3 in **Appendix A** of the Final EIS). **Appendix B** of the Final EIS contains additional stipulations (previously referred to as special stipulations) from the 2018 Event; applicable mitigation measures, as determined by the BLM, are in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS. Stipulations may be amended, added, or changed as determined necessary by the BLM. The duration of the permitted Event will change from 64 days to up to 74 days, to more accurately reflect on-the-ground conditions and to incorporate the Golden Spike Ceremony, which was not previously part of the Closure Order.

The BLM developed the mitigations in the Final EIS in response to the impacts that exist and were disclosed in the Draft EIS and Final EIS, after accounting for the proponent's Plan of Operations and best management practices. As the Plan of Operations changes for each Event, mitigation measures may be adjusted annually.

Elements of the BLM's selected alternative are summarized below (the exact details will be in BRC's Event Plan of Operations).

Population Definition and Reporting

For 2019, as in the 2018 Event, BRC will keep the maximum Event population at 80,000 or less. For 2020, BRC will be required to keep the maximum Event population from exceeding a total of 80,000 for the duration of the Closure Order. A population overage of up to 300 people could be permitted for up to 8 hours for a given year's event; the BLM will set the exact number in the SRP stipulations. The BLM will work with BRC to develop an independent, third-party population monitoring system to count each person entering and exiting the Event through designated points of entry and to report daily numbers to the BLM.

Event Production

The boundary of the Event site will be within an approximately 3,400-acre pentagon (see **Appendix A** of the Final EIS). The Event site will be within the Closure Area, the physical space that will be temporarily closed during the Event. The Closure Order will last up to 74 days. There will be two phases of the Closure Order. Closure Order Phase 1 will last the entire duration and will take effect approximately 40 days before Labor Day; it will encompass 9,570 acres. In addition, Closure Order Phase 2 will occur 14 days before Labor Day and will last for approximately 21 days; it will encompass an additional 4,760 acres, for a total Closure Order size of 14,330 acres (see **Appendix A** of the Final EIS). The Closure Order will shrink back to the Phase 1 size approximately 6 days after Labor Day.

Each year, the Event will start at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday the weekend before Labor Day and end at noon the Tuesday after Labor Day.

[1] Data from geographic information systems have been used in developing acreage calculations and for generating many of the figures in **Appendix A** of the Final EIS. Calculations are dependent upon the quality and availability of data, and most calculations in the Final EIS are rounded to the nearest 10 acres. Given the scale of the analysis, the compatibility constraints between datasets, and the lack of data for some resources, all calculations are approximate.

Within 5 days of the Event's end, all participants and most BRC staff will vacate the site. Within 21 days of the Event's end, BRC staff and volunteers will remove all structures, large equipment, and the perimeter fence. BRC will complete all cleanup work by October 1.

Traffic Management and Access

Before each Event, BRC will submit a traffic plan to the BLM. The plan will include the following strategies:

1. State-licensed flaggers will be used along State Route (SR) 447 and County Road (CR) 34, as determined by the BLM in coordination with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT), Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), and Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP), to help ensure traffic flows through nearby communities during peak travel times before and after the Event.
2. During Exodus, BRC will employ a metered release protocol, which will ensure that no more than 800 vehicles per hour exit onto CR 34 from Gate Road.
3. BRC will communicate the need for safe travel, including promoting the traffic operations center, advising participants year-round and in real time on traffic trends and best practices, and promoting BRC's RideShare carpool program.

Motorized transportation in the Event perimeter will be restricted to BLM staff, law enforcement, BRC staff, vendors, mutant vehicles, vehicles for disabled persons, and satellite shuttles. The BLM will enforce a 5 miles per hour speed limit on all motorized vehicles inside the city.

Vehicle Passes

BRC will issue a maximum of 33,000 vehicle passes, including for BRC staff and volunteer vehicles.

Art

BRC will review and revise project plans to ensure build design and installation safety. BRC safety teams will continuously inspect the artwork before and during the Event.

Dust Abatement

Private vendors hired by BRC will provide dust abatement along designated routes and streets within the Event site. Dust-abatement trucks will operate from the day the perimeter is established through site cleanup.

Fire

BRC will actively educate participants in the construction and supervision of burn barrels in order to protect the playa surface and to create safe campfire containment. BRC will be responsible for implementing procedures for the complete cleanup of each burn site, including using decomposed granite, a raised platform, or other means to protect the playa surface; removing ash, charcoal, and unburned material such as nails, screws, glass, and any decomposed granite; and grading and raking the surface to eliminate scarring.

Cultural Resources

BRC will inform all participants and staff that collection, excavation, or vandalism of historic and archaeological artifacts or sites is illegal. BRC will notify the BLM immediately upon any discovery of archaeological artifacts or human remains.

Hot Springs Protection

Use of the hot springs is not allowed as part of the Burning Man Event SRP. BRC will educate participants about the potential for environmental damage when using the hot springs.

Event Cleanup

BRC will remove debris in the Closure Area and dispose of it in an authorized facility. Hazardous waste will be disposed of in accordance with state and federal laws.

Off-site cleanup will include litter and debris pickup along roads and highways surrounding the Event site. Litter and debris that BRC collects will be disposed of at authorized facilities in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The BLM, in coordination with the NDOT and PLPT, will monitor the effectiveness of BRC's trash collection plan. Monitoring results may result in the need for adaptive management, which may include additional mitigation measures to reduce the impact from wastes on the playa and surrounding roadways and communities.

Security and Public Safety

BRC will meet with BLM law enforcement and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office year-round to plan operations and infrastructure. BRC will meet with BLM law enforcement and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office daily during and immediately after the Event to evaluate on-site operations, and respond to and adapt on-site operations to possible changing conditions.

BRC will meet with the BLM and those agencies with federal, state, or county jurisdiction, such as the Federal Aviation Administration, Pershing County, Washoe County, PLPT, and the State of Nevada, as needed annually. The BLM will inquire with responsible agencies to ensure their needs are being met.

The BLM and BRC will operate independent communications systems for the duration of each party's respective operational needs. The two systems will operate 24 hours per day to provide security, emergency response, and public safety to ensure coordinated emergency response.

BRC will educate participants and staff about federal, state, and local laws concerning the sale and use of illegal substances.

Hazardous Materials

BRC will manage hazardous materials response. All hazardous waste will be disposed of in accordance with state and federal laws.

Food and Drink Service and Potable Water Hauling

BRC will comply with all State of Nevada requirements for food and beverage service and potable water hauling. Any person who is hauling, delivering, vending, providing, or selling potable water to any individual or organized camp, other than their own private or individual camp, must be permitted by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Additional Components of the Selected Alternative

In the Final EIS, Section 2.2.3, the BLM analyzed additional components, which are included in this Record of Decision (ROD) and will be implemented now and in future years. The Golden Spike Ceremony, which typically marks the beginning of the Event when anywhere from 200 to 400 people arrive on the playa for the ceremony, will be included in the Event SRP starting in 2019. Historically, the Golden Spike Ceremony has occurred on the Thursday prior to the start of the Event SRP Closure Order.

The BLM and BRC will review and revise the full environmental compliance protocol annually. Per the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the BLM has the authority to institute changes during the Event to maintain public health and safety, as well as resource protection. BRC is responsible for obtaining all other necessary permits as required by federal, state, and local laws.

MITIGATION, MONITORING, AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

All mitigation and monitoring measures listed in **Appendix E** of the Burning Man Event SRP Final EIS will be implemented in 2019, except for the following mitigation and monitoring measures, which will be implemented in a phased approach when most appropriate and logistically feasible. The BLM has a goal of implementing all mitigation and monitoring measures by 2022.

- An adaptive management approach will be taken regarding security at all portals of entry. A third-party contractor will be employed to screen vehicles, participants, vendors, contractors, and staff and volunteers entering the Event. This mitigation will be implemented as soon as logistically possible, but will not be in effect for the 2019 Event (Mitigation Measure **PHS-1**).
- Beginning 21 days before Labor Day until 7 days after Labor Day during the Closure Order, BRC will provide a licensed ambulance service for emergency services. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **PHS-6**).
- BRC will increase its environmental compliance teams commensurate with the population size; teams will begin operating during build week and continue through Exodus. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **WHS-7**).
- BRC and the BLM must implement shielding interventions on mast-mounted work lights. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **VIS-2**).
- In coordination with Washoe County and the NDOT, BRC will provide cost recovery for the maintenance of CR 34 and SR 447, respectively, associated with Event traffic. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **ECON-1**).
- BRC must post a reclamation bond sufficient to remove large art installations and theme camp materials left behind after Exodus. This bond is intended to remove the risk of unnecessary or undue degradation to the national conservation area (NCA) and defray the costs to taxpayers. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **NCA-1**).
- BRC will inform all pilots of flight restrictions associated with wilderness and wilderness study areas. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **WILD-1/WSA-1**).
- Vendor and film permit applications associated with the Event must be submitted 194 calendar days before Labor Day. The costs of BLM employee labor will be recouped via cost recovery from BRC. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **REC-1**).

- The proponent will submit to the BLM and Pershing County its final Plan of Operations for each year's Event at least 45 calendar days before the first Closure Order begins for that year's Event. This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **REC-2**).
- BRC will report directly to the BLM the number of vehicles entering the Closure Area under a vehicle pass. The number of vehicle passes will be limited to 33,000, which responds to the findings and recommendations in the traffic analysis prepared for the EIS (Solaegui 2018). This mitigation measure will be implemented beginning in 2020 (Mitigation Measure **TRAN-1**).
- For the 2020 Event, BRC will contract with a third-party ticketing agency to report directly to the BLM the number of individuals entering the Closure Area. The number of participants, BRC staff, volunteers, and vendors will be limited to 80,000 (Monitoring Measure **REC-1**).
- The cultural resources and Native American religious concerns mitigation measures (Mitigation Measures **CULT-1** through **CULT-5**) will be implemented in accordance with the memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Because of the complex nature of the Burning Man Event, the BLM will employ an adaptive management approach to some mitigation measures. As the first step in this process, the BLM will work with BRC to develop an initial mitigation approach starting with the 2019 Event. Beginning with the 2019 Event, monitoring, as described in Table E-2 of **Appendix E** in the Final EIS, will provide the BLM with the necessary information to determine the effectiveness of the initial mitigation approach. If monitoring results demonstrate that the initial mitigation approach effectively prevents the unnecessary and undue degradation of public lands and protects public health and safety, then no additional mitigation or stipulations will be required. If monitoring results demonstrate that the initial mitigation approach is not effective, then the BLM will apply the mitigation measures listed in **Appendix E**. The BLM may also add or remove stipulations for each annual Event in response to new monitoring data. Adaptive management will apply to the following mitigation measures:

- BRC will be required to implement physical perimeter barriers and controls to reduce the risk of unauthorized entry to the Event (Mitigation Measure **PHS-3**).
- BRC will facilitate structural integrity inspections of all structures over 10 feet tall that are designed for lodging space (Mitigation Measure **PHS-4**).
- To reduce litter and trash in the PLPT Reservation, along SR 447, and other routes accessing the playa, BRC, as part of its annual Event Plan of Operations, must develop a trash collection plan for the major egress routes from the Event (Mitigation Measure **WHS-1**).
- To reduce Event participant, employee, and contractor exposure to dust generated from vehicle traffic on Gate Road, BRC should consider rerouting Gate Road to an area north of Black Rock City (Mitigation Measure **AQ-1**).
- BRC will restore the playa contours by the end of the Closure Order (Mitigation Measure **SOIL-3**).
- The monitoring measures of the Artificial Light at Night Assessment (Craine and Craine 2017) will be implemented by a BLM-approved contractor via cost recovery (Mitigation Measure **VIS-1**).
- The BLM will not implement Monitoring Measure **VIS-3.** Through a third party contractor approved by the BLM and paid for through cost-recovery, annual monitoring of the artificial light at night will occur (Monitoring Measure **VIS-1**), and if the threshold outlined in Mitigation Measure

VIS-1 is exceeded, the proponent, in the following year, will develop a lighting plan with measures to reduce the amount of artificial light at night.

RATIONALE

The BLM's decision to issue an SRP for an Event with a maximum population of 80,000 is based on the environmental consequences analyzed in Chapter 3 of the Final EIS and the following rationale:

1. Cooperating agencies and other governmental agencies indicated they could not support the Event growing. Letters from the Mayor of the City of Reno, NDOT, and the NHP indicated they could not provide staff and accommodate growth over the current population level of 80,000 (see **Appendix K** of the Final EIS), particularly since this Event occurs over the Labor Day weekend when other recreation events occur in surrounding areas and communities. Additionally, the Pershing County Board of Commissioners, Pershing County Sheriff's Office, and the PLPT indicated they could not support the current event and requested a reduction in population. The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, due to the closure of the playa and the inconvenience it causes for travel to their reservation, also requested a smaller population size. While not substantive, the BLM received public comments from Burning Man Event participants who expressed the view that the Event had grown too large and become too commercial; they wanted a smaller Event.
2. This decision responds to issues raised during public scoping and public comments received on the public Draft EIS. Substantial public involvement throughout the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process has informed the BLM's decision (see Final EIS **Appendix K**, Public Comments and BLM Response).
3. The BLM developed mitigations in response to the impacts analyzed in the EIS and cooperating agency and public concerns regarding those impacts. While BRC's Event Plan of Operations and best management practices were taken into account, they do not result in an Event that avoids all the impacts; thus, the BLM developed mitigation and the phased approach through monitoring and adaptive management as described in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS. For example, a common theme in several of the cooperating agency and nongovernmental organization letters was the trash left behind and how long it took to be removed (see **Appendix K** of the Final EIS). Mitigation Measures **WHS-1**, **WHS-5**, and **WHS-7** (see **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) address these impacts. Another common theme was damage to the main roads into the event. Mitigation Measures **TRAN-1** and **ECON-1** address these impacts.
4. At an Event population of 80,000, the BLM and emergency services have a capacity to respond and manage the Event. Some of the imposed mitigations will help state, county, and local government services to successfully support the Event. Growing to a larger Event at current staffing levels would overextend resources and create financial hardships. The mitigation, monitoring, and adaptive management approach in this decision and as described in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS respond to concerns raised during government-to-government consultation and coordination and cooperation with cooperating agencies. These concerns include the associated impacts of solid waste, public health and safety, traffic, infrastructure limitations, socioeconomic impacts, and staffing capabilities.
5. The mitigation and monitoring measures for air quality (see Mitigation Measures **AQ-1**, **AQ-2**, and **AQ-3**, and Monitoring Measure **AQ-1** in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) are designed to protect worker, volunteer, and participant public health and safety. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) noted concerns on the levels of particulate matter observed during the 2017 Event.

The BLM has concerns for worker health and safety, and preliminary studies by the Department of the Interior industrial hygienists raise concerns and show the need for further studies and analysis.

6. The mitigation and monitoring measures for solid waste (see Mitigation Measures **WHS-1**, **WHS-5**, and **WHS-7**, and Monitoring Measures **WHS-5**, **WHS-6**, **NAT-1**, and **REC-3** in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) are designed to alleviate the problem of trash being left behind along roadways and in communities. The City of Reno, NDOT, Washoe County, NHP, PLPT, and some of the public comment letters all noted this as a major concern.
7. The mitigation and monitoring measures for public health and safety (see **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) were designed in coordination between BLM subject matter experts, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office. These are best practices for large public gatherings, specifically outdoor events. The BLM will employ adaptive management practices where appropriate and will liaise with BRC during the implementation of these mitigation measures. For Mitigation Measure **PHS-1**, law enforcement has documented that the current BRC screening system is insufficient for prohibited items. For Mitigation Measure **PHS-3**, while only minor incursions have occurred into the Event, the risk of incursions into large public gatherings is well documented both in the US and abroad (see Public Health and Safety at the Burning Man Event [BLM 2019]). For Mitigation Measure **PHS-6**, cooperating agency coordination and government-to-government consultation have made clear that calls for service related to the Burning Man Event disrupt emergency services to surrounding communities during the Closure Order.
8. The mitigation and monitoring measures for fuel storage (see Mitigation Measure **WHS-8** and Monitoring Measure **WHS-4** in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) are designed to prevent unnecessary and undue degradation of the natural resources of the Black Rock Desert–High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA from fuel spills. The BLM has the legal authority and obligation to administer the Black Rock playa in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations 112.
9. This decision is authorized by the National Conservation Act of 2000 designating the Black Rock Desert–High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA (P.L. 106-554): "The Secretary may continue to permit large scale events in defined low impact areas of the Black Rock Desert Playa in accordance with the management plan pursuant to this Act." The resource management plan, approved July 2004 for the Black Rock Desert–High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area and Associated Wilderness and other Contiguous Lands in Nevada, allows for large gatherings. Existing mitigation measures do not fully alleviate impacts on visual resources in the NCA and adjacent wilderness and wilderness study areas. Current practices are not in conformance with the resource management plan; however, mitigation, monitoring, and adaptive management (see Mitigation Measures **VIS-1**, **VIS-2**, and **NCA-1**, and Monitoring Measures **VIS-1, VIS-2, VIS-3, NCA-1**, and **REC-5** in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) will reduce the potential for growth of these impacts during future Events.
10. This decision conforms to the BLM's Greater Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse ROD and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment, approved in March 2019.
11. Due to the noncompliances issued to BRC and unsatisfactory performance in 2018, and consistent with the REA (P.L. 108-447), the BLM will not issue an SRP for more than 1 year. Should BRC gain compliance, the BLM may then issue an SRP for the remainder of the 10 years. However, in accordance with H-2930-1, Recreation and Fee Administration Handbook, and the REA, the BLM will need to authorize the SRP annually.

12. To reduce impacts on the NCA and surrounding travel corridors, the mitigations and monitoring for this Event were developed and are contained in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS. As described above, some mitigations will be phased in. Phasing is occurring for two main reasons: 1) given the date of the ROD and the start of the 2019 Burning Man Event, the complexity and logistical issues of some mitigations require months to resolve; and 2) some mitigations will be implemented if monitoring and adaptive management illustrate they are needed (see *Mitigation, Monitoring, and Adaptive Management*, above). The BLM has a goal of implementing all mitigation and monitoring by 2022.
13. The decision is the result of and will continue meaningful government-to-government consultation and self-determination for tribes and Native communities. As sovereign nations affected by the Event permitted by the BLM, the BLM has a responsibility to mitigate and reduce effects. The BLM will continue to conduct government-to-government consultation to ensure the mitigations and stipulations address the identified effects: solid waste, public health and safety, traffic, cultural and Native American religious impacts, and socioeconomic impacts.
14. Due to the timing of this decision, as in the 2018 Event, BRC will keep the maximum Event population at 80,000 or less for the 2019 Event. In 2020, a total population cap of 80,000 attendees, which includes paid participants and BRC staff and volunteers, for the duration of the Closure Order will be implemented. Based on environmental monitoring, adaptive management may allow a peak population instead of a total population. Under a total population cap model, the proponent would close the entry gate when 80,000 participants have entered the playa. Even if participants leave the event, no additional participants would be allowed to enter. Under a peak population model, up to 80,000 participants would be allowed on the playa at any given time. As participants leave the event, the proponent would allow that same number of people to enter the playa.
15. The decision to authorize an Event with a population of 80,000 is consistent with the Recreation and Fee Administration Handbook (H-2930-1) because it allows the BLM to adequately administer the SRP. Mitigation and monitoring (see **Appendix E** of the Final EIS) are identified to provide for resource protection, public health and safety, and minimization of conflicts with other NCA users, and to serve the public interest. At the same time, the decision maintains an opportunity for the BLM to authorize the Event consistent with the Department of the Interior's priority of building a meaningful conservation stewardship legacy by expanding public access for sport and recreation opportunities on public lands.
16. Based on the environmental impact analysis contained in the EIS, the BLM has determined that by using the mitigation and monitoring described above and in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS, this decision will minimize environmental impacts on the public lands to an acceptable level, as outlined in the Final EIS.
17. To the maximum extent, this decision, subject to implementation of the mitigation measures in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS and obtaining required permits, is consistent with other federal, state, and local plans.
18. Prior to this decision, the BLM completed the process required by the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq.). A MOA between the BLM and the Nevada SHPO has been executed. That MOA describes required mitigation for the adverse impacts on historic properties and Native American religious concerns in the Closure Area.
19. The decision will not adversely affect any threatened or endangered species.

20. The decision meets the purpose and need for the federal action. The implementation of the mitigation and monitoring measures listed in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS, and with applicable adaptive management, will meet FLPMA goals to prevent unnecessary and undue degradation. The absence of required mitigation and monitoring has the likelihood, over time, of creating unnecessary and undue degradation.
21. All SRPs have standard stipulations from the REA; however, those standard stipulations do not address the complexity of the Burning Man Event. Accordingly, additional stipulations will be added to the SRP. The BLM will review and revise the additional stipulations annually dependent on monitoring and necessary adaptive management measures. **Appendix B** of the Final EIS contains an example of additional stipulations from a previous Event. The BLM has applied additional stipulations to the Burning Man Event SRP since at least the 2012 Event.
22. Future additional SRP stipulations and future applicant-committed environmental protection measures will serve to monitor, reduce, and/or prevent impacts. Monitoring and adaptive management are needed to assess the effectiveness of the stipulations and any future applicant-committed environmental protection measures.
23. Maintaining the 80,000 population limit, per this decision, in conjunction with the identified mitigation, monitoring, and adaptive management listed in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS, provides the opportunity for BRC to proactively eliminate or minimize effects to a manageable or acceptable level. This will be done through BRC's Event Plan of Operations.

Rationale for the BLM's decision to select the No Population Change alternative over the other alternatives is based on the environmental consequences analyzed in Chapter 3 of the Final EIS and the following:

1. With current resources, it would be challenging for the BLM to maintain consistency with FLPMA while at the same time addressing cooperating agency concerns about public health and safety under the Proposed Action. At a population of 100,000 (Alternatives A and C), the BLM could not adequately administer the SRP while providing for public health and safety and preventing unnecessary and undue degradation of lands. At an Event population of 100,000, with current BLM resources, the Event could possibly conflict with the multiple-use mandate of FLPMA because it could preclude other public lands users during the Closure Order. Cooperating agencies and other governmental agencies indicated they could not support the Event growing. Letters from the Mayor of the City of Reno, NDOT, and NHP indicated they could not provide staff and accommodate growth over the current population level of 80,000 (see **Appendix K** of the Final EIS). It is particularly difficult for agencies to staff the Event because it is over the Labor Day weekend when other recreation events in surrounding areas and communities occur.
2. The BLM is aware of BRC's approach to minimizing impacts through its best management practices; however, BRC cannot control all Event participant actions, which has led to the need for the mitigation and monitoring measures included in **Appendix E** of the Final EIS and incorporated in this decision. At an Event population of 100,000 (Alternatives A and C), these effects would be increased. Of particular concern are traffic, trash, air quality, and infrastructure as identified in Chapter 3 of the Final EIS. In the case of trash, the NDOT, NHP, and PLPT expressed concerns about the current level of trash left behind from the Event. It is a reasonable assumption that a population of 100,000 would result in even more trash left behind.

3. Cooperating agencies expressed concerns with Event population growth on traffic and maintenance issues on SR 447, Interstate 80, and CR 34. Traffic and maintenance are concerns at the current population level, and growth of the Event would exacerbate concerns of maintenance costs and overcrowding of surrounding roadways.
4. While some impacts may be reduced with an Event population of 50,000 (Alternative B), for several years BRC has successfully held the Burning Man Event with a population up to 80,000. BRC's best practices, combined with required mitigation measures, monitoring, and adaptive management outlined in the Final EIS will mitigate impacts to the point where a reduced Event population of 50,000 was not selected. At an Event population of 50,000, there would be the potential for an adverse economic impact on northern Nevada. Since 2012, the Event has grown to its current population level, and northern Nevada communities have become accustomed to the associated economic outcomes.
5. The BLM's decision to not select the No Event Alternative (Alternative E) is similar to the rationale for the reduced population alternative. In addition, the Event has occurred on the playa for over 20 years consistent with the BLM's multiple-use mandate under FLPMA. Additionally, the City of Reno has communicated the positive art and cultural aspects in the city from the Event.

NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION

The BLM sent letters on November 27, 2017, requesting consultation on the Proposed Action to the following tribes: PLPT, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and Summit Lake Paiute Tribe. The BLM has been actively engaged in government-to-government consultation with tribes throughout the EIS process. During consultation, tribal and cultural committee members expressed concerns regarding unauthorized artifact collection, especially along the travel routes. They also expressed concerns regarding increased visitation and impacts on springs and other culturally important sites surrounding the playa. Members noted that their concerns extend beyond tribal reservation boundaries. Additional information regarding Native American consultation can be found in the Final EIS, Section 4.4.1.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

The cooperating agency relationships established during this project facilitated the exchange of views and expertise between BLM personnel and other government officials and staff. This form of consultation, unique to planning and NEPA processes, was crucial to shaping the EIS. The BLM formalized cooperating agency relationships with eight governmental parties: PLPT, NDOT, Pershing County, Pershing County Sheriff's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Humboldt County, US Department of Homeland Security, and Washoe County.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS

Under FLPMA, the BLM's coordination responsibilities include maximizing consistencies with the plans and policies of other government entities.

The BLM conducted coordination with the Nevada SHPO and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

NEPA regulations require that EISs be filed with the EPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1506.9). The BLM submitted the Draft EIS and Final EIS to the EPA, as required by Council on Environmental Quality regulations. Chapter 4 of the Final EIS explains intergovernmental partners.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public Scoping

Public scoping is detailed on Page 4-1 in Chapter 4 of the Final EIS. Public outreach began in November 2017. The BLM published a notice of intent on June 20, 2018. The BLM held two public scoping meetings on July 9 and 10, 2018, in Fernley and Lovelock, Nevada, respectively. A full description of the concerns brought forward during scoping can be found in the project scoping summary report (BLM 2018a).

Issues of concern identified in project scoping include:

- What are the impacts on wildlife and their habitats (aquatic and terrestrial) from air, light, noise, and waste (hazardous and solid) pollution; invasive species; and traffic. How will they be mitigated?
- What are the impacts from the Event on vegetation, wetlands, and riparian areas, and how will they be mitigated?
- What are the impacts on significant cultural and paleontological resources, including National Historic Trails, and can they be mitigated? What are the impacts on Native Americans from spiritual, cultural, and social values and economics?
- Can the BLM provide the support and resources needed to administer the SRP, while providing for public health and safety and preventing unnecessary and undue degradation to BLM-administered lands?
- How does the Burning Man Event affect air, soil, and water resources? Can mitigations be developed to prevent unnecessary and undue degradation?
- What are the regional economic contributions and effects on community services and federal, state, and local budgets?
- How do the public and participants view the Event? Are there any disproportionate impacts from the Burning Man Event on environmental justice and other populations?
- How does the Burning Man Event affect the values of the Black Rock Desert–High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA, wilderness areas, and wilderness study areas?
- How does the Burning Man Event affect access and transportation, SRPs, and other users and their experiences within the Assessment Area?

Draft EIS

The BLM published the notice of availability for the Draft EIS in the *Federal Register* on March 15, 2019. During the 45-day public comment period, the BLM held two public meetings in Lovelock and Sparks, Nevada.

The BLM received a total of 2,061 submissions; 1,736 of these were considered unique submissions, and 325 were form letter campaigns (discussed further in **Appendix K** of the Final EIS).

Final EIS

The BLM published the notice of availability for the Final EIS in the *Federal Register* on June 14, 2019, and uploaded the Final EIS to the EPA on June 7, 2019. The 30-day review period ended on July 14, 2019.

ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

A detailed description of the Proposed Action; alternatives, including the No Permit/Action Alternative; and those considered but not carried through this EIS are listed in detail in Chapter 2 of the Final EIS.

SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT APPROVAL

The 2930-2 Forms for the Special Recreation Permit are provided in **Appendix B** of the EIS.

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***Various media* - Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee (BENM MAC) meeting (UT):** Reporters on June 6 attended the BENM MAC meeting to cover the proceedings for broadcast, online, print, and long-form film outlets. In interviews, the BLM used approved talking points to discuss the role and purpose of the MAC, next steps in planning, and how the agencies will use the MAC's input. The agency expressed appreciation for the group's work. Reporters also interviewed the public, MAC members and other agencies without BLM involvement. Outlets included *The County Seat*, *San Juan Record*, *KSJD Radio* (NPR, Cortez, Colorado), *Free Range Report*, *Moab Sun News*, a filmmaker from New York University, and independent media outlets. **FINAL.**

***San Diego Union-Tribune* - Humanitarian water assistance along border (CA):** Reporter Kristina Davis requested information about humanitarian water drops authorized by the BLM on public lands along the California/Mexico border. The reporter was sent this approved statement: *"The Bureau of Land Management in California has permitted humanitarian water assistance to migrants along the U.S.-Mexico border since 2000. Most recently, in 2015 the BLM authorized Water Stations Inc., to maintain 50-gallon barrels of potable water at 400 locations on BLM-managed public lands in Imperial County. This BLM right-of-way authorization is for a 10-year term, ending in 2025. Currently, this is the only group authorized for such activity on BLM-managed public lands in California."* **FINAL.**

***SFGate* - Conditions on the Black Rock Playa (NV):** Reporter Amy Graff asked about conditions on the Black Rock Playa, where the annual Burning Man event occurs. She was told that the area is currently underwater due to snowmelt and spring flooding at nearby Quinn Lake. **FINAL.**

***Various media* - Proposed sites for recreational shooting (AZ):** Various media on June 6 called about the BLM's accepting public comments on a proposed shooting sports pilot project on public lands within the Arizona State Office's Phoenix District. The pilot will evaluate a variety of active management options to enhance access and safety. The BLM used a June 3 news release to answer questions. **FINAL.**
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***The New York Times* - Utah Test and Training Range closure (UT):** Fact-checker Christian Smith requested an update. Questions focused on the status of the Memorandum of Agreement, the status of the land exchange, and additional military-specific questions. The BLM provided a link to relevant web sites. **FINAL.**

***E&E News* - IBLA appeal/September 2018 oil & gas lease sale (UT):** Reporter Heather Richardson requested a response to a Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) statement that says the BLM has agreed to suspend the September 2018 sale's leases, which are the subject of an IBLA appeal. The reporter also asked why the BLM initially denied SUWA's protest. BLM Utah is developing a response. **PENDING.**

***Progressive Rancher* - Burning Man Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) (NV):** Publisher Leana Carey followed up on the news release regarding the publication of the FEIS, which identifies and analyzes environmental impacts associated with the proposed 10-year renewal of the Burning Man Special Recreation Permit. The publisher invited the BLM to submit, for publication, a write-up of how the permit is issued and managed. BLM Nevada will develop an article. **FINAL.**

***Reno Gazette-Journal* - Burning Man FEIS (NV):** Reporter Jenny Kane asked why the BLM preferred the no-growth alternative in the FEIS. Approved talking points were used to answer her questions. She was also directed to the part of the FEIS that summarized changes between the draft and final documents regarding various mitigations. **FINAL.**

***Reason* - Burning Man FEIS (NV):** Reporter Brian Doherty asked about the authorization for the security screening mitigation described in the FEIS. He was told that the permit for the event carries a temporary closure, which is published in the *Federal Register* before the event, and that individuals who enter the closed area during the event consent to security screening as a condition of entry. **FINAL.**

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BLM Media Wrap-up for July 22, 2019

***San Francisco Business Times* - Burning Man (NV):** Reporter Ted Andersen requested a timeline for issuing the Burning Man permit this year. He was told that the BLM is working on the 2019 special recreation permit this week, and that the permit is expected to be issued sometime next week. **FINAL.**

***The Economist* - Alaska wildfire (AK):** Washington Bureau Chief James Astill on July 17-18 traveled to the Chandalar River Fire, west of Venetie, to talk to firefighters and witness the logistical challenges of fighting fire in Alaska. He also interviewed the BLM Alaska Fire Service Manager about wildland fire management. **FINAL.**

***KMVT-TV* - Fire information (ID):** A reporter asked about human-cause fires, including the investigative process and prevention tips. The BLM used publicly available fire information to answer questions. **FINAL.**

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BLM Media Wrap-up for June 24, 2019

***Associated Press*, *Bloomberg Environment*, *Capital Press* - Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for fuel breaks in the Great Basin (ID):** Various reporters asked about the recently released draft PEIS, which was announced late last week. Publicly available information was used to answer questions. The BLM emphasized to a reporter for Bloomberg that fuel breaks are not intended to stop fires, but are used to give firefighters more time by slowing a fire down and reducing its intensity. **FINAL.**

***K-PAX News* (Missoula) - Update on wild horse and burro event postponement (MT):** Reporter Connor McCauley asked for an update on a wild horse and burro adoption event scheduled for this past weekend at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds, in Hamilton, Montana, which was postponed out of an abundance of caution. Two of the 130 animals brought to the event succumbed to a condition that warranted quarantining the remaining animals. The reporter was told that the BLM is still waiting for lab results. The pick-up of adopted animals is also postponed, pending the results. The BLM will contact adopters when results are complete. Of the 105 animals offered at the event, 89 currently have pending applications. **FINAL.**

***CBS This Morning* - Proposed change in management of the Paria Canyon–Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness (AZ):** Producer Kira Kleaveland reached out to the BLM's Arizona Strip District to discuss a series they are producing this summer highlighting beautiful places across America. The production crew plans to visit the area in summer to attempt to get a permit to hike The Wave at the walk-in lottery. The crew wants to interview the Arizona Strip District Manager on the BLM's proposal to increase recreation access to The Wave beyond the existing 20 permits per day. The interview request is being coordinated with BLM headquarters. **PENDING.**

***Wall Street Journal* - Proposed change in management of the Paria Canyon–Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness (AZ):** Reporter Jim Carlton asked about increased visitation, and if social media has played a role in both the increase and the BLM's proposed management change. He was told that visitation to surrounding parks, such as Grand Canyon and Zion and Lake Powell, also have an impact on the demand as visitors to the big national parks which surround the area learn about The Wave while in the area. He was also told that the public demand for visitation to the Wave was the reason BLM is taking a look at the proposed change. The BLM also discussed issues associated with permits to The Wave, including fines for non-permitted hikes and how they are issued. **FINAL.**

Phoenix *ABC* Affiliate - Wildfire response along Interstate 17 (AZ): Reporter Mike Pelton interviewed the Phoenix District's fuels technician and Type 3 Incident Commander about wildfire incidents along the I-17 corridor. The interview covered a recent wildfire in the area, seasonal fire resources preparedness, common causes and the importance of education as a tool to decrease human-caused wildfire potential along the interstate. **FINAL.**

***Stateline.org* (Pew Trusts) - Cheatgrass and wildfire (NV):** Reporter Sophie Quinton asked about the role of cheatgrass in the spread of wildfires in Nevada and what actions the BLM can take to mitigate the problem. She was provided information on targeted grazing versus outcome-based grazing, green-stripping and brown-stripping to create fuel breaks, and herbicide. **FINAL.**

***Politico* - Burning Man (NV):** Reporter Theodoric Meyer asked for an update of the Burning Man permit. He was told that the agency is currently in the mandatory 30-day period between the publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and the publication of the Record of Decision. He was also told that the preferred alternative was the no-growth alternative at the current population of 80,000 participants. He was referred to BLM headquarters regarding his question of whether the BLM had been contacted by Burning Man's lobbyists. **FINAL.**

***KUNR Public Radio* - Increase in visitation at Red Rock Canyon (NV):** Reporter Noah Glick asked about increased visitation at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. The BLM told the reporter that there has been increased visitation over the past few years, and management is continuing to work on solutions to address capacity issues that arise during good weather. He was also informed of outreach efforts to inform people of the heaviest visitation times and ways to avoid those times. **FINAL.**

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BLM Media Wrap-up for June 20, 2019

***Minnesota Public Radio* - FOIA Lawsuit (MN):** Reporter Dan Kraker asked if BLM has any comment on a FOIA lawsuit filed today seeking the release of documents related to the proposed mineral withdrawal in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota, related to the Twin Metals mining proposal. The BLM responded that it cannot comment on pending litigation. **FINAL.**

***Bloomberg Law* - FOIA Lawsuit (National):** Reporter Brian Flood asked if BLM has any comment on a FOIA lawsuit filed today seeking the release of documents related to the proposed mineral withdrawal in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota, related to the Twin Metals mining proposal. The BLM responded that it cannot comment on pending litigation. **FINAL.**

***High Country News* - BLM HQ Relocation (Regional):** Reporter Liz Weber is working on a story about the BLM's plan to move the headquarters out west and asked to interview someone for more information about the details, planning, and execution. The BLM forwarded to Interior Press who declined an interview and provided a response. **FINAL.**

***LA Times* - Burning Man security screening (NV)**: Reporter Julia Wick contacted BLM Nevada to inquire about drug screening at the 2019 Burning Man event. BLM-NV provided a statement noting that screening is just one facet of a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement approach to ensure the safety and security of the event. **FINAL.**

***Reno Gazette-Journal* - Burning Man security screening (NV)**: Reporter Jennifer Kane contacted BLM Nevada to inquire about drug screening at the 2019 Burning Man event. BLM-NV provided a statement noting that screening is just one facet of a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement approach to ensure the safety and security of the event. **FINAL.**

***Casper Star Tribune* - Wildland Fire Preparedness (WY):** Reporter Morgan Hughes contacted the BLM-WY public affairs office to get "a broad sense" of what is done to prepare for fire season. The article will be in the Tuesday, June 25 issue and will not be focused directly on BLM, but on local wildland fire preparedness/prevention as a whole. The neutral article is not expected to generate controversy. **FINAL.**

***Park City Television* - Fire Prevention Order (UT):** BLM West Desert District Manager Kevin Oliver joined host Christine Napier on Park City Television for a discussion on the district's fire prevention order and what the public can do to help prevent wildfire. The segment lasted about five minutes, was BLM-positive, and provided good information on how seasonal fire restrictions and preventative measures can help protect communities and public lands. **FINAL.**
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Date:	Wednesday, May 29, 2019 6:45:49 PM

E&E News - PEER statement on a fired BLM employee (National/NV): Reporter Scott Streater sought response to a PEER news release about firing of a range management specialist in Nevada. DOI Communications responded that the agency does not comment on personnel matters. **FINAL**

Associated Press - DC District Court Order on remand of leasing decisions (CO, UT): Reporter Matt Brown asked for response to the Order from DOI and BLM. DOI Communications responded. **FINAL**

KUNR Public Radio - Massacre Rim dark skies project (CA/northwest NV): Reporter Noah Glick will visit the area on May 31st to develop a story about the application to designate an international dark skies reserve. BLM Northern California District Public Affairs Officer and Field Office Archaeologist will accompany Glick and will comment on management of public lands in this region for multiple uses. Glick also plans to interview business owners in Cedarville, CA about the potential for the designation to benefit the local tourism industry. **Story PENDING**

***San Francisco Business Times* - Burning Man 2019 permit (NV):** Reporter Ted Andersen requested an update on the EIS process and the timeline for a Record of Decision on the permit application for this year's event. A previously approved statement was used to reply. **FINAL**

WLRN Public Radio - Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse planning (ES - Miami/South Florida): Reporter Madeline Fox attended the public listening session held at the Jupiter Inlet Outstanding Natural Area (ONA) on May 22 and produced a news segment that aired on May 24. **FINAL**

***Palm Beach Post* - Jupiter Inlet Lightouse renovations (ES - West Palm Beach, FL):** Peter DeWitt, ONA Manager, has been contacted by Reporter Sam Howard spoke with ONA manager about some renovation work being planned for the property by the Loxahatchee River Historical Society, and was informed that the BLM is not involved in this effort. **FINAL**

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***The New York Times* - Twin Metals (National):** An approved statement was sent to reporters Hiroko Tabuchi and Steve Eder in response to questions for a story about what led to the decision to renew the leases. Tabuchi indicated that they intend to submit follow-up questions. **PENDING/contd.**

***Reuters* - Oil & gas statistics (National):** Reporter Nichola Groom asked follow-up questions about the 2018 oil and gas statistics. BLM Headquarters is developing draft responses for clearance. **PENDING from 5/24.**

***E&E News* - Coal moratorium Environmental Assessment (EA)**

(National): Reporter Dylan Brown had additional questions on some inconsistencies he found between the BLM's coal data website and the draft EA. WO-Solid Minerals and BLM Headquarters will review and develop responses. **PENDING/contd.**

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National Journal **- Critical minerals mining permits (National):** Reporter Brian Dabbs asked for an update on the BLM's streamlining of permits associated with critical minerals under the NEPA process. Headquarters is clearing a statement. **PENDING.**

E&E News **- Grazing permit case (National):** Reporter Jennifer Yachnin asked for BLM comment regarding the issuance of a preliminary injunction in Oregon, which involved Hammond family grazing permits. The BLM declined to comment due to pending litigation. **FINAL.**

Reno Gazette-Journal, ***Tahoe Magazine*** **- Burning Man Record of Decision (ROD) (NV):** Reporters asked about the ROD for the event. The BLM provided basic information about the ROD, including an overview of the EIS process and the special recreation permit. **FINAL.**

Traverse Image **- Paleontological resources and excavation sites in GSENM (UT):** Producer Kristen Olson and her film crew interviewed the GSENM paleontologist about his work in monument. The interview focused on the science involved, the Rainbows and Unicorns site, and various paleontological topics. The production is expected to be complete in early 2020 and will be marketed to Netflix and Amazon Prime Video. **FINAL.**
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***Associated Press* - Coal moratorium draft environmental assessment (EA) (National):** Reporter Matt Brown, responding to the BLM's news release about public comment on the EA for the coal moratorium, asked the BLM to check into conclusions he reached from tables and other information in the document. Headquarters is developing responses. **PENDING.**

***Reuters* - Oil & gas statistics (National):** Reporter Nichola Groom asked about the 2018 statistics, including why the number of overall leases dropped between 2017 and 2018 even though new leases increased during that time. She also asked about parcel protests, including who filed the protests and what led to the increase over the last four years. She was sent approved responses. **FINAL.**

***Bloomberg* - Oil & gas leasing (National):** Reporter Jennifer Dlouhy asked for BLM comment on various, critical assertions about oil and gas leasing on public lands, as made by the Center for American Progress. BLM Headquarters is coordinating a response. **PENDING.**

***Chilkat Valley News* - Chilkat River watershed lawsuit (National):** Reporter Sarah Chatta asked for comment on a litigation appeal by the Chilkat Indian Village and Earthjustice. The appeal concerns mining on the Chilkat River watershed. The BLM declined to comment due to pending litigation. **FINAL.**

***Reno Gazette Journal* - Burning Man Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** Reporter Jenny Kane asked about the status of issuing an EIS on the next ten years' worth of special recreation permits for the event. She was told that the BLM is currently analyzing comments that were received on the draft EIS and developing a final EIS for a target publication date of June 14. The reporter was also provided an overview of additional steps in the process. **FINAL.**

***KMSB-TV 11* (Fox, Tucson) - Law enforcement activity on the Ironwood Forest National Monument (AZ):** Reporter Dan Marries inquired about a video that shows law enforcement officers, including some from the BLM, pursuing a vehicle near the monument on May 20. The BLM provided the reporter information about the agency's partnership with the U.S. Border Patrol and other local law enforcement on an operation occurring on that date. The reporter was told to contact the Marana Police Department for booking information. **FINAL.**

***Arizona Cattlelog* - Interviews with range staff (AZ):** Editor Rick Bader requested an interview with a member of the range staff for an upcoming issue. He also asked for other BLM Arizona staff to be interviewed in the future, which will be scheduled. The interviews will focus on the work the staff do, and will be used for short bios in the magazine, which also features employees of various other agencies. **FINAL.**

***Topic.com* - Gold mining claims (National):** Writer Katherine LaGrave requested an interview to discuss gold prospecting and gold mining in the United States, including regulations. She was asked to send questions by email. **PENDING.**

***Las Vegas Review-Journal* - ATV death on public lands (NV):** Reporter Katelyn Newberg requested information about the May 4 death of an ATV rider on public land near Nellis Dunes. She was told that the BLM responded and located the victim, who was declared deceased on scene. The BLM told the reporter to contact the Clark County Coroner's Office for future questions. **FINAL.**

***American Archaeology* - Request for review (NM):** The BLM reviewed for accuracy a segment of an article about rock art sites in New Mexico and Arizona, specifically the Three Rivers Petroglyph Site in southern New Mexico. Editor Michael Bawaya requested the review. The publication did not reach out to BLM New Mexico while writing the article, which also includes such other national monuments and historic sites as Petroglyph, El Morro, Bandelier and Canyon de Chelly National Monuments. **FINAL.**

***Colorado Homes & Lifestyles Magazine* - Mohave Road trip guide (CA):** Reporter Alexis Whitley requested information for a road trip guide to the Mojave Road which stretches through the Mojave Trails National Monument. The BLM provided information about gateway communities, recreational opportunities, motorized recreation and tourism. **FINAL.**
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Hilary Zarin has declined this invitation.

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***Various media* - Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee (BENM MAC) meeting (UT):** Reporters on June 6 attended the BENM MAC meeting to cover the proceedings for broadcast, online, print, and long-form film outlets. In interviews, the BLM used approved talking points to discuss the role and purpose of the MAC, next steps in planning, and how the agencies will use the MAC's input. The agency expressed appreciation for the group's work. Reporters also interviewed the public, MAC members and other agencies without BLM involvement. Outlets included *The County Seat*, *San Juan Record*, *KSJD Radio* (NPR, Cortez, Colorado), *Free Range Report*, *Moab Sun News*, a filmmaker from New York University, and independent media outlets. **FINAL.**

***San Diego Union-Tribune* - Humanitarian water assistance along border (CA):** Reporter Kristina Davis requested information about humanitarian water drops authorized by the BLM on public lands along the California/Mexico border. The reporter was sent this approved statement: *"The Bureau of Land Management in California has permitted humanitarian water assistance to migrants along the U.S.-Mexico border since 2000. Most recently, in 2015 the BLM authorized Water Stations Inc., to maintain 50-gallon barrels of potable water at 400 locations on BLM-managed public lands in Imperial County. This BLM right-of-way authorization is for a 10-year term, ending in 2025. Currently, this is the only group authorized for such activity on BLM-managed public lands in California."* **FINAL.**

***SFGate* - Conditions on the Black Rock Playa (NV):** Reporter Amy Graff asked about conditions on the Black Rock Playa, where the annual Burning Man event occurs. She was told that the area is currently underwater due to snowmelt and spring flooding at nearby Quinn Lake. **FINAL.**

***Various media* - Proposed sites for recreational shooting (AZ):** Various media on June 6 called about the BLM's accepting public comments on a proposed shooting sports pilot project on public lands within the Arizona State Office's Phoenix District. The pilot will evaluate a variety of active management options to enhance access and safety. The BLM used a June 3 news release to answer questions. **FINAL.**
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