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Project Name: Ash Meadows Fish Conservation Facility Expansion

Round: 18 **Tab #:** 1

County: Nye, NV

Location: Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Nye County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: Fish and Wildlife Service

Funding Requested: \$2,413,409

Project Description:

The Fish and Wildlife Service will expand the Ash Meadows Fish Conservation Facility (AMFCF) located within the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Nye County, Nevada to further protect the only existing captive population of the federally-endangered Devils Hole pupfish and facilitate continued conservation and recovery of this species. Expansion will be the construction of two buildings. One building will expand the current facility's propagation room to provide additional space for captive breeding and rearing of the pupfish. The second building will provide a workshop area and fabrication space.

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Project Name: Colorado River Heritage Trail at Davis Dam

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County: Clark, NV, Mohave, AZ

Location: Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Mohave County, AZ and Clark County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: Bureau of Reclamation

Funding Requested: \$7,553,143

Project Description:

The Bureau of Reclamation will construct an accessible trail on top of Davis Dam; reconstruct the adjacent parking lot to address accessibility and better accommodate boat trailers and RVs; construct a safe fishing access point and an overlook on the Lake Mohave face of the dam; construct a trail to portage kayaks and canoes around the dam; install interpretive and wayfinding panels; and build crosswalks for public safety. This project stretches across the borders of Arizona and Nevada within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and will complete the Colorado River Heritage Trail System connectivity between both states; protect natural and cultural resources, improve public access to this highly visited area, and educate and engage the public to help protect the resource.

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Project Name: Crystal Spring Outflow Restoration and Improvements

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County: Nye, NV

Location: Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, in Nye County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: Fish and Wildlife Service

Funding Requested: \$4,916,279

Project Description:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will restore Crystal Spring outflow to improve listed species habitat as well as increase hunting opportunities in the area and upgrade Crystal Loop public access road to enhance visitor experiences at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge located in the Amargosa Valley, in Nye County, Nevada.

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Project Name: Garnet Hill Recreation Area

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County: White Pine, NV

Location: BLM public lands along Hwy-50 northwest of Ely in White Pine County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: Bureau of Land Management

Funding Requested: \$9,580,040

Project Description:

The Bureau of Land Management, Ely District, Bristlecone Field Office will complete a recreation area management plan, business plan, and travel management plan to combine two recreation areas (Garnet Hill and Egan Crest) into a single recreation area with a connected trail system northwest of Ely in White Pine County, Nevada. The project will modernize and expand existing recreational facilities to accommodate increased public visitation and ADA compliance; improve road access and designate motorized and non-motorized uses; and analyze fiscal benefits for a campground fee site.

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Project Name: Great Basin Park Housing

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County: White Pine, NV

Location: Great Basin National Park, near Baker in White Pine County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: National Park Service

Funding Requested: \$14,879,267

Project Description:

The National Park Service, Great Basin National Park proposes to design and construct new housing within the park's 80-acre site due to the lack of seasonal housing available for rent or purchase within a 60-mile radius. Housing construction includes 6 new buildings (28 bedrooms total), 6 full size RV sites with full hookups, and 2 support buildings. This project will provide much needed housing for long term staff and seasonal positions to improve outreach and better link people to recreational opportunities, educate and encourage people to connect with protected areas, and improve the quality of life for the local community.

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Project Name: Hoover Dam Observation Areas Enhancements

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County: Clark, NV, Mohave, AZ

Location: Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Mohave County, AZ and Clark County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: Bureau of Reclamation

Funding Requested: \$10,864,434

Project Description:

The Bureau of Reclamation will refurbish the Hoover Dam Visitor Center Observation Level finishes and fixtures, and enhance interpretive displays, accessibility and safety features of frequently visited-outdoor focused-public recreation areas. The Hoover Dam Visitor Center is located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, 35 miles southeast of Las Vegas, Nevada. This project will provide an accessible experience to all visitors that will enhance their understanding of the historical significance of Hoover Dam, its critical role in the settlement and development of the desert southwest, and its role in managing water and power in the region.

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Project Name: Hoover Dam Water Study

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County: Clark, NV

Location: Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Mohave County, AZ and Clark County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: Bureau of Reclamation

Funding Requested: \$10,917,894

Project Description:

The Bureau of Reclamation will develop a complete set of construction planning documents for a water system that incorporates existing facilities and infrastructure, and up to four additional public restroom locations on Bureau of Reclamation lands at Hoover Dam within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area to have shovel ready construction documents. These construction planning documents are required to seek funding for water system improvements including additional ADA/ABA accessible public restrooms and drinking water throughout the site to improve current and future visitor access and enjoyment.

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Project Name: Improvements for Upper Kyle Canyon Trails System and Parking

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County: Clark, NV

Location: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Spring Mountains NRA (25 miles NW of Las Vegas), in Clark County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: USDA Forest Service

Funding Requested: \$4,712,863

Project Description:

The Forest Service will implement improvements for the Upper Kyle Canyon Trail System located within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA) in Clark County, Nevada. The project will include the reconstruction of the Mary Jane Falls Trail and parking complex and survey authorized and unauthorized trails to determine areas of the Mary Jane Falls trail to reconstruct or reroute. This project will improve recreational access to the heaviest use area in the SMNRA and give visitors a more sustainable user outdoor experience.

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Project Name: Modernize Critical Interagency Communications Infrastructure and Systems

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County: Clark, NV

Location: Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Boulder City, Clark County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: National Park Service

Funding Requested: \$12,306,650

Project Description:

The National Park Service, as lead agency, with the Southern Nevada Agency Partnership, will modernize the Lake Mead Interagency Communications Center (LMICC) system to provide sustainable connectivity across southern Nevada and northwestern Arizona between dispatch and interagency conservation officers, agency staff and the public. This project will include upgrading 5 communication towers that feed into the LMICC within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada. LMICC relies on these communication site towers to accomplish its mission to provide life-saving support. The project will improve sustainability, connectivity and community by modernizing infrastructure and technology.

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Project Name: Mountain Springs Fire Complex

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County: Clark, NV

Location: Spring Mountain National Recreation Area (35 miles SW of Las Vegas) in Clark County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: USDA Forest Service

Funding Requested: \$17,141,320

Project Description:

FS will design and construct a new fire station complex adjacent to SR 160 to develop a permanent fire and public safety presence on the south and west sides of the SMNRA.

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Project Name: Red Rock Canyon Legacy Trail

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County: Clark, NV

Location: Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Clark County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: Bureau of Land Management

Funding Requested: \$63,090,580

Project Description:

The Bureau of Land Management, Southern Nevada District, Red Rock/Sloan Field Office will design and construct a nonmotorized multi-use trail system adjacent to State Routes (SR) 159 and 160 within the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA). The project will provide recreation opportunities for a broad range of non-motorized users including a safer link from SR159 to SR160; and serve as a community access trail with connections to key access points within the RRCNCA including the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, the Town of Blue Diamond, and other existing and planned trails systems in the Las Vegas Valley such as the proposed Vegas Valley Rim Trail.

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Project Name: Sloan Canyon Visitor Contact Station

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County: Clark, NV

Location: Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, in Henderson, Clark County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: Bureau of Land Management

Funding Requested: \$19,834,600

Project Description:

BLM will construct a contact station facility and associated amenities within the Sloan Canyon NCA. The facility will provide space for agency staff and indoor exhibits. There will be an outdoor amphitheater, fencing, a ½-mile interpretive hiking loop trail, and a control point where interpretive tours will take place to manage the Petroglyph Trail.

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Project Name: Upper Lake Dam Improvements on Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge

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County: Lincoln, NV

Location: Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge, in Lincoln County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: Fish and Wildlife Service

Funding Requested: \$4,884,472

Project Description:

The Fish and Wildlife Service will modernize aged, infrastructure at the Upper Lake in the Pahranaagat National Wildlife Refuge, which is responsible for receiving and holding the refuge's summer water rights used to maintain lacustrine (shallow open water wetlands) and palustrine (emergent vegetation wetlands) ecosystems. Modernizing water monitoring systems will increase the accuracy of developing water budgets and delivering water to needed wetland systems, further improving the water conservation measures.

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Project Name: Ward Mountain Bike Trail Project

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County: White Pine, NV

Location: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Ely Ranger District, White Pine County, NV.

Nominating Agency/Entity: USDA Forest Service

Funding Requested: \$2,069,322

Project Description:

The USDA Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Ely Ranger District will design and construct 40 miles of mountain bike trails including trailheads, parking, and access improvements within the Ward Mountain Trail System. This project will improve the outdoor recreation experience, improve visitor safety, contribute to the tourism economy, and contribute to the availability of recreational opportunities in White Pine County, Nevada.