### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**City of Henderson** 



### **Sloan Canyon Gateway Park**

Amount Requested: \$4,468,859

#### A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City of Henderson will develop Sloan Canyon Gateway Park for recreational and educational uses. The site consists of ±21 acres of BLM-administered public land and will require the City to apply pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act to lease the subject lands. The project is located on a low desert hill overlooking Inspirada neighborhood, north of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA), south of Democracy Drive, and west of Nawghaw Poa Road, in Henderson, Nevada; described within M.D.M., T. 23 S., R. 61 E., sec. 26.

After Sloan Canyon was designated by Congress as a National Conservation Area in 2002, the City opted to keep the land just north of the NCA public land with the Open Space and Trail Plan (2005). The West Henderson Desert Edges Plan (2006) provided further protection to the area, naming it a desert edge where only open space and very low-density development is allowed. Through partnerships with the BLM, the City is working to protect this area while also making the area more accessible for everyone to enjoy. The West Henderson Land Use Plan Update (2014) officially established the future development of the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park. The Park will provide aconnection for local residents, and the valley at large, to Sloan Canyon NCA.

The project will serve as the "buffer" between the built environment and the natural environment. This project consists of a 1-mile trail loop, a ½-mile loop glow trail with interpretive elements inspired by petroglyphs, wayside areas along the trail, and trail with multiple art sculptures of various sizes, a play area for children, a plaza and interpretive area, restroom, and a roadway with parking area. With the addition of these amenities, Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will serve the entire community in Southern Nevada by creating a more comfortable and easily accessible way to get outdoors and participate in recreational and educational activities. The Park facility will be recreational amenity that the entire valley can enjoy and will increase tourism to the area.

Once funding for this project is secured, the City will enter into the design process which will include compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, public outreach, updating the R&PP Lease, and cultural/environmental clearances. The project will involve the Native American Paiute Tribe throughout the entire process. After the design is finalized, the project will be advertised to bid for construction. After a contractor is selected and approved, construction will commence.

1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

The project will not be completed in phases, this is a stand-alone, viable project.

2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases:

The City of Henderson acknowledges if in the future another phase were to develop, there is no guarantee or expectation of funding.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- Goal 2: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The proposed project will promote these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below.

1. <u>Sustainability</u>: Sustainability is of utmost importance with this project. As development occurs in West Henderson, there is unique opportunity to develop an integrated parks and open space system, one that meets the community needs for parks, trails, and recreational facilities while also providing ecological benefits. Protected open space and parks provides habitatfor wildlife; stormwater collection and filtration; and protection of sensitive terrain, suchas steep slopes.

The Park will be designed to protect the existing natural resources with a low-impact design concept. During construction, if wildlife such as the endangered desert tortoise is found, construction will stop to allow them to relocate safely. Renewable energy sources such as solar and/or wind power will be taken into consideration for providing electricity for the lighting and other provided amenities. Additional measures will be taken to reduce the risk of human caused fires. This project will make Sloan Canyon an area future generation of Nevadans can enjoy for years to come.

2. <u>Connectivity</u>: Sloan Canyon Gateway Park is being proposed following connectivity recommendationsfollowing the City of Henderson's 2005 Open Space and Trails Plan and the 2006 West Henderson Desert Edges Pangoals. This project will ensure integration with the existing and planned parks, trails, and open space system that builds upon the subarea's proximity to Sloan Canyon NCA system of natural washes and planned regional trails such as the Las Vegas Valley Rim Trail.

The park project will provide a connection to Sloan Canyon NCA and will act as a symbolic entryway ensuring that the proposed trails are connected to the already existing trail along Nawghaw Poa Road and the planned Sloan Canyon Visitor Center Contact Station. The prospective new trails include a 1-mile-long loop natural path and a ½-mile loop glow trail with educational, cultural, and artistic elements. We will work with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff to ensure there is connection between the park and the conservation area and that there is minimal impact on surrounding federal lands. The valley will have a more direct connection to the National Conservation Area via the Gateway Park making it an area all can enjoy.

The park users will also be connected with the natural environment. It is more evident now how important being outdoors, and specifically in nature, is for people. The projectwill provide the connections as well as provide an educational component to it.

3. <u>Community:</u> The Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will have a direct impact to approximately 31,282 residents within a 3-mile radius. The project is located in West Henderson, an area

of significant growth after 3,500 acres of BLM land was annexed to the City of Henderson in 2006. West Henderson is considered a premier destination for economic development and livable neighborhoods, and it is anticipated that the proposed park project along with the planned visitor center, will be a major benefit not only to the adjacent community but the Las Vegas Valley as a tourist destination. Population is forecasted to continue to grow. Despite being currently predominantly White, the community is already showing signs of diversification with 16% Asian, 11% Hispanic, and 5% African American. Unemployment of 4.2% and persons living in poverty of 5.1% are lower when compared to the City overall of 33%.

As the area continues to grow, the project will serve as a transition between the built and the natural environment. The project will provide more accessibility to Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area while also educating the community on the importance of preservation and conservation of the natural landscape and resources that surrounds the City limits in the south western edge including North McCullough Wilderness, nativeflora and fauna, and existing historic petroglyphs.

The addition of public art, interpretive areas, and play area will connect Southern Nevadans with the land in unique ways. We will work with the local Native American Paiute Tribe to ensure the educational and cultural components are accurate. This project will provide additional parking as well, as current parking at the visitor center is limited. With the addition of the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park, people of all ages and various physical abilities will now be able to enjoy Nevada's Mojave Desert.

#### C. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The City of Henderson, in consultation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), will obtain a public land lease pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose Act, and construct the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park to provide users of all ages a better connection to the planned visitor center at the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA). The park will be north of the NCA on public lands and will expand upon and add trails, provide additional recreational amenities, and further protect the area for public enjoyment. These new amenities include trails with interpretive elements inspired by petroglyphs, multiple art sculptures, a children's play area, a plaza and interpretive area, a restroom, and a roadway with parking. This project will provide the public with an experience that connects them to nature, serves as an educational outlet, and is mindful of the environment. It will also increase accessibility to Sloan Canyon NCA for all to enjoy the unique topography and petroglyphs found in this site.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. \*Primary Deliverables:
  - a. Design and construct a 21-acre park
  - b. Design and construct 1-mile (6 ft. wide) of natural surface trail
  - c. Design and construct 1/2-mile (10 ft. wide) of glow trail
  - d. Design and construct a solar lighted parking area (6,720SF) with 23 total parking

spaces with 3 accessible parking spaces, with asphalt road (22,980SF) to parking lot

- e. Installation of 3 to10 public art sculptures, size will vary based on artist (min. 6' to 15' tall and 6' to 15' wide, exact artwork size and configuration is contingent on design)
- f. Installation of 2 to5 natural play equipment with safety surfacing
- g. Design and installation of 10 to20 interpretive elements along the natural surface trail
- h. Design and construction of a 617-foot-long trail from Nawghaw Poa Road to the plaza and interpretive area of the park site
- i. Installation of a green restroom facility at the trailhead (appx. 150 SF with 1flushing toilet , 1 sink, and1 drinking fountain) without utilities
- j. Installation of 5 to 10 trash receptacles
- k. Installation of 5 to 10 recycle receptacles
- 1. Installation of 4 to 6 picnic tables
- m. Installation of 10 to 15 benches
- n. Installation of 2 to 4 dog waste receptacles
- o. Installation of 2 bicycle racks of 46SF that can hold between 15 to 20 bicycles total
- p. Installation of 1 shade structure (20'x20' min.)
- q. Design and construction of a plaza and interpretive area (approx. 20,000 SF)
- r. Install solar lighting for the plaza and interpretive area
- s. Install 1 permanently affixed security camera
- t. Landscape restoration (restore areas to natural desert environment) near trail,  $\pm 2-3$  acres
- u. Plant salvage and re-planting of existing on-site plant material,  $\pm$  2-3 acres (invasive plant species will not be used in the park landscaping)

\*All amenities proposed are project specific and will be permanent fixtures of the project. Some of the amenities where ranges are provided, are contingent upon the final results of the design, public scoping, and final cost estimates at the time the design is completed.

- 2. <u>Anticipated Deliverables</u>: (inclusion will be based on final planning, design, cost estimates, public scoping, or other studies, analyses, or reports. Prior approval is required)
  - a. Utilities for restroom if complete green concept cannot be used (approx. 1,500' LF for water and sewer)
  - b. Enhancement of glow trail (2,000-5,000 SF)
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
  - b. Public scoping with affected stakeholders
  - c. Developing scopes of work for contracts
  - d. Preliminary design of the trail and amenities
  - e. R&PP Lease application process/update (~18-month process)
  - f. Surveys as necessary for trail construction
  - g. Final design of the trail and amenities
  - h. Submitting and obtaining management approval of project documents
  - i. Culture/environmental clearances
  - j. Specialist's review of project documents
  - k. Construction phase

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 35.9258°, -115.131°

Congressional District(s): NV-3

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The City of Henderson proposes the project will be completed within 5 years from the date of the awarded SNPLMA financial instrument (assistance agreement).

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\boxtimes$  Yes -or-  $\square$  No

This proposal, if funded, is prepared to move forward with design and construction within the five-year timeframe. The City has looked into project site costs and estimates and has outlined a conceptual design plan. The project will include the necessary compliance with Section 106 as well as if there are any requirements from the Nevada Department of Wildlife. The R&PP reference number is NV96876.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Operations and maintenance for this project will be performed by existing city staff using existing equipment. Estimated maintenance and operation costs are \$23,000 annually. Maintenance would include regular trash cleanup, trail cleanup, and as-needed trail surface maintenance. This project was presented to and accepted by the City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Board on October 6, 2021. Then, the Mayor and members of the Henderson City Council reviewed and approved the proposal during the City Council meeting held on October 19, 2021 and committed to any future operation and maintenance costs when the project is completed. Upon completion of the project, it would be a candidate for trail cleanups.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

The City of Henderson is seeking \$4,468,859 in SNPLMA funding to implement and complete the proposed project.

#### Partnership and/or Contributed Funds:

The City of Henderson will provide an in-kind contribution of staff time (salary plus fringe benefit costs) in the amount of \$137,254. The City is committed to applying this in-kind contribution per commitment letter dated November 5, 2021 as enclosed. The time includes a Park Planner involved with the project from its design inception through construction completion. The hourly rate for a Park Planner is \$51.38. These contributedfunds will be outlined in the assistance agreement as a non-federal funding resource and will be tracked and reported by the City consistent with the 2 CFR 200.

#### J. KEY CONTACTS

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#### GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY Total 6. Object Class Categories (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) SNPLMA - Sloan City of Henderson Canyon Gateway Park match funds \$ 438,650.00 \$ 101,527.00 \$ \$ \$ 540,177.00 a. Personnel b. Fringe Benefits 154,360.00 35,727.00 190,087.00 c. Travel d. Equipment e. Supplies f. Contractual 3,801,048.00 0.00 3,801,048.00 g. Construction h. Other \$ i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h) 4,394,058.00 137,254.00 4,531,312.00 \$ j. Indirect Charges 74,801.00 74,801.00 \$ \$ 4,468,859.00 \$ 137,254.00 \$ \$ 4,606,113.00 k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j) \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 7. Program Income

#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

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#### K. RANKING CRITERIA

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

### A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: The Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will provide access to Sloan Canyon NCA. The <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-mile long Glow Trail will connect Southern Nevada residents to the park via Democracy Drive. Nawghaw Poa Road will provide connection from the trail that runs along the east side of the road and further south from the Natural Path trailhead. This project will serve as the symbolic entry point to Sloan Canyon NCA and will provide direct access to the Visitor Center Contact Station. The trails, bike path, and play area are a few of the recreational activities the community will get to enjoy. The closest community, Inspirada, just north of the proposed park will have a close connection to the natural beauty of the Mojave Desert.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: The petroglyphs found in Sloan Canyon NCA are a well-known and culturally significant site. People from all over the world visit to see the more than 300 rock art panels from Native American cultures dating back to the Archaic historical era. The park will have a positive impact on the local economy from the increased tourism to Sloan Canyon NCA and will assist with diversifying the valley's economy. The park will also offer events, guided tours, and educational programs forall ages.

There will be an opportunity to partner with Sloan Canyon for educational programs which in turn promotes community outreach.

#### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Answer: Sloan Canyon is one of the most unique sites in western region of the United States. The nearly 1,700 petroglyphs and 300 rock art panels are unique and culturally significant that provide a glimpse into the Archaic Era. Moreover, Sloan Canyon NCA houses 14,763 acres of the North McCullough Wilderness. The plant and wildlife species of the Mojave Desert are delicate and in need of any additional protection that can be provided. This project will not only expand upon the protected area but will also make Sloan Canyon accessible to more people. They will learn about the culturally significant petroglyphs, species, and rock formations before they enter the National Conservation Area. Educating the public on what makes the area unique will be important and with the knowledge they will become stewards. The views in Sloan Canyon are picturesque and a truly unique phenomenon and a site thatshould be protected for future Nevadans to enjoy.

#### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Answer: With the addition of the 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-miles of trails, the Sloan Canyon Gateway Parkwill assist with improving public health concerns by giving the community additionalforms of exercise. People will be encouraged to get outdoors to walk, run, and bike while learning important historical and ecological facts about the Mojave Desert. Children will have a place to play, and adults will have additional recreational activities they can enjoy. Safety is an important aspect of this project as well. The proximity of the park to the Inspirada community will act as a natural surveillance and the addition of the lighting system will deter nefarious activities from occurring.Furthermore, City of Henderson Parks and Recreation staff will monitor the area closely.

### E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: The Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will provide increased access to recreational activities that disenfranchised communities are not typically able to enjoy. The City of Henderson is committed to ensuring all citizens are within a 10- minute walk to a park and/or natural area such as Sloan Canyon, and, within that 10- minute walk of the proposed park, a little over 38% of the population identifies as non-white. This project will provide amenities for a treasured outdoor space closer to where people reside. The City will continue to work with community organizations that gets underserved children outdoors as well as the Clark County School District (CCSD) to ensure all children have the same access to open spaces. The park will increase equity because of the welcoming nature the amenities will provide for peoplefrom all over the valley from all different backgrounds to enjoy.

The park will also provide the recreational amenities within a natural setting closer. The park will be a gateway between the built and natural environments, and this is anadvantage as it provides a sense of security and comfort for those who do not wish to befurther out in the natural elements.

2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.

## A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: This project will **enhance the community** because people that have access to **open space** generally have a better quality of life. The Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project will provide additional access to open spaces and more opportunities forcitizens to get outdoors and participate in **recreational activities** such as walking, hiking, and biking. The park will have amenities that include a parking area, a restroom, and a play area so more people feel safe and comfortable visiting the area. The **cultural** and **historical** petroglyphs in Sloan Canyon NCA are a salient aspect of the area and will be highlighted throughout the park, with interpretive and artistic elements along the trails. The City will work with the Moapa Band of Paiutes to ensure accuracy of the interpretive elements. Additionally, there will also be signage throughout the park and along the trails that

**educates** visitors on the wildlife and unique geography they are sure to encounter. Finally, protection of the **environment** is important and there will be as minimal disturbance to the land as possible to protect plants and wildlife. This park will connect residents and all people within the valley with a truly awe-inspiring place.

## B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: Creating additional recreation opportunities is an important design element for the park. The proposed  $1-\frac{1}{2}$  miles of trails will not only increase access to the areafor people of all ages and physical abilities but will also enhance conservation stewardship within the community with the educational interpretive elements, the artwork, and the biodiversity people will experience. The park will create a special connection between the area and people that might otherwise not be able to gain exposure of natural areas.

## C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: Sustainability will be woven into every aspect of the design. Renewable energy sources such as solar and/or wind power will be utilized for the lighting and other amenities. Restroom facilities that may consist of composting toilets and/or have their own water source will be considered as well to reduce the parks disturbance footprint. There will be as little disturbance to the land as possible during construction. The design will be thoughtful to use already disturbed areas to layout the trail and will ensure the least amount of disturbance to existing plant material. Any disturbed plant material will be salvaged and re-planted on-site to reinforce the natural beauty of the site. Signs that are clearly delineated and trails that are well paved will keep people within the recreation areas as to not disturb the surrounding land. Educational signage will be included with topics such as protection of flora and fauna, carbon footprint, and the importance of not disturbing the untouched natural environment (desert pavement). Construction will stop if there any desert tortoises arefound, to allow them to relocate safely. Only native plant species will be considered for landscaping and nonnative/water intensive species will not be used. The low- impact design of the park will minimize degradation to the local ecosystem.

# D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: This project will create additional quality recreational activities and foster a better appreciation for the Mojave Desert. Jackrabbit, Desert Kangaroo Rat, Desert Tortoise, Chuckwalla, Coyote, Kit Fox, Roadrunner, Desert Bighorn Sheep, Bobcat, Mountain Lion, Quail, and even bats, are just a handful of the wildlife that can be found in the Sloan Canyon area. Residents will be able to walk, hike, and bike in thescenic area and might be able to catch a glimpse of the wildlife too. The educational and cultural components along the trails will teach people why the area is so important to preserve. Children will have an opportunity to learn about the land intheir own backyard which

will help create environmental stewards at an early age.

3. **<u>CONNECTIVITY</u>**: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

# A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: The project will provide connections to existing trails, parks, and federal lands. These include, but are not limited to:

- Sloan Canyon NCA
- McCullough Hills Trail
- Anthem Hills Trail
- Shadow Canyon Trail
- NV Energy Trail
- McCullough Wilderness Area
- Aventura Park
- Esselmont Park
- Madeira Canyon Park
- Potenza Park
- Trails within the Inspirada Community

# B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

Answer: This project is part of the flowing local and regional plans:

- City of Henderson Comprehensive Plan
- City of Henderson Open Space & Trails Plan
- City of Henderson Parks and Trail Master Plan
- City of Henderson Master Transportation Plan

# C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: The Sloan Canyon Gateway Park is imperative in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas because the park will have a direct connection to already existing trails and a direct connection to Sloan Canyon NCA. At this moment in time, the main way to access Sloan Canyon is via Nawghaw Poa Road. The park will serve as a symbolic and practical entrance to the National Conservation Area with additional parking and trails. Staff will work with BLM to ensure there is a direct and easy connection.

## D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: One of the main components of the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will be the educational and interpretive elements along the trails. The educational elements will describe the natural wildlife and plant species visitors are sure to encounter and the

unique geological features. The interpretive elements will teach visitors the importance of the rock art and other cultural components that are found in Sloan Canyon. This park will literally and figuratively be a bridge to the National Conservation Area.

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project will encourage typically under engaged communities because there will activities for people from all backgrounds to enjoy. The proposed play areas are a great way for youth and children to interact with the area and the well paved trails will inspire older and people with disabilities to reconnect with nature. Accessibility is an important aspect of the project and ensuring everyone is comfortable is crucial. Everyone, no matter their socioeconomic status, deserves an opportunity to connect with nature. The park will be a short walk away from the closest community, and only 3.2-miles away from one of the city's lowincome communities in downtown Henderson.

4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.

## A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: The projected deliverables for the project include the natural surface trail, glow trail, restrooms, playground area, parking lot, shade structures, signage, site amenities, art elements, park appurtenances, and landscape. The project, when complete, will provide a park with recreational opportunities and an inviting environment to enjoy the outdoors for the residents of the Valley.

The proposed budget of \$4,468,859.00 is reasonable for a project of this magnitude and in today's industry. The proposed project is a stand-alone project.

## B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: Within <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-mile or a 10-minute walk, there is an estimated population of 262 residents and within a 3-mile radius, there is an estimated population of 31,282 residents. The park would provide a direct benefit to these communities. Inspirada and Anthem, which are the closest residential communities to Sloan Canyon NCA, both are within a 5-mile radius of the area. The park would also benefit the underserved communities such as the residents that live in Downtown Henderson,

which is only 3.2 miles, or a 10-minute drive, from the proposed project. The park will provide a more direct and easier path to Sloan Canyon.

# C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: The City of Henderson continues to explore strategies to minimize costs of construction, operations, and maintenance. The strategies are incorporated in the design of this project. The trail will include the minimum necessary elements to ensure a safe and usable trail while using materials and components intended to minimize operations and maintenance expenses. The use of the existing natural landscape, locating amenities to reduce maintenance labor, and the potential use of existing social trails (if safe and if they meet City of Henderson standards) to reduce disturbance of the natural area will minimize future maintenance. Materials for the amenities would be of material that is able to withstand the environment of the desert Southwest. The project, although a site of approximately 21 acres, will only disturb a fraction of the site, this supports the core value of sustainability.

# D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

Answer: The City of Henderson will provide an in-kind contribution of staff time in the amount of \$137,254.00. The time includes a Park Planner involved with the project from its design inception through construction completion. The hourly rate for a Park Planner is \$51.38. The project would be a candidate for trail cleanups. Trail cleanups are made up of volunteer groups and would offset maintenance costs.

# E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will use sustainable and cost-effective methods such as solar and/or wind energy. The materials used for the project will be good quality, effective, but economical. The City will ensure that all amenities provided are comfortable, safe, and functional. The City standards include amenities to reduce operations and maintenance costs.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

#### A. Executive Orders (EO):

1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands

#### to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk

Answer: Yes, the project supports EO No. 13855 by taking the proper measures to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires in Sloan Canyon.

## 2. EO No. 14004: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

Answer: Yes, the project supports EO No. 14004 because the City will contract with American workers and the park will be staffed by American workers.

#### B. Secretarial Orders

#### 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3347 because the purpose of the park is to conserve Sloan Canyon while educating the public on stewardship of the land. There will be opportunities for field trips for school children and community led events. The park also provides additional outdoor recreation for walking, hiking, and biking.

#### 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3356 because outdoor recreation opportunities will be provided. Although hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting are not a part of these activities, wildlife conservation is at the forefront of this project. The City is committed to protecting the native animal and plant species in the area. Coordination with Native American Tribes is important for this project, as the main attraction for Sloan Canyon are the nearly 1,700 petroglyphs from Native cultures dating back to the Archaic Era.

## 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3362 because the project seeks to protect native animals in the area.

#### 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3366 because the addition of the trails will increase recreational opportunities for all people to enjoy, no matter their age or physical ability.

## 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3370 because the park will provide betteraccess to Sloan Canyon. The planned trails, parking lot, and amenities such as a restroom and play areas will make the area a space everyone can enjoy and create aconnection between the urban environment and the natural environment.

#### 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO. No. 3372 because the City will take measures to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires through active land management. City of Henderson Parks and Recreation staff will monitor the area.

#### 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition).

Answer: SO No. 3373 does not apply to this project.

#### 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3374 because the project will provide access to recreational opportunities for the public to enjoy. Conserving the open space today will allow future generations to enjoy the natural beauty and explore the wonders of the area, and be immersed in nature.

# 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3376 because although the use of electric bikes is not permitted on the project trails at this time, there will be bicycle parking at the trailhead for those who choose to ride to the project for hiking.

#### C. Department of the Interior Priorities:

1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: Yes, the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will use solar and/or wind energy to power the lighting in the parking lot and around the trails and other proposed amenities. This will help reduce reliance on unrenewable energy resources such as natural gas.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: Yes, City of Henderson staff is committed to working with the Native American Paiute Tribe to ensure the educational and cultural components are accurately represented. We recognize the important history the Tribal Nations have with Sloan Canyon NCA.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: Yes, Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will create jobs through the associated construction and maintenance of the park. The jobs are in line with the Administration's goal of creating family-supporting jobs that have a focus on conservation.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: Yes, the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will assist with the goal of conserving 30% of our lands by the year 2030. This project will protect 21 acres of land north of Sloan Canyon NCA for future generations of Nevadans to enjoy. Of the 21 acres, most will be left undeveloped and preserved.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: Yes, Sloan Canyon Gateway Park centers equity and environmental justice by creating additional outdoor space for communities of color to enjoy. The City of Henderson has become more racially and economically diverse within the past ten years. This park will service the more than 37% of nonwhite residents and the more than 14% of residents that are 65 years old and older. Additionally, the City enjoys partnerships with local nonprofit organizations that focus on getting low-income and children of color

outdoors. These partnerships are demonstrated with attached letters of support from BLM, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Friends of Sloan Canyon, Get Outdoors Nevada, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Nevada Conservation League, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, Sierra Club, and Nature Conservancy. The addition of the park will make Sloan Canyon more accessible to these children while teaching them the importance of protecting our natural areas.

#### D. Forest Service Priorities:

#### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: Yes, the City of Henderson is committed to ending the COVID-19 pandemic and just recently won an award from the American Planning Association for the proactive handling of the epidemic. During construction, Staff will follow all CDC, state, and local guidelines. This will also serve as an outdoor spacewhere people can safely socially distance.

#### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: Yes, this project will help provide economic relief by creating job opportunities for Southern Nevadans. This project will also offer free and reduced services and programs to those in need.

#### 3. Tackling climate change

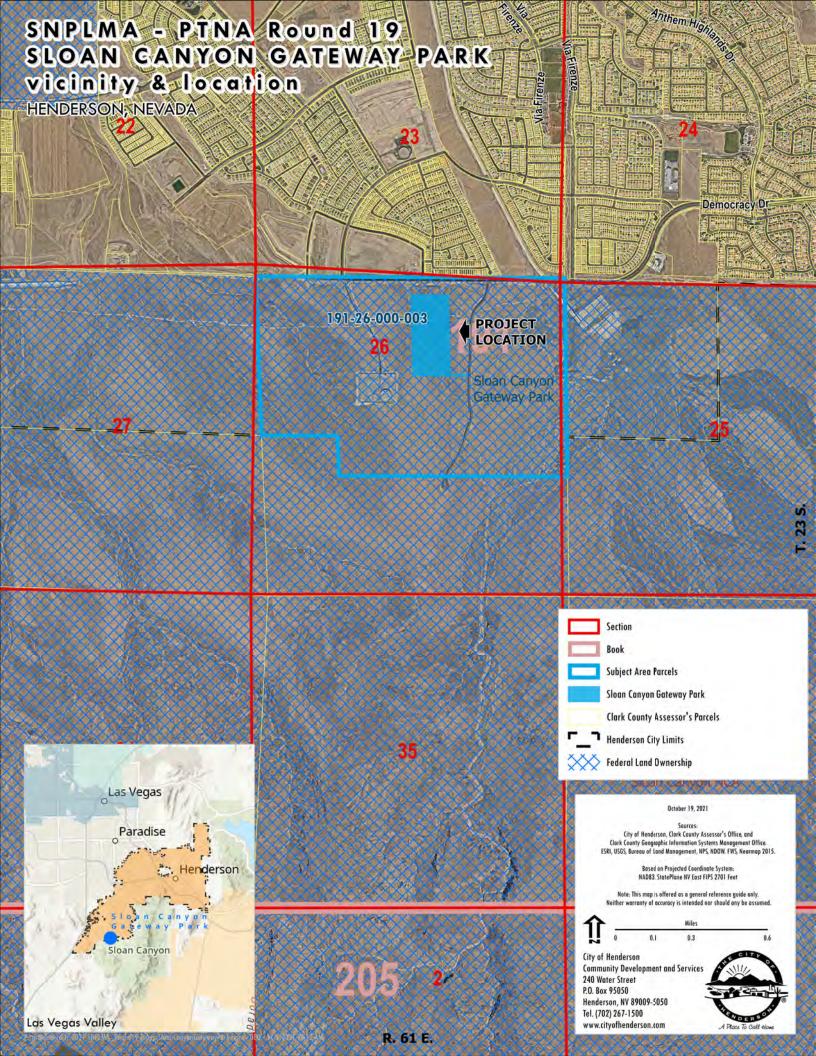
Answer: Yes, Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will further protect our natural areas, reduce urban sprawl, and use renewable energy sources. Preserving our natural areas from intense development is an important factor in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The project will use renewable energy for lighting, native plant material to eliminate irrigation needs, and disturb the least amount of the site as possible to reduce the carbon footprint.

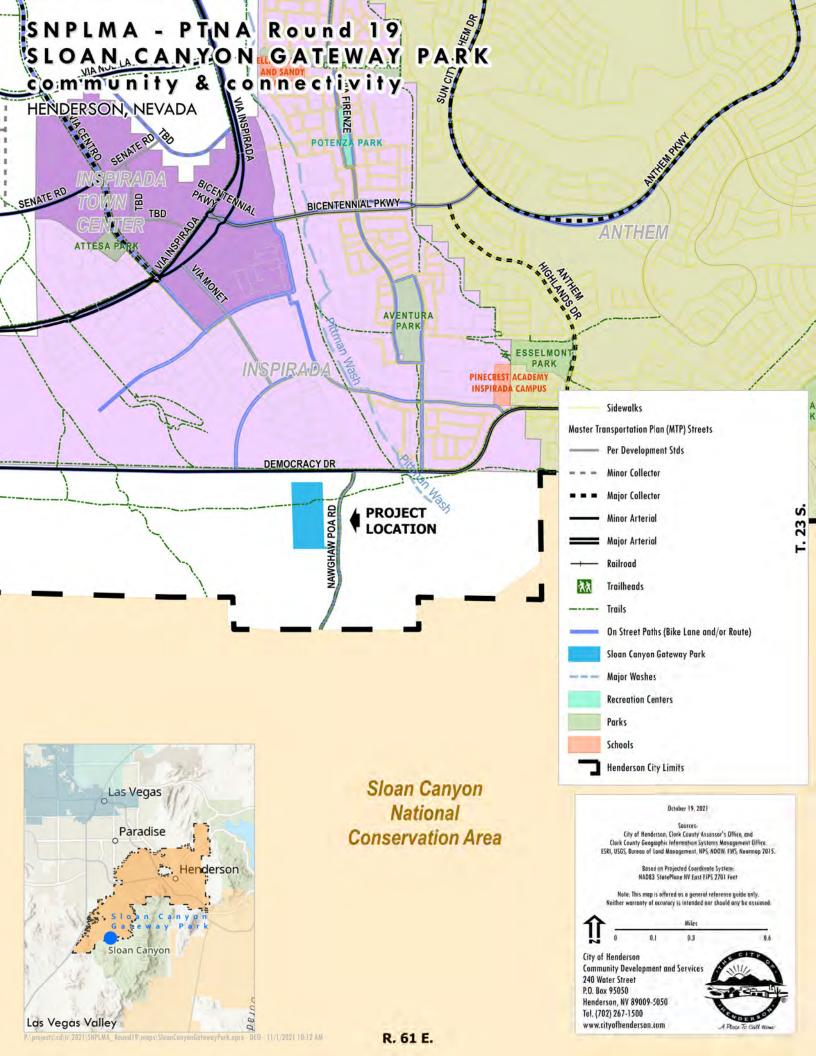
#### 4. Advancing racial equity

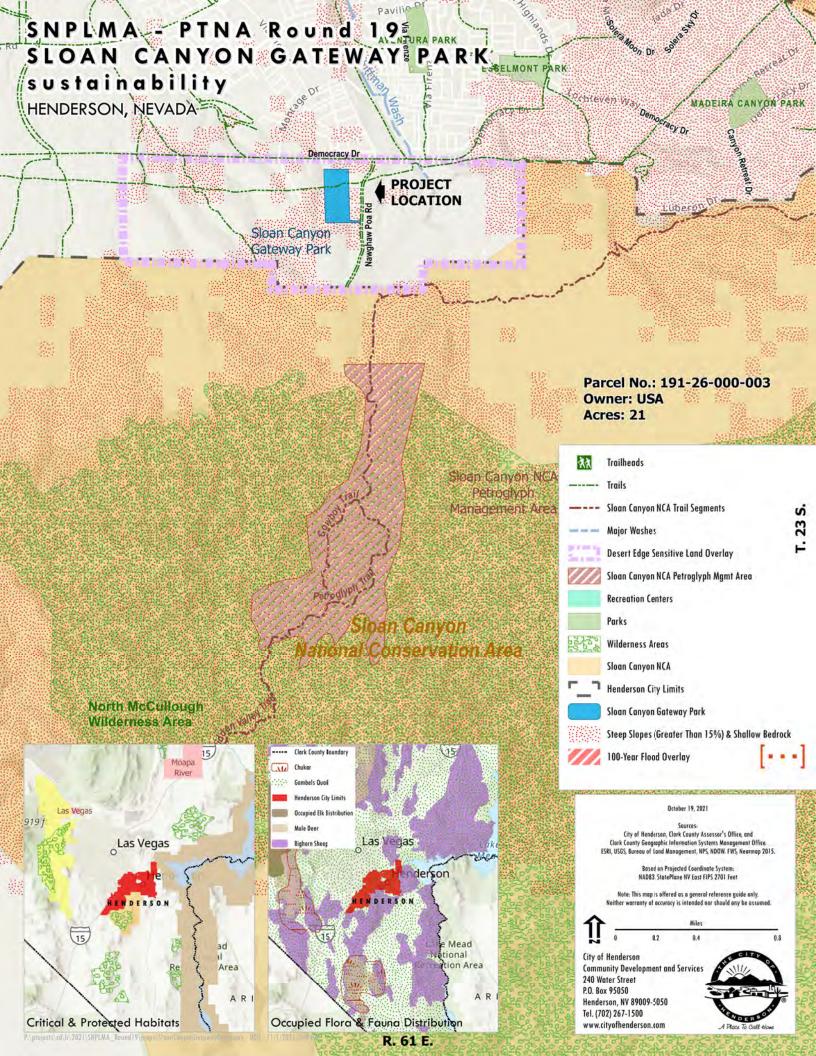
Answer: Yes, Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will advance racial equity by providing all residents, no matter their racial background or socioeconomic status, a place where they can enjoy outdoor activities and recreation.

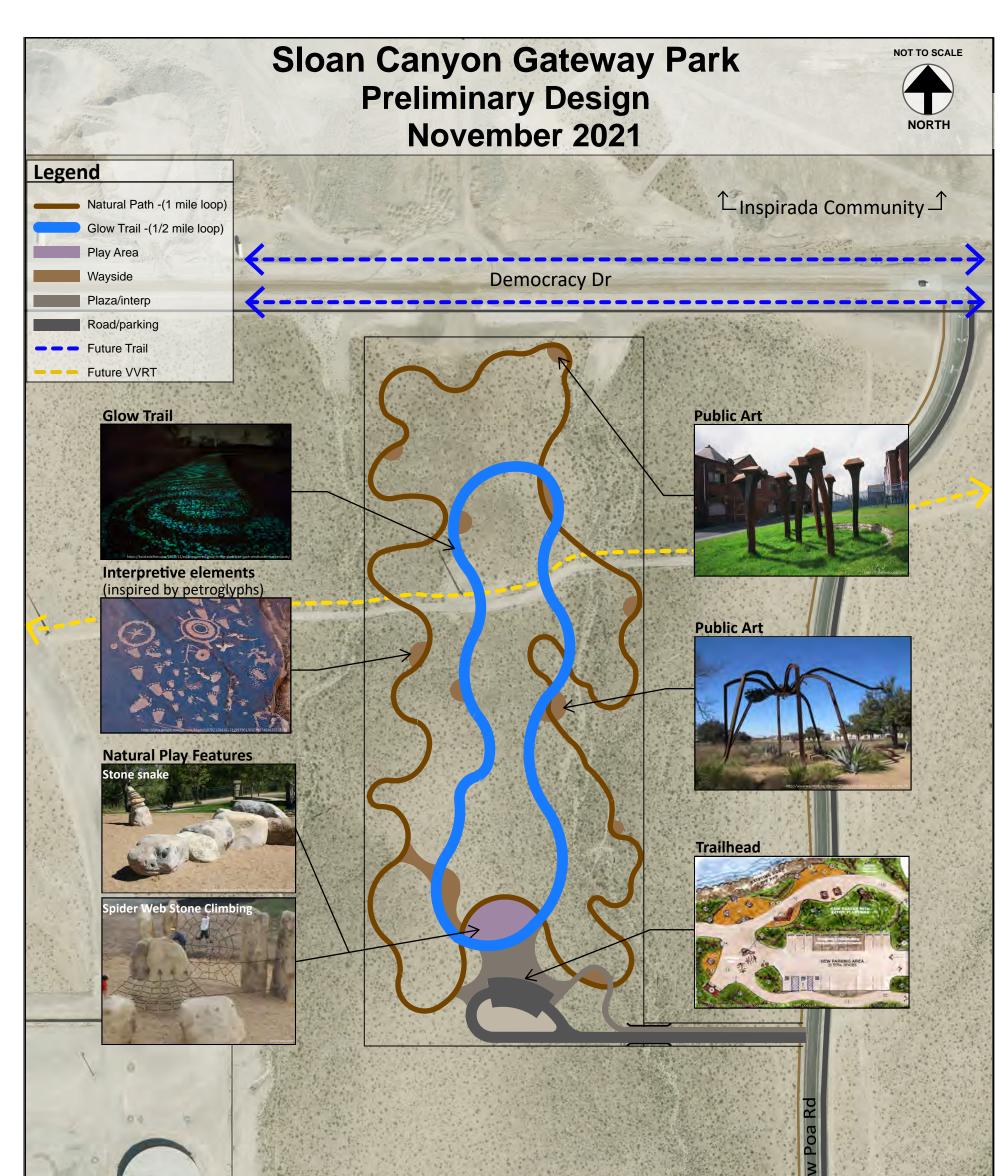
#### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

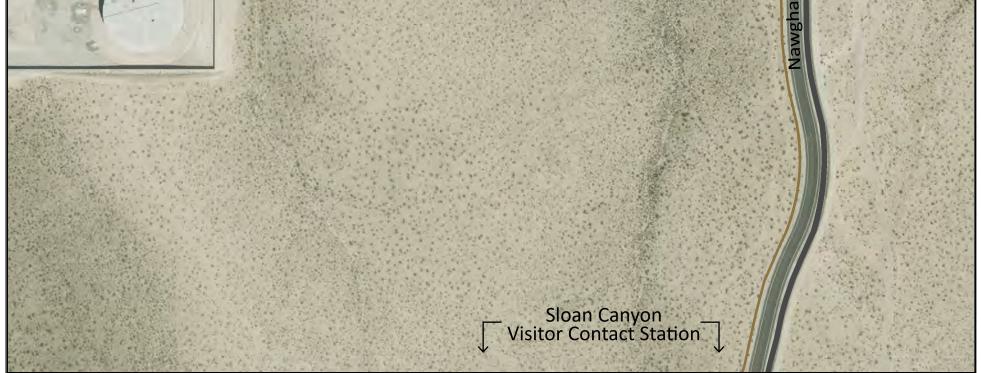
Answer: Yes, Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will be an opportunity for the workforce to have a natural area to enjoy. Getting outdoors improves quality of life which, in turn, improves our workforce and work environment.











#### Scenic Views:

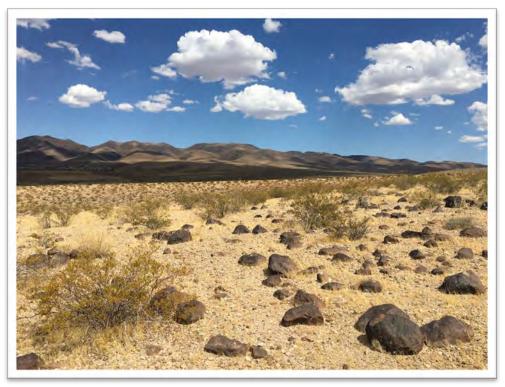


Figure 1: A picturesque view of the McCullough Wilderness Area



Figure 2: A scenic view showing volcanic rocks found in Sloan Canyon NCA

#### Social Trails:



Figure 3: A social trail that runs through Sloan Canyon NCA



Figure 4: Yucca Trees is one of the many diverse types of plants that are found in Sloan Canyon NCA. Hikers can get an up close and personal view of the biodiversity found here.

#### **Mojave Desert Plants:**



Figure 5: A collection of flora found in Sloan Canyon NCA



Figure 6: A collection of flora on a rocky hillside

#### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Sloan Canyon Gateway Park

### **Performance Measures**

SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 1: Sustain the Quality of the Outdoor Environment by Conserving, Preserving, and Restoring Natural and Cultural Resources				
Performance Measures for Habitat Enhancement	Definition of Performance Measure	Quantity		
H9 - Acres of Invasive Plant Species Treated or Restored	*Report the number of acres of weed infestation treated with chemical, mechanical, physical, or biological control agents for the purpose of weed control. Includ acres treated by fire when fire is used as a physical control agent for weed control rather than as a hazard fuels treatment. Each acre treated is counted only onc during the life of the project, no matter how many re- treatments occurred during the project. *Report to the nearest whole acre.	<ul> <li>areas to natural desert environment) near trail,</li> <li>2-3 acres of plant salvage and re-planting of existing on-site plant material (invasive plant species will not be used in the park landscaping)</li> </ul>		
SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment				
Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity		
<b>R2</b> - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. * <i>Report to the</i> <i>nearest whole acre.</i>	21 acres of new park		
R3- Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	<ul> <li>*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6.</li> <li>*Report each facility or structure as one unit.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>1 approximately 20,000SF plaza</li> <li>1 20' x 20' min shade structure</li> <li>1 6,720SF parking lot w/20 parking spaces and 3 ADA parking spaces</li> <li>2 to 5 natural play equipment w/safety surfacing</li> <li>5 to 10 trash receptacles</li> <li>4 to 6 picnic tables</li> <li>10 to 15 benches</li> <li>2 to 4 dog waste receptacles</li> <li>2 bike racks ±46SF for 15 to 20 bike capacity</li> <li>1 permanently affixed security camera</li> <li>If green concept restroom cannot be completed; then alternatively, 1ea 150SF green restroom facility with a flushing toilet, sink, and drinking fountain with utilities. ±1,500LF water &amp; sewer</li> </ul>		

R4- Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. * <i>Report to the nearest whole</i> <i>mile</i> .	<ul> <li>1-mile 6 foot wide of natural surface trail</li> <li>1/2-mile 10 foot wide of glow in the dark trail</li> <li>0.2 mile (617 feet long) 10 foot wide of trail with access from Nawghaw Poa Road</li> </ul>
<b>R6</b> – PTNA Rights of Way or Easements	* <b>Report the acres of rights of way or easements</b> <b>acquired</b> for a PTNA project.* <i>Report to the nearest</i> <i>whole acre.</i>	N/A

SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community			
Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity	
<b>O1</b> - Number of Hazardous Sites Remediated	*Report the number of hazardous sites where remediation actions are completed. Actions to be included are: removal of safety hazards, clean-up operations, restoration actions, and water quality remediation actions. Do not report temporary remediation measures. *Report each site as one unit. When applicable, also report total weight of trash removed during clean-up operations.	N/A	
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.* <i>Report each item produced as one</i> <i>unit</i> .	<ul> <li>10 to 20 interpretive elements along the natural surface trail</li> <li>3 to 10 public art sculptures, min. 6' to 15' tall and 6' to 15' wide (exact artwork size and configuration is contingent on design)</li> </ul>	
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable.*Report each building or facility as one unit	<ul> <li>1±150SF green restroom facility w/ a flushing toilet, sink &amp; drinking fountain w/out utilities</li> <li>Solar lighting for parking lot and plaza area</li> <li>5 to 10 recycle receptacles</li> </ul>	



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 http://www.blm.gov/nevada

In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Ms. Alejandra Fazekas, AICP Principal Planner Community Development and Services Department City of Henderson 240 Water Street Henderson, Nevada, 89009 Email: Alejandra.Fazekas@cityofhenderson.com

Dear Ms. Fazekas:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of Henderson (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Sloan Canyon Gateway Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a gateway park to the planned Visitor Contact Station at the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area. The park will include amenities such as an approximate 1.0-mile-long natural path, a 0.5-mile-long trail with interpretive elements, wayside exhibits, a play area for children, plaza and interpretive area, restrooms, and parking, with access from the existing Nawghaw Poa Road. The proposed project is located generally at the intersection of Democracy Drive and Nawghaw Poa Road within M.D.M., T. 23 S., R. 61 E., sec. 26.

The Park proposal is on BLM-administered public land and will require the City to submit a complete application pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act to lease the subject lands. Please include a joint selection letter with the application. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. A new R&PP lease will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation needed consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Bear in mind that the minimum amount of time to process a R&PP application is 18 months or more.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. An initial assessment of the

project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Cornerstone Park Phase III</u> – This proposal is to design and develop complementary components to the existing park. Planned additions to the Cornerstone Park include a vehicular bridge, dog park, floating fountain, plaza space, connection to the Harry Reid UPPR Trail, sensory garden, play area, restrooms, parking, shaded picnic areas, and landscaping. The proposed additions are generally located adjacent to the existing Cornerstone Park at the intersection of Stephanie Street and Wigwam Parkway withing M.D.M., Township 22 S., R. 62 E., sec. 16. The project area is approximately 18 acres. The proposal is on lands owned by the City.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey may not be required because of pre-existing ground disturbance. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Downtown Park Renovation</u> – This proposal is to complete renovations to the existing Downtown Park to provide the public with a park with relevant amenities. The Park will include amenities such as a new pool and pool building, shade structures, shaded play areas, dog park, restrooms, splash pad, pickleball courts, plaza with art components, floor hockey court and other amenities. The proposed project is generally located at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Van Wagenen Street within M.D.M., T. 22 S., R. 63 E., sec. 8. The project area is approximately 3.0 acres on lands owned by the City.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey will not be required because of pre-existing ground disturbance. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Russell Road Recreation Complex</u>– This proposal is to remove a barrier within the existing park to enhance the user experience. The proposed project will convert the existing stormwater drainage structure that runs through the park into green infrastructure. The park renovations will include amenities such as play areas, loop path, maintenance area, plaza, shade structures. The proposed project is generally located at the intersection of Russell Road and New Beginnings Drive within M.D.M., T. 21 S., R. 62 E., sec. 34.

The project area is approximately 7 acres of BLM-administered public land leased to the City through the R&PP Act, serialized as N-59217. The City will need to amend the approved plan of development (POD) with a complete design plan and updated management plan and provide to the BLM for approval prior to initiating any changes or new construction. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. Modification of the R&PP lease POD will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the NEPA.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is

not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

There are no issues with the proposed project so long as development and operation and maintenance of the proposed project remain in compliance with the R&PP lease.

<u>Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center</u>– This proposal is to design and construct a new visitor center for the existing Bird Viewing Preserve. The visitor center will include a classroom, maintenance area, administration office, restrooms, storage, lobby, retail space, library, and interpretive area. Additionally, the project will include parking, landscape, and other park amenities. The proposed project is generally located at 300 East Galleria Drive within M.D.M., T. 21 S., R. 62 E., sec. 36. The project area is approximately 6 acres on lands owned by the City.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168 or mleiber@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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In Reply Refer To: LLNVS02000

Dear Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Executive Committee:

I am writing in support of the City of Henderson's SNPLMA Round 19 proposal for the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park. This proposed park aligns with the administration's America the Beautiful initiative to improve equitable access to the outdoors and provide safe outdoor spaces for communities.

City of Henderson's Sloan Canyon Gateway Park would connect a newly developed trail system to the approved SNPLMA Round 18 Capital Improvement \$19.8 million Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area visitor contact station. The Gateway Park would allow for various recreational opportunities and connect visitors to their public lands. The link between the two would allow visitors to enjoy both sites and provide collaborative educational and interpretative opportunities about Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, the North McCullough Wilderness Area as well as Mojave Desert topography and cultural resources.

City of Henderson already manages three designated trailheads to Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area and over five miles of associated designated trails. The BLM has an ongoing partnership with the City of Henderson, and we will continue to have an active collaboration. In regard to this proposed park, the City of Henderson has agreed to work closely with the BLM to ensure proper connection to the visitor contact station as well as connection to the existing trails.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

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Joseph Varner Manager, Sloan Canyon NCA Red Rock/Sloan Field Office October 13, 2021



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Subject: Sloan Canyon Gateway Park – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

Friends of Nevada Wilderness is dedicated to preserving all qualified Nevada public lands as wilderness, protecting all present and potential wilderness from ongoing threats, educating the public about the values of and need for wilderness, and improving the management and restoration of wild lands. We are pleased to support the City of Henderson's Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project, as this is consistent with our work in Nevada and facilitates decreasing levels of development between community and the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area boundary.

Earlier this year we were nominated for and accepted the award for the 2021 BLM National Group Excellence. This award was given to us based on our work with keeping public lands accessible. Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area is a natural resource that we believe needs to be protected. This project with the City of Henderson will expand the protected area and make the terrain more accessible to more Nevadans.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 515-5417 by email at grace@nevadawilderness.org.

Sincerely,

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Southern Nevada Director Friends of Nevada Wilderness

#### October 15, 2021

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Subject:Sloan Canyon Gateway Park – City of Henderson Project Nomination<br/>Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19<br/>Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

On behalf of Friends of Sloan Canyon, I am pleased to provide support for the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project.

Active in the community since 2003, Friends of Sloan Canyon provides community support and educational resources that enhance the conservation, protection, and public enjoyment of Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area. We staff the Visitor Contact Station, monitor and maintain trails, and provide educational programs that highlight Sloan Canyon NCA as an area to conserve and protect for future generations. We work with volunteers on numerous activities for the conservation of Sloan Canyon as well as other programs such as Every Kid Outdoors that motivates children to learn more about the science and history of local public lands.

The proposed Gateway Park project will be a perfect partnership opportunity with the city to continue our efforts to preserve undeveloped areas while giving families more options for exploring the natural world and having fun outdoors without having to worry about backcountry safety. Being a sustainable, connected, and community-focused project, this park certainly meets the values of SNPLMA.

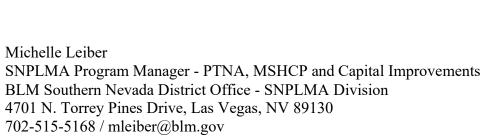
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-273-0717 or by email at jstanger@friendsofsloan.org. We look forward to working with the City of Henderson on the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park Project.

Sincerely,

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Jim Stanger Friends of Sloan Canyon

October 18, 2021



Subject: Sloan Canyon Gateway Park – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

Get Outdoors Nevada's mission and vision is to connect Nevadans and visitors from all backgrounds and ages to the state's diverse outdoor places. To this end, we pursue a three-fold approach of education, service, and community engagement. Many of our efforts and programs focus on the needs and lives of families and school children, especially those who are at-risk and often have limited opportunity to experience the great outdoors. We work to protect and educate people on all of Nevada's outdoor and recreational areas. We are elated to support the City of Henderson's Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project.

GET OUTDOORS

Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area was designated in 2002 and consists of over 48,000 acres of protected land. One of the most popular sites is the Sloan Canyon Petroglyph Site, a significant cultural resource to the state of Nevada. Get Outdoors Nevada supports City of Henderson's application to expand protection and increase accessibility of Sloan Canyon. One of our main programs is to educate Nevada's youth on the outdoors and give children that face barriers to getting outdoors access to areas in their own backyard. This project will assist with our educational component and get more youth in nature.

Get Outdoors Nevada is proud to work with the City of Henderson on the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project and give our unwavering support to this application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-997-3350 or by email at rbergren@getoutdoorsnevada.org.

Sincerely,

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Rachel Bergren Executive Director



### **MOAPA BAND OF PAIUTES**

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October 25, 2021

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Subject: Sloan Canyon Gateway Park – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

Since at least 1100 A.D., the Southern Paiute lived in 15 bands across southeastern Nevada and neighboring states. To survive the desert environment, they drank from springs, hunted wild game and harvested plants. Two groups of federally recognized Southern Paiute bands live in Nevada: the Moapa Band of Paiutes and the Las Vegas Paiute Band. The Southern Paiute Tribe has always had a deep connection with the land and supports efforts to further protect culturally significant sites like Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area. The nearly 1,700 petroglyphs spread acres 300 rock art panels from Native American cultures dating back to the Archaic historical era is one of the most culturally and historically significant sights in Southern Nevada. The City of Henderson has committed to working with the Paiute Tribe to ensure historical and cultural accuracy of the interpretive elements and, therefore, we are pleased to provide support for the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project.

This project will have educational interpretive elements that will teach visitors the importance of the petroglyphs which will help visitors to further appreciate the significance of this cultural site. There will also be educational components on the wildlife and desert plants visitors will encounter in Sloan Canyon, which will create a sense of environmental stewardship. This project will expand the protected area in Sloan Canyon NCA and make the terrain accessible to more Nevadans. We are looking forward to working with the city to implement this project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-277-4977 or by email at moapathpo@moapabandofpaiutes.org. We look forward to working with the City of Henderson on the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park Project.

Sincerely,

Laura Parry Chairwoman Moapa Band of Paiutes



October 14, 2021

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Subject:Sloan Canyon Gateway Park – City of Henderson Project Nomination<br/>Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19<br/>Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

Nevada Conservation League is happy to support the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project.

Nevada Conservation League Education Fund works to protect our climate, air, water, land, and health by translating conservation values into priorities that we actively promote so all Nevada's communities can thrive. We recognize certain communities are disproportionately impacted by environmental degradation and climate disruption and seek more environmentally just outcomes at all levels of our work. We strive to work in a way that recognizes and builds a deeper understanding of issues of racial and social justice and in a way that builds a more inclusive organization.

Part of our advocacy is educating Nevadan's on why protecting natural resources like Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area is so important. We are delighted to work with the City of Henderson to promote this mission and make Sloan Canyon a more accessible resource for Nevadans to enjoy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-505-9477 or by email at verna@nevadaconservationleague.org. We look forward to working with the City of Henderson on the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park Project.

Sincerely,

Verna Mandez Nevada Conservation League





October 26, 2021

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Subject:Sloan Canyon Gateway Park – City of Henderson Project Nomination<br/>Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19<br/>Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) supports the City of Henderson's Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project nomination submitted for SNPLMA Round 19 – Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas. The proposed application aligns with the vision and goals of the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan (SNS), the region's first federally recognized regional plan adopted by 13 local and regional agencies. The RTC serves as the core administrator for SNS, which envisions a future that increases economic competitiveness and education, invests in complete communities, increases transportation choice, and builds capacity for implementation.

Major goals within the Invest in Complete Communities theme of SNS include supporting access to parks and community services as well as connecting neighborhoods to open spaces. This project will directly implement these goals by enhancing the region's connection to open space, increasing places for more physical activity, and growing connections to the natural Mojave environment.

The RTC also serves as Southern Nevada's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is responsible for overseeing the transportation planning process for Southern Nevada, and directs funding generated from various local, state, and federal funds for transportation purposes. In this role, the RTC is committed to developing a safe, connected, and convenient walking and bicycling system that serves as a viable transportation and recreation asset while advancing the region's educational, health, and environmental goals. This project's development of loop trails and access roads will provide important connections between other bike facilities and Southern Nevada's incredible natural landscape.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 676-1500 or by email at MaynardM@rtcsnv.com.

Sincerely,

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M.J. Maynard Chief Executive Officer Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada



Steve Sisolak, Governor Bradley Crowell, Director Rebecca L. Palmer, Administrator, SHPO

October 20, 2021

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Subject: Sloan Canyon Gateway Park – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19, Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category.

Dear Ms. Leiber:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (NSHPO) encourages the preservation, documentation, and use of cultural resources. NSHPO educates the public about the importance of our cultural heritage so that Nevada's historic and archaeological properties are preserved, interpreted, and reused for their economic, educational, and intrinsic values and for future generations to appreciate.

This office understands the cultural significance of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area and supports the City of Henderson's efforts with the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project. If funded, the development of interpretative elements and imagery will require consultation with Tribal governments to ensure that they are appropriate, respectful, and will achieve the goal of educating all Nevada citizens who visit this important outdoor recreation opportunity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 775-684-3443 or by email at <u>rlpalmer@shpo.nv.gov</u>.

Sincerely, PRAC

Rebecca Lynn Palmer Administrator/Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer

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October 21, 2021

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Subject: Sloan Canyon Gateway Park – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

The Sierra Club Southern Nevada Group is comprised of 8,169 members and supporters who work together with the Toiyabe Chapter to advocate for protecting our natural resources all over the state of Nevada and parts of California. For this reason, Sierra Club Southern Nevada Group is happy to support the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project. This project will help further protect the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA) and make the area even more accessible for Nevadans.

We work with volunteers, elected officials, nongovernmental organizations, and government organizations in the valley to advocate for smart growth, promote using renewable energy in low-conflict areas, and to protect and defend access to public lands. We have done work to keep Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area accessible by advocating against the further encroachment of urban sprawl around the NCA. The Sloan Canyon Gateway Park will add another layer of protection and we fully support this project.

The Sloan Canyon Gateway Park is in line with the Sierra Club mission and we are happy to work with the City of Henderson on this project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-285-6588 or by email at vinny.spotleson@gmail.com. We look forward to working with the City of Henderson on the Sloan Canyon Gateway Park Project.

Sincerely,

Vinny Spotleson Chair, Sierra Club Southern Nevada Group (702) 285-6588 Vinny.Spotleson@gmail.com



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Subject: Sloan Canyon Gateway Park – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

I am writing today on behalf of the Nevada Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in support of the City of Henderson's Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project nomination.

The Nature Conservancy is a global environmental nonprofit working to create a world where people and nature can thrive. Our mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. To achieve this, we must address the biodiversity and climate crises over the next decade. By maximizing our ability to affect change between now and 2030, we can shape a brighter future for people and our planet. The Sloan Canyon Gateway Park project aligns with our goals and vision by creating a park where people can learn the importance of protecting and preserving the unique geological landscape that is found in Sloan Canyon NCA.

The construction of the new park will benefit our community by providing a space where our community's youth can become inspired by and learn about the topography of the Mojave Desert and indigenous culture while being outdoors and connecting with nature. This new park in Sloan Canyon NCA will create a sense of pride, ownership, and stewardship for the greater Mojave.

Please contact me at mauricia.baca@tnc.org if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Mauricia M.M. Baca, Nevada State Director The Nature Conservancy



November 5, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager, Parks, Trails and Natural Areas, Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Program, and Capital Improvements Bureau of Land Management 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

Subject: City of Henderson Project Nominations Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 - Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category – Inkind or cash contribution commitment

Dear Ms. Leiber,

The City of Henderson is pleased to share our commitment for staff in-kind time and cash contribution for the projects being submitted for SNPLMA Round 19 PTNA nominations. The contributions for each project are as follows:

#### 1. <u>Sloan Canyon Gateway Park</u> – Contribution of \$137,254.00

The staff in-kind time includes salary and fringe benefit costs for a Park Planner for the duration of the project for design and construction.

#### 2. <u>Russell Road Recreation Complex</u> – Contribution of \$137,254.00

The staff in-kind time includes salary and fringe benefit costs for a Park Planner for the duration of the project for design and construction.

#### 3. Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center - Contribution of \$801,454.00

The staff in-kind time includes salary and fringe benefit costs for a Park Planner for the duration of the project for design and construction. There will be a cash contribution for construction of the areas of the visitor center that are not considered public in the amount of \$664,200.00. The funds will be covered by the Parks and Recreation Department's Special Recreation Fund.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at Angela.Summers@cityofhenderson.com or by phone at (702) 267-4000.

Sincerely, UM Angela Symmers

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, City of Henderson

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**Carson City** 



## Carson River Trail System, Phase IV – Riverview Trailhead Renovation

Amount Requested: \$2,310,000

#### A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Riverview Trailhead is located within a large neighborhood in Carson City, Nevada at 603 Marsh Road. The trailhead is situated off Marsh Road at the east end of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, adjacent to Riverview Park. It's perhaps Carson City's most popular trailhead as it provides access to more than 14 miles of multi-use trails winding through 5,000 acres of parks and open space in the Carson River corridor and adjacent Prison Hill. The location enables links to over 25 miles of paved trails connecting to the city's downtown core. This trailhead also serves as a meeting place for small events like trail runs, Naturalist programs, junior ranger day, non-profit fundraisers, and occasional programs for war veterans. The trailhead occupies nearly 1.3 acres of Carson City's 100-acre land parcel (APN 01002143) located within M.D.M., T.15N., R.20 E., sec. 14, SWSW. The trailhead is a designated trailhead in Carson City's Unified Pathways Master Plan as approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2007 and updated in 2018. Also located at this trailhead property is the Korean War Veterans Memorial and two historic ranch structures.

This is one of Carson City's oldest trailheads, and the existing conditions and facilities are inadequate for current usage. The parking area is unpaved and undersized, and people frequently park their cars on nearby streets in front of homes. The concrete sidewalks are crumbling and creating conditions which may be difficult for those with disabilities. The existing restroom needs replacement, and it has been closed and a temporary portable restroom has been in use for almost two years. The group use facility is a design that is not functional for its intended use. Drainage in the parking lot and at the trail access point is poor, creating mud puddles and runoff that causes damage to trails.

The project location is ideal for providing opportunities to underserved populations within Carson City. The trailhead is located within one-half mile of Eagle Valley Middle School, within one mile of a low-income neighborhood, and Carson High School and four elementary schools are located within three miles of the trailhead. Four of these schools are ranked as either high-poverty or mid-high poverty level. Additionally, Carson City has a higher than the national average disabled population and this project will provide improved access to facilities and trails.

This project will demo the existing facilities and create a completely new trailhead. The new trailhead will include additional parking, improved drainage, preservation of historic ranch structures, enhanced access to trails and the Korean War Veterans Memorial for people of all abilities and upgraded facilities for hosting events like Ranger/Naturalist educational programs for nearby schools and veterans' events.

1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases: Carson City is committed to protection and preservation of the Carson River corridor within our community. We have acquired nearly 5,000 acres of parks and open space properties in the Carson River area, and we are striving to provide responsible access to these properties for residents and visitors along with educational opportunities. Below are the related past and current SNPLMA projects:

- <u>Round 11</u>: Bentley 470-acre Property Acquisition in Carson River Canyon (CR01, 11-8). This project received \$721,820 in SNPLMA Round 11. City completed the project in 2021 under budget at \$55,640.
- <u>Round 13</u>: Carson River Trails, Phase I Eagle Valley Creek Trail Segment project (CR02, 13-2). This project received \$252,700 in SNPLMA Round 13. City completed the project in 2017 under budget at \$134,402.
- <u>Round 16</u>: Carson River Trails, Phase II Ranch Connections (CR03, 16-4). This project received 1,843,685.00 in SNPLMA Round 16. The project is on schedule for completion by the federal award end date of June 2022.
- <u>Round 18</u>: Carson River Trails, Phase III Prison Hill West (CR04, 18-4). In October 2021, the Secretary of the Interior approved \$2,403,250 in Round 18 for this project.

<u>Future phases</u> will continue to provide accessible trail connectivity and trailhead improvements throughout the Carson River area within Carson City. Future phases will include Prison Hill Trail South, Prison Hill Trail North, Morgan Mill Trailhead Improvements, and Carson River corridor acquisitions, if opportunities occur.

2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: This trailhead improvement project is stand-alone and not dependent on future phases.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- Goal 2: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The proposed project will meet these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

- 1. <u>Sustainability</u>: This project is the fourth phase in series of SNPLMA funded projects directed toward connecting people with parks and open space lands in the Carson River/Prison Hill area in a way that minimizes impacts to natural and cultural resources. This proposed trailhead renovation will re-create a very popular existing trailhead that is high-maintenance and has insufficient parking and crumbling infrastructure. It will provide the increasing population with enhanced accessibility to our trail network and reduce impacts to residential neighbors. The renovated trailhead will be designed and constructed for sustainability with these concepts in mind:
  - Improved drainage to reduce water-related impacts utilizing design elements of Low Impact Development (LID) where practical.

- Additional parking to reduce conflicts associated with vehicles parking on residential streets. Parking area will be designed for efficient one-way traffic flow.
- Privacy fencing where the trailhead is adjacent to private residences.
- Low-maintenance landscaping using plant species that are adapted to our dry and cold high desert environment.
- High-quality, low-maintenance restroom with safety lighting.
- Protection of historic structures.

Routine, scheduled, and periodic maintenance is supported and budgeted through the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department. In addition, Carson City works closely with a nonprofit organization, Muscle Powered: Citizens for a Walkable and Bikeable Carson City. Muscle Powered has a Memorandum of Understanding with Carson City, and they assist with volunteer trail maintenance and trailhead clean-up events. Carson City also has an Adopt-A-Trail program which enlists volunteer groups and organizations to perform routine trail and trailhead cleanups.

 <u>Connectivity</u>: This project will enhance access to Carson City's growing trail network by significantly improving a trailhead that is centrally located in a large residential neighborhood. From this location, residents and guests may access over 14 miles of aggregate trails and an extensive system of bike lanes and over 25 miles of paved trails that connect to our community's downtown core.

Planning for a connected system of trails and trailheads in the Carson River/Prison Hill area began in 1995 when the Parks and Recreation Department created the "Eagle Valley Trail System" report which proposed a series of trails to connect people with the Carson River. Subsequent planning is substantial and includes the creation of the Unified Pathways Master Plan (UPMP), adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2006, and updated in 2007 and 2018. The UPMP is a comprehensive plan for non-automobile travel routes around Carson City, including trails and trailheads in the Carson River/Prison Hill area. In 2008 a community-wide process ensued to gather ideas and incorporate them into a comprehensive plan that resulted in a report: "Creating a Community Vision - Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" (2009). This report, commonly referred to as the "Charrette", summarized the need for multi-use trails and trailheads around Prison Hill and along the Carson River.

In 2017 the "Eagle Valley Trails Committee: Community Trail Inventory, Review, Evaluation and User Needs Assessment Report" was produced following a multi-year project undertaken by a volunteer community-based group and involving extensive public input. This report identified the need for trails and trailheads in the Carson River/Prison Hill area, and the recommendations of the report were incorporated into our UPMP in the 2018 revision.

3. <u>Community:</u> Carson City's growing network of accessible trails, along with an active schedule of Ranger/Naturalist programs, connects people with nature and our rich cultural history, promotes stewardship, and encourages diversity, equity and inclusion. The Riverview Trailhead is centrally located in a large neighborhood. Because of its proximity to miles of trails and the Carson River, it is a desired location for a variety of

small events, Ranger/Naturalist programs, and fundraisers by local non-profit organizations. However, the existing facilities and crumbling infrastructure limit the activities at this location. Much more is possible if we are able to create a visually attractive and functionally usable facility. The trails accessed from this location are very much desired for dog walking, hiking, running, mountain biking, and horseback riding. The new design and amenities will make this area more attractive and friendly for everyone, including families, our older population, and those with disabilities.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Carson City will renovate the existing trailhead at Riverview Park in Carson City, Nevada, and design and construct a new 1-acre trailhead that will include shade structures, picnic tables, benches, restrooms, pedestrian and dog watering stations, parking, preservation of historic ranch structures, kiosk and interpretive signage, enhance access and improve safety to trails and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Upgraded facilities will improve the site for hosting events like Ranger/Naturalist educational programs for nearby schools and veterans' events and enhance recreational opportunities.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

#### 1. Primary Deliverables:

- a. Renovate, re-design and newly construct the Riverview Trailhead (±1.3 acres) to include:
  - 1. Paved parking for  $\pm 50$  vehicles, with ADA accessible spaces ( $\pm 15,500$ -SF)
  - 2. Drainage improvements incorporating LID (Low Impact Development) where practical for handling stormwater runoff; curb and gutter as necessary.
  - 3. Pedestrian concrete sidewalk for ADA compliant access ( $\pm$ 7,600-SF)
  - 4. Prefabricated ADA accessible two-toilet restroom (19'x19') with flush toilets, 2 sinks, safety LED lighting heated and insulated for year-round use, and
  - 5. Shade structure (20'x 20') with 4-each ADA accessible picnic tables (8' long) configured to function as a platform for conducting Ranger/Naturalist programs.
  - 6. 2 trash receptacles, single, bear resistant, and adjacent dog-waste bag stations
  - 7. Dog watering station and bottle filling station
  - 8. 6 park benches (each 5-LF)
  - 9. Fencing (650-LF), with accessible trails entrance adaptive to bikes and wheelchairs
  - 10. One automatic 12-ft. gate for service vehicles
  - 11. Low maintenance native landscaping with irrigation.
  - 12. 12 vehicular and wayfinding signage indicating entrance/exit, ADA parking, directions to restroom, trailhead/trails, etc.
  - 13. 1 Kiosk sign (7'x6') and 3 interpretive signs (36"x24" or 24"x18").
- b. Design and construct modifications to the existing Korean War Memorial consisting of low-maintenance native landscaping and enhanced ADA access by adding 7,600-SF permeable concrete pavers around the structure.
- c. Design and construct modifications to preserve and protect two historic brick ranch structures and enhance public viewability by replacing chain-link fencing with a more attractive fencing type and compacted base surface surrounding perimeter of structures.

- 2. <u>Anticipated Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Up to 12 (5-ft.) park benches
  - b. Up to 6 (8-ft.) picnic tables
  - c. Up to 3(10'x12') picnic table shelters
  - d. Up to 5 interpretive signs (36"x24" or 24"x18")
  - e. Up to 3 trash receptacles, single bear resistant

#### 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:

- a. Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- b. Best Management Practices (BMPs) for sediment control.
- c. Mobilization/Demobilization, Bonding, Insurance.
- d. Contract solicitation and administration (i.e., design, engineering, construction)
- e. Pre-construction public meetings and mailings.
- f. Demolition of existing improvements and infrastructure, as appropriate.
- g. Utility relocation (The Uniform Act does not apply to typical subgrade relocation)
- h. Materials testing, geotechnical soil surveys.
- i. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
- j. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
- k. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
- 1. SNPLMA Close-out Package

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 39.160536°, -119.711035 °

Congressional District(s): NV-2

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion will be within the standard 5-year period of performance for PTNA projects.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\Box$  Yes -or-  $\boxtimes$  No?

If project funding is approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and a federal award executed by the BLM, then Carson City will initiate the project by completing compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and other requisites for obtaining the "SNPLMA Notice to Proceed" with project implementation. Once this occurs, Carson City will be ready to bid the design and engineering portion of the project followed by a demo and construction phase to project completion all within the standard 5 years for PTNA projects.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

In total, Carson City manages about 5,000 acres of the Carson River corridor and adjacent lands. These properties protect our floodplain, provide wildlife habitat, preserve cultural history, and

provide outstanding recreational opportunities. The City maintain several trails and trailheads within these properties, and has budgeted funds for maintenance of this proposed Phase IV - Riverview Trailhead Renovation project.

The Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department has full and part time staff to maintain all parks and open space facilities including trailheads. Current maintenance schedules for trailheads are as follows: weed control (herbicide spraying) is conducted one or two times per year; restrooms cleaned three times per week, periodic safety checks of the overall condition of facilities, mutt-mitt stations refilled once per week, trash cans emptied three times per week. We are estimating annual maintenance cost for this proposed facility to be \$17,000/year. Acceptance of future Operation and Maintenance Costs have been formalized by our Department in an account specifically for "Maintenance / Management".

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

Carson City is seeking \$2,310,000 in SNPLMA funding to complete the project. A breakdown of the estimated costs by budget category is outlined on the enclosed SF-424A budget form.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

#### J. KEY CONTACTS

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**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES** 

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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate nominations against the goals for the PTNA category.

- 1. <u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.
  - A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: Yes, this project will renovate an existing trailhead to include the demolition of the old facilities and infrastructure and the design and construction of a completely new facility. This trailhead is centrally located in a large residential neighborhood and the enhancements will improve access to Carson City's abundant outdoor recreational opportunities in the Carson River area. The increased parking capacity and improved traffic flow will help to accommodate the needs of our growing community. The ADA accessible facilities will improve access for a broader segment of our population, including older residents and those with disabilities

B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: Yes, this project will contribute to economic development in Carson City. Visit Carson City, our Culture and Tourism Authority, supports this project because it will create a new location to host small events, like running races, and fundraisers for local non-profit organizations. For example, a local non-profit organization, CASI (Carson Animal Services Initiative) holds there annual "5-K9" fundraiser race here. Existing facilities are very limited, and this project will enable a larger event in the future.

According to Tourism Economics – Travel Nevada, recreation accounted for about 20% of visitor spending in Carson City in 2018. The Covid-19 pandemic has increased the demand for dispersed outdoor recreational opportunities, and we are experiencing unprecedented numbers of visitors to our trails and trailheads. According to Visit Carson City, the pandemic has also increased Carson City's reliance on our trails for attracting visitors. This project will not only provide new opportunities for our residents but will also support our effort to promote tourism as a year-round outdoor recreation destination.

- C. *The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.* Answer: Yes, the project location will be the only designated trailhead in Carson City to have flush toilets and running water. This, along with other amenities like a small, sheltered group area, will create a perfect location for hosting some of our Ranger/ Naturalist educational programs. These programs are designed for diverse groups of residents, including school children from various grades and schools throughout our community. Additionally, this will be the only trailhead in our community to have a dog watering station which is an amenity that many people have indicated a desire for.
- D. *The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).* Answer: Yes, this project addresses complaints about lack of adequate restrooms in a location that attracts many people. This project will include a two-toilet restroom, prefabricated, with flush toilets and sinks, safety lighting, heated and insulated for year-

round use, and ADA accessible. Additionally, on a 2021 community survey related to dog leash requirements, many people expressed a desire to have dog watering stations at trailheads. This project will include that amenity.

E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: Yes. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, persons with a disability under age 65 account for 18% of Carson City's population, compared with a national average of 8.6%. This project will help reduce barriers faced by this segment of our population by creating a facility that is highly accessible to persons with disabilities. Project elements include ADA compliant restrooms, parking spaces, sidewalks, picnic tables, and trail access that accommodates adaptive bicycles and wheelchairs. This project will also enhance accessibility to the existing Korean War Veterans Memorial by providing an ADA compliant sidewalk.

- 2. <u>**RESOURCES**</u>: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
  - 1. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: Yes, this proposed trailhead renovation will offer abundant opportunities for people of all abilities to connect with nature by providing enhanced access to over fourteen miles of trails throughout 5,000 acres of Carson City parks and open space. This unique trail system takes users through multiple eco-types, including riparian zones and floodplains along the Carson River and an upland sagebrush-steppe plant community where wildlife such as coyotes, jackrabbits, red-tailed hawks, and horned toads are common. These trails pass through the ancestral lands of the Washoe People, and through the historic Silver Saddle Ranch, which is a working ranch preserved by Carson City. In the spring these areas are ablaze with wildflowers such as arrowleaf balsamroot and lupine, and in the fall the cottonwood galleries that line the Carson River corridor are aglow in yellow leaves. Additionally, this trailhead provides links to over 25 miles of paved trails that provide alternate non-automobile connections to Carson City's downtown core.

2. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: Yes. Many of the lands adjacent to this proposed project were acquired by Carson City to protect floodplains, preserve wildlife habitat, and preserve viewscapes, in addition to providing recreational opportunities. Our local experience has been that by providing access to these areas in the form of sustainable trails, we are simultaneously able to discourage social trails and indiscriminate access. This trailhead renovation will provide a perfect location to host our on-going Ranger/Naturalist programs to promote understanding and stewardship. As an example, the cottonwood galleries along the Carson River corridor near this project site provide habitat for over 200 species of birds throughout the year. Carson City's Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Space has a monitoring program for the birds in this area which helps us develop best management practices. Through our Ranger/Naturalist programs information is shared on monitoring and management practices in order to encourage understanding and cooperation. We look forward to using this renovated location to host our programs.

## 3. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: Yes. Our proposed renovation will eliminate existing lawn grass at this location, to be replaced by low-maintenance and low-water landscaping, using plant species that are adapted to our cold and dry high-desert environment. Removal of the lawn will also result in reduced fuel consumption as no lawn mowing will be needed. The facilities design will incorporate elements of Low Impact Development (LID), where practical, to manage stormwater. The parking lot will be designed for a more efficient one-way flow of traffic. Restroom safety lighting will be LED.

## 4. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: Yes. This trailhead renovation will be one of the primary locations for a system of trails accessing over 5,000 acres of parks and open space. As such, Carson City envisions a welcoming location that provides access, but also fosters understanding. Signage will contain information necessary to enhance understanding and encourage stewardship. Planned signage includes a kiosk sign with trail maps and "know-before-you-go" information, interpretive signs, and wayfinding signs.

- **3.** <u>**CONNECTIVITY:**</u> Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.
  - A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: Yes. This trailhead renovation is located within a large neighborhood where it provides one of the most popular access points for a system of fourteen miles of multiuse trails through 5,000 acres of parks and open space, along with links to 25 miles of paved trails with alternative non-automobile connections to Carson City's downtown core. This trail system connects people with parks and open space, schools, downtown Carson City, and other residential neighborhoods.

B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

Answer: Yes, this trailhead is identified in the Carson City Unified Pathways Master Plan (UPMP) as approved by Carson City's Board of Supervisors in 2007 and as revised in 2018. Additionally, the Charrette: Creating a Community Vision - Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River (2009) identify this key trailhead, as does the Eagle Valley Trails Committee trail report (2017), and the Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area (April 2016.) The UPMP can be viewed at this link: https://www.carson.org/home/showdocument?id=60711 C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: Yes, this proposed project, the "Carson River Trail System – Riverview Trailhead Renovation" is Phase IV in a series of projects to complete a network of continuous and easily accessible multi-use trails and trailheads that connect and explore more than 5,000 acres of Carson City Parks and Open Space lands in the Carson River/ Prison Hill area, and even more broadly to provide links that connect people with other neighborhoods, Carson City's downtown core, more remote single-track trails, and other public lands.

## D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: Yes, this proposed trailhead renovation provides enhanced access to an easily accessible network of trails that connect people with the outdoors. It is especially important that we connect our youth with the outdoors so that they develop an appreciation for nature and a conservation ethic. The proposed accessibility will make this trailhead a perfect place to take children, and people of all ages, to experience nature. Kiosk and interpretive signs will be placed as part of the project, and there are abundant topics to include on these signs. In addition, Carson City offers many Ranger/Naturalist programs, like sunset or full-moon hikes, geology talks, plant identification classes, birdwatching events, hikes, bike rides, and a Jr. Ranger Program. This trailhead will provide a perfect platform for hosting these programs by providing adequate parking, a restroom, and a sheltered group area.

# E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: Yes, the proposed trailhead renovation is located one-half mile from Eagle Valley Middle School, within 1-mile of a low-income neighborhood and Carson High School, and four elementary schools are located within 3 miles of the trailhead. Three of these schools ranked as mid-high poverty level, and one as high-poverty level, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Seniors (over age 65) make up about 20% of Carson City's population which is about 3% higher than the national average. Also, those under age 65 with disabilities make up about 18% of our population, which is about twice the national average, and the percent of persons in poverty is about 2% higher than the national average (2018 American Community Survey).

The accessible trailhead with adequate parking, a restroom, and a sheltered group area will provide the platform for conducting many outdoor Ranger/Naturalist programs. Carson City has an active outdoor interpretive program for people of all ages and abilities, including full-moon hikes, geology talks, plant identification classes, bird-watching events, hikes, bike rides, and a Junior Ranger Program. Veterans will also be able to hold small programs here in conjunction with the adjacent Korean War Veterans Memorial.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: Yes, Carson City has successfully completed the SNPLMA Carson River Trail System Phase I-Eagle Valley Creek Trail Segment (CR02, #13-2), on-time and within budget. Nearly complete is the SNPLMA Carson River Trail System Phase II–Ranch Connections (CR03, #16-4), which will be completed on-time (June 2022) and within budget. This experience has provided valuable insights into the projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations. The budget for the proposed project was developed with the assistance of a design studio by one of their licensed landscape architects.

B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: Yes, due to the location in the middle of a large residential neighborhood and year-round accessibility, this trailhead is among the most heavily used trail access points in Carson City. The adjacent trails are used by residents for walking, running, dog walking, bike riding, horseback riding, bird watching, nature study, photography, and access to fishing. Based upon the public participation in development of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Carson City Unified Pathways Master Plan, there is a demonstrated high demand for trails in Carson City. In the Unified Pathways Master Plan, trail connectivity is emphasized because "pathways provide a means of travel and mobility that are less expensive, healthier, and have less impact on the environment than automobiles; and they provide access to natural areas that are inaccessible by roads and automobiles". This project is designed to improve access to an existing and growing system of multi-use trails to meet our growing demand for trails and access to parks, open space, and other public lands.

C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: Yes, the proposed trailhead will be designed for low-maintenance by eliminating the existing lawn and adding landscaping with plant species that are adapted to our cold and dry high-desert environment. The parking area will be designed, engineered and constructed for sustainability and low maintenance by considering factors such as location on the landscape, grade, cross-slope, and traffic flow, and it will incorporate elements of Low Impact Development (LID), where practical, to manage stormwater. City staff will work with the designer to select the restroom, shelter, and picnic tables based on maintenance costs and long-term durability.

D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism). Answer: Yes, Carson City has made significant cash investments to acquire properties in the Carson River/Prison Hill area as part of an effort to preserve our floodplain, protect wildlife habitats, and provide outstanding recreational opportunities. Since 2000, Carson City has invested \$7,897,679 in property acquisitions in this area. We have spent many thousands of dollars on construction and ongoing maintenance of trails and trailheads, and we have programs to utilize volunteer organizations for help with maintenance. The proposed project will help to support our efforts. Recently we contributed \$30,000 in matching funds for a Recreational Trails Program grant for construction of the 5th Street trailhead on the north end of Prison Hill which directly serves our SNPLMA Phase II project (CR03, #16-4). We have also spent many thousands of dollars to restrict, limit, or manage motorized travel within environmentally sensitive areas throughout the Carson River corridor and Prison Hill. These efforts will help to ensure that the proposed project is protected from undesignated use. We have budgeted funding for perpetual maintenance of the trailhead renovation proposed in this nomination anticipating \$17,500 annually. Additionally, the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department anticipates staff time on the project to be in excess of 500 hours, all of which will be contributed.

E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: Yes, the proposed project will fix existing drainage issues and incorporate elements of Low Impact Development (LID) where practical, to address stormwater runoff. It will replace outdated and failing infrastructure, including crumbling sidewalks, an unserviceable restroom, an impractical/unusable shelter, benches that are falling apart, and poor/non-ADA compliant trail access.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Responses to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

- A. Executive Orders (EO):
  - 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. Answer: NA
  - 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. Answer: "Buy America" will be required as part of the construction contract.

#### B. Secretarial Orders

1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: This project will directly increase opportunities for outdoor recreation by providing an improved and enhanced access to our network of existing of trails that are accessible to people of all abilities. Kiosk and interpretive signage will welcome visitors and provide understanding and help foster stewardship. The location will be used to host many of our Ranger/Naturalist programs to directly educate and excite people about public lands, nature, and conservation.

#### 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories.

Answer: Yes, this trailhead renovation will provide enhanced and improved access to a trail system that provides links to fishing locations on the nearby Carson River.

## 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors.

Answer: Yes, this project is adjacent to the Carson River which hosts many migratory bird species throughout the year. The City's Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Space conducts annual bird surveys in order to create best management practices to protect and preserve their habitat. A tenant of our trailhead renovation is to place signage that will help to educate and inform the public about the river and its natural resources and how they can help us to protect critical wildlife habitat.

- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Answer: NA
- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: NA
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: NA
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: NA
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. Answer: NA
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: Yes, this trailhead renovation will enhance and improve access to over 40 miles of trails that are available to E-bikes. Through Carson City's "Share the Trails" and "Go Slow and Say Hello" messaging, Carson City encourages courtesy and teaches proper etiquette for the various user groups, including interactions between traditional bikes, Ebikes, walkers, and equestrians.
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations. Answer: NA

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: Yes, this trailhead project is adjacent to the ancestral lands of the Washoe People. We plan to develop interpretive signage in cooperation with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California to include Native American history as it relates to the Carson River area.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: Yes, this trailhead renovation project will support American workers in several ways, including construction workers and those who work in the manufacture of signs, outdoor restrooms, shade structures, benches, picnic tables, and fencing.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: Yes, this project supports Carson City's Park and Open Space land acquisition program, which to date has acquired nearly 8,000 acres for permanent protection. By providing access, education, and an enhanced location for Ranger/Naturalist programs, this project will promote excitement about parks and open space among residents and help to instill a love and appreciation for public lands.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: Carson City's 8,000 acres of parks and open space, and over 65 miles of trails are available for free to all residents. We strive to provide parks in all of our neighborhoods, regardless of income, and our trails wind through all parts of our community. Additionally, through our Ranger/Naturalist programs we strive to reach out to all residents. For example, we have outdoor programs that involve students from schools located in disadvantaged neighborhoods. Recently, all of the 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Carson City's lowest income elementary school helped with a planting and rehab project at the Moffat Open Space which was damaged by a fire.

This trailhead renovation will enhance access to 5,000 acres of our parks and open space lands and improve facilities for conduction of Ranger/Naturalist programs.

#### D. Forest Service Priorities:

#### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic. Answer: NA

#### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: Yes, this project will support American jobs for construction workers and those in the manufacturing sector who produce park amenities like benches, signs and picnic tables.

#### 3. Tackling climate change

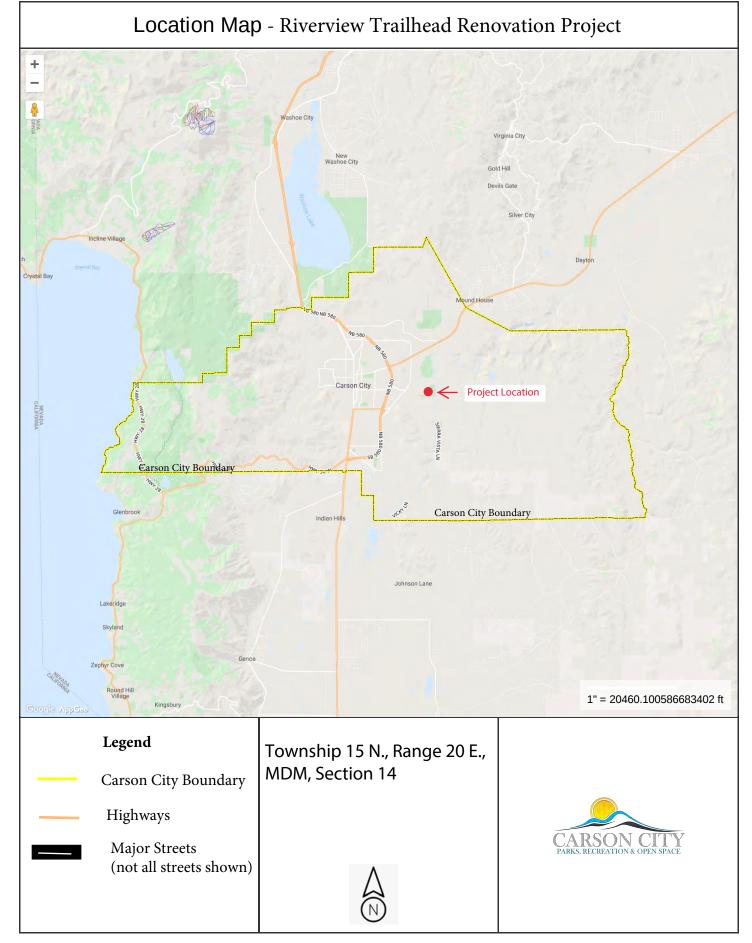
Answer: Yes, tenants of this project include the provision of an enhanced location for outdoor education programs. Some of our Ranger/Naturalist programs have discussed topics like climate change and explaining the difference between 'weather' and 'climate'. Additionally, this project supports access to, and protection of, public lands and green spaces which are critical in a warming world.

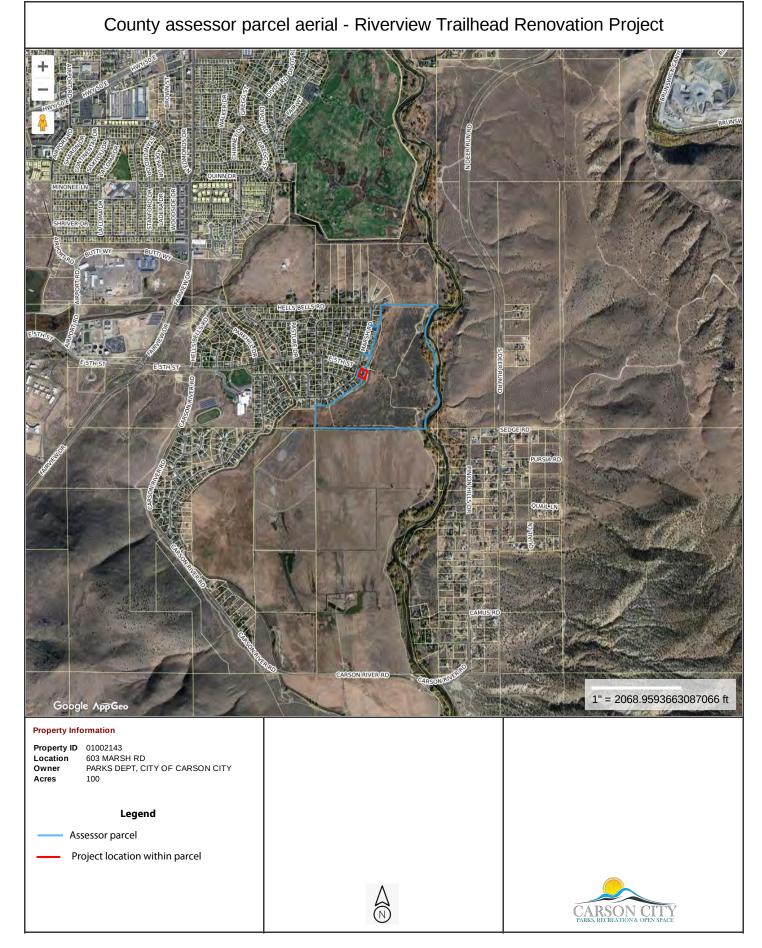
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#### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

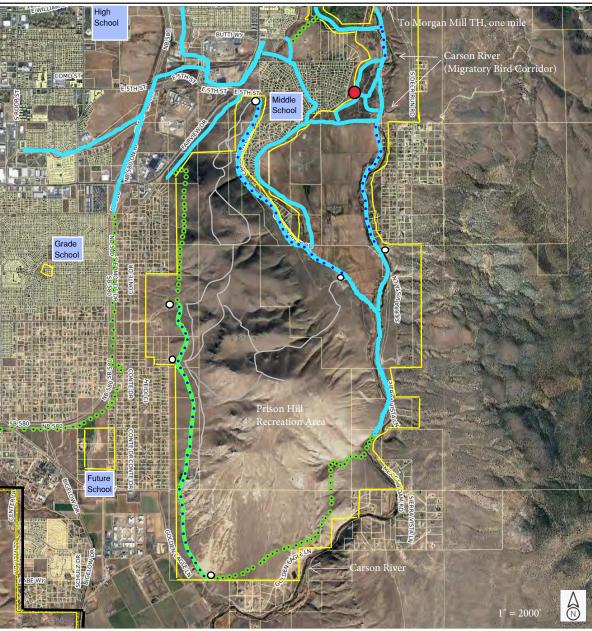
Answer: This trailhead renovation will support American workers in several ways, including construction workers and those who work in the manufacturing of park amenities. As an environmental component this project plans to incorporate elements of Low Impact Development (LID) in the design of stormwater controls and will design the parking lot for better traffic flow. Additionally, once completed, this location will host Ranger/Naturalist programs that teach environmental stewardship and education.







#### Strategic Plan Values -- Community and Connectivity



Carson City, Nevada

Carson River Trails Phase IV- Riverview Trailhead Renovation SNPLMA, PTNA, Round 19 October15, 2021

October 15, 2021

#### Community

Project located in a neighborhood and near schools; provides venue for educational events and gatherings.

#### Connectivity

Project enhances access to existing trail system, connecting people with parks and open space, and providing links to schools, neighborhoods, and downtown core.

 Boundary - Parks and Open Space		PROJECT Riverview Trailhead Renovation	••••	Current SNPLMA Project Trail
Neighborhoods	0	Existing Trailheads	000	Future Trails
Schools		Existing Trails		Existing Single-Track Trails
Carson City Boundary	••••	Existing Trail, Previous SNPLMA Project		



## Photos of Existing Conditions (Refer existing conditions map)



Photo 1 – restroom to be replaced as part of renovation. Restroom is closed; a portable restroom seen to the right. Crumbling sidewalk is visible in the foreground. Location: 39.1060456, -119.710764



Photo 2 - typical condition of existing benches. All benches to be replaced. Location: 39.160585, -119.710761



Photo 3 – existing access to trails. Renovation will fix drainage issues and replace chain link fencing and create an ADA accessible trail entrance and adaptive bicycles. Location: 39.160621, -119.710620



Photo 4 – two historic ranch structures. Renovation will replace chain link fence with more attractive fencing, an interpretive sign to be placed near structures, and a compacted base to be paced around structures for improved access. Location: 39.160742, -119.710661



Photo 5 – existing shade structure (20'x20'). A brick wall splits middle, making it non-functional for intended uses (e.g., educational programs). Renovation will demo and replace structure. Location: 39.160508, -119.711093



Photo 6 – Korean War Veterans Memorial features will be retained; renovation will demo surrounding circle drive, rehab landscaping, and place permeable concrete pavers for enhanced access. Location: 39.160818, -119.711003

#### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Carson River Trail System, Phase IV – Riverview Trailhead Renovation

#### **Performance Measures**

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 1: Sustain the Quality of the Outdoor Environment by Conserving, Preserving, and Restoring Natural and Cultural Resources

Performance Measures for Habitat Enhancement	Definition of Performance Measure	Quantity
H15- Number of Conservation Actions Implemented for Non- Listed Species	*Report the number of individual conservation actions for species not listed under the Endangered Species Act. Note: One distinct action repeated 5 times over the course of the project would report as 1 action, not 5. The same conservation action conducted at distinct sites can be counted once for each site (this does not apply to individual plots within one single project site). The number of acres over which the actions were taken are reported under either H4 or H6. * <i>Report each action as one unit</i> .	<b>1 interpretive sign</b> related to protection of wildlife habitat along the river corridor.
Performance Measures for Cultural / Paleontological Resources	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
C1 - Number of Cultural or Historic Sites or Structures Stabilized or Protected	*Report the number (one unit for each site or each structure) where work is completed to protect, stabilize, restore, excavate, and/or manage cultural features. For sites receiving multiple treatments, count each site only once, but if multiple structures are on a site, count each structure separately. For example an archeological dig site would be counted as one although multiple excavations may take place on the site, whereas a site having remnants of three separate dwellings would be counted as three. Report installation of interpretive signs and structures (e.g., kiosk displays) under O6. Report administrative actions such as mineral withdrawals, closures, or special designations under H1. * <i>Report</i> <i>each site or structure as one unit.</i>	<b>2 historic ranch structures</b> with improved and attractive security fencing around the structures and an interpretive sign to explain historical significance of the structures.

## SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment Performance Measures for Recreation Management Definition of Performance Measures Quantity P2 Acres of Naw Parks \*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural Lacres - repoyation of existing

<b>R2</b> - Acres of New Parks	*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural	1 acre - renovation of existing
or Natural Areas	areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or	trailhead and related facilities.
Constructed or Improved	natural areas may be counted under this performance	
	measure if functional improvements are made as	
	defined in the project nomination. Do not report	
	acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this	
	should be reported under performance measure R5 or	
	R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be	
	reported under performance measure R3 or O2.	
	*Report to the nearest whole acre.	
<b>R3</b> - Number of New	*Report the number of new recreational buildings,	New facilities/ structures:
Recreational Facilities /	structures, park amenities, or similar facilities	• 1 restroom
Structures Constructed or	constructed or improved. Existing recreational	• 1 shade structure
Improved	facilities may be counted under this performance	<ul> <li>1 bench/sitting area</li> </ul>
improved.	measure if functional improvements are made as	<ul> <li>1 picnic area</li> </ul>
	defined in the project nomination. Include shade	<ul> <li>1 parking lot for 50 vehicles</li> </ul>
	shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas,	<ul> <li>1 sidewalk system to connect</li> </ul>
	amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report	facilities
	acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas	<ul> <li>1 perimeter fence replaced</li> </ul>
	as this should be reported under performance	
	measure R5 or R6.	
	*Report each facility or structure as one unit.	

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community

Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
<b>O6</b> - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.* <i>Report each item produced as one</i> <i>unit.</i>	<ul> <li>4 Signs</li> <li>1 kiosk sign</li> <li>3 interpretive signs</li> </ul>
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable.*Report each building or facility as one unit	<b>60%</b> - Remove all existing lawn grass ( $\pm$ 7,700SF) and replace with native landscaping to reduce water requirements and eliminate gasoline usage for mowing.



#### United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVC02)

OCT 0 8 2021

Gregg Berggren Trails Coordinator 3303 Butti Way #9 Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Gregg:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of Carson City (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 21, 2021. I would like to personally thank you and Carson City for participation in Round 19.

Carson City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement for the Carson River Trail System Phase IV – Riverview Trailhead PTNA Round 19 project nomination. The nomination is located entirely on land managed by the City and does not include any actions on or impacts to BLM managed lands. The City should consult with its attorneys and follow City policy regarding application of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as it relates to actions on City-owned land. Application of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) is required to receive funding for these projects.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or the PTNA program in general, please contact Colleen Dingman, Project Manager, at (775) 885-6168 or cjdingman@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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#### CARSON CITY, NEVADA CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY AND STATE CAPITOL

November 2, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager Bureau of Land Management SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

RE: Transmittal Letter for Carson River Trail System Phase IV – Riverview Trailhead Renovation, a Round 19 nomination.

Dear Ms. Leiber, Partners Working Group, and Executive Committee,

Please find attached a nomination packet for SNPLMA Round 19 for Parks, Trails and Natural Areas. Carson City is requesting \$2,310,000 to design and construct a renovation of one of our most popular and centrally located trailheads.

The Carson River Trail System Phase IV – Riverview Trailhead Renovation is an extension of three previous SNPLMA grant projects: The Eagle Creek Trail Segment, the Carson River Trails Phase II – Ranch Connections, and the Carson River Trails Phase III – Prison Hill West. Together, these projects are an important step toward connecting people with Carson City's Parks and Open Space, our world-class outdoor recreational opportunities, neighborhoods, and our downtown core. All of these projects are designed and constructed to be accessible to everyone in our community. Elements of this proposed project will include enhancing and improving accessibility to our trail network, creation of facilities for conducting educational programs, drainage improvements using LID where practical, restroom and picnic facilities, and protection of historic ranch structures.

We truly appreciate the wonderful projects that have been created in our community through SNPLMA funding, and we look forward to your favorable consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Director



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CARSON CITY, NEVADA

CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY AND STATE CAPITAL

November 4, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager Bureau of Land Management SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

RE: Support for <u>Carson River Trail System Phase IV – Riverview Trailhead Renovation</u>, a Round 19 nomination.

Dear Ms. Leiber, Partners Working Group, and Executive Committee,

On behalf of the Carson City Board of Supervisors and our residents, I would like to express our support for the Carson River Trail System Phase IV – Riverview Trailhead Renovation, a SNPLMA Round 19 nomination, as submitted by the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department.

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Carson City fully recognizes the many benefits that trails, parks and open space provide including opportunities for an active and healthy lifestyle for our residents and economic vitality for our community. We truly appreciate the wonderful projects that have been created in our community through SNPLMA funding.

Thank you, and we look forward to your favorable consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

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Lori Bagwell Mayor

> Lori Bagwell, Mayor 201 N. Carson Street, Suite 2 • Carson City, Nevada 89701 (775) 887-2100 • Fax: (775) 887-2286 E-mail: lbagwell@carson.org

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October 22, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager Bureau of Land Management SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130

RE: Support for Carson River Trails Phase IV – Riverview Trailhead Renovation, a SNPLMA Round 19 nomination

Dear Ms. Leiber,

I would like to offer my support for the proposed Carson River Trails – Riverview Trailhead Renovation, a SNPLMA Round 19 nomination. This project will enhance and improve access to Carson City's world-class recreational opportunities. In particular, this trailhead will be a primary destination for residents and visitors who want to access over 14 miles of accessible non-motorized trails in our Carson River Trails System, and it will also provide links to over 25 miles of non-motorized paved trails with connections to Carson City's downtown core.

The trailhead is centrally located in a large residential neighborhood. The existing parking lot is inadequate for current demand, and the infrastructure is crumbling. This renovation will re-create the trailhead in order to accommodate the needs of our growing community. It will provide a perfect location to stage small events, host fundraisers for local non-profits, and hold Ranger/Naturalist programs. The design will improve access for a broader segment of our population, including those with disabilities. Further, enhancements around existing historic ranch structures will highlight their significance while simultaneously preserving and protecting them.

We thank you for your consideration for this grant request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

David Peterson, CPM Executive Director Carson City Culture & Tourism Authority DBA Visit Carson City <u>dpeterson@visitcarsoncity.com</u> (775) 283-7681

> Carson City Culture & Tourism Authority, DBA Visit Carson City 716 N. Carson Street, Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701 P: 775-687-7410



November 1, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager Bureau of Land Management SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130

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Chelsea Kincheloe Muscle Powered President

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**City of Henderson** 



### **Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center**

Amount Requested: \$9,293,492

#### A. Background information

The Bird Viewing Preserve (BVP) facility is situated within two private land parcels totaling 288 acres (APN 161-36-801-004 and APN 161-36-701-005) and owned by the City of Henderson. It is located at 300 East Galleria, north of the Pittman neighborhood, one of the two historic townsites settled in 1929 to provide housing for the Boulder (Hoover) Dam construction workers. The site is also surrounded by the Cadence Master Planned Community to the north and to the west, Galleria Drive and the Water Reclamation Facility to the southeast, and is part of the Eastside Redevelopment Area, largely comprised of mature neighborhoods in need of revitalization and reinvestment.

The BVP is home to thousands of migratory waterfowl as well as numerous resident desert birds. For more than 20 years, local birders and nature lovers have visited the evaporating ponds at the city's Wastewater Reclamation Facility. As the third-largest body of water in Southern Nevada, the ponds entice a wide variety of native and migratory birds. The Wastewater Reclamation Facility, operated to treat wastewater and meet water quality standards, uses the treated water to irrigate golf courses and highway medians or discharges the treated water into the Las Vegas Wash and Lake Mead. In performing this municipal service, the City, without design or intent, created a habitat for birds. Shorebirds and migrating birds became regular visitors to the site ponds. In 1967, the water reclamation site was first included in the National Audubon Society's Christmas Count. Each year, the local chapter provided information on the number of types of birds to the National Audubon Society Headquarters in New York City. The information was used to track how well different bird species were faring. Some bird species identified were migrating to the tip of South America and back each year. The ponds were also used as part of a nationwide shorebird survey conducted by the Point Reyes Bird Observatory in northern California. On May 20, 1998, the City's BVP was officially dedicated as "A Place to Call Home" for more than 270 species of birds – and thousands of bird lovers.

The City will further develop the existing BVP by constructing a visitor center to offer numerous recreation opportunities for local and international visitors of all ages. The proposed BVP visitor center project will be developed on  $\pm$ 5-acres of  $\pm$ 191 acres of City-owned land (APN 161-36-701-005) in Clark County, Nevada located within M.D.M., T. 21 S., R. 62 E., Sec. 36. The assessor parcel site address is 2400 Moser Drive.

The BVP is the only facility of its kind in Southern Nevada and has become an international tourist attraction for bird viewing. Records indicate that in 2019, there were 14,676 visitors from around the world and from different parts of the United States. With the new visitor center and newly paved trails, it is anticipated to quadruple the number of visitors to nearly 60,000. The project would significantly enhance the accessibility to a wide variety of visitors including tourists, and residents of all ages across the Las Vegas Valley and will continue serving as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to nature.

### **1.** Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

On October 28, 2004, the Secretary of the Interior approved \$1,760,000 in SNPLMA Round 5 to fund the "BVP" project (HN24, 5-36). The project included design and construction of birding

amenities within the Preserve. On May 19, 2005, the SNPLMA Executive Committee approved \$98,560 in additional funds to cover new allowed costs. In total, the city received \$1,858,560 in SNPLMA funding for the project. The items delivered as part of the Round 5 BVP completed project is an outdoor classroom, 15 benches, landscape and irrigation around 6 viewing ponds that included 399 trees and 232 shrubs, 3 trash receptacles and a recycling container, 1 two-story bird overlook, a boardwalk/pier over the pond, 4 bird blind viewing locations at separate ponds, 28 interpretive way finding signs, and selective removal of invasive species around 6 ponds.

SNPLMA funding being requested for this Round 19 proposed project will be dedicated for the construction of a visitor center and pavement of the perimeter trail. All amenities proposed are project specific and will be permanent fixtures of the project. Some of the amenities where ranges are provided as outlined in the project deliverables are contingent upon results of design, public scoping, and final cost estimates. The project will not be completed in phases, this is a stand-alone, viable project.

### 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases:

The City of Henderson acknowledges if in the future another phase were to develop, there is no guarantee or expectation of funding.

### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- Goal 2: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The proposed project will promote these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

1. Sustainability:

The BVP is an exclusive City of Henderson facility where Utility Services, Public Works, and the Park and Recreation Departments have partnered toward creating and maintaining this preserve in a sustainable way. Particularly, wastewater facilities have designed their operations to positively support the environment as well as the health and comfort of visitors and staff. The City of Henderson aims at continuing these collaborative efforts to minimize the negative impact from the built environment into the preserve.

The concept design of the BVP Visitor Center will enhance the outdoor and natural environment inspired by the flight of birds. The proposed state-of-the-art facility will take measures to incorporate sustainability at level of the project. The BVP Visitor Center will have a sustainable design considering the environmental, social, and economic impacts throughout the life of the

facility. The BVP Visitor Center will be designed to optimize the site potential of nine existing ponds and infrastructure minimizing disturbance to existing wildlife habitat. The building will minimize non-renewable energy consumption; protect and conserve existing water resources; and optimize operational and maintenance practices. The project will be consider complying with LEED Green Standards, use environmentally friendly, and long lasting, materials for the building. The landscaping will be xeriscape with a design that is compatible with the already existing preserve. Water conservation is of the utmost importance and steps will be taken through the building design to ensure water usage is low.

### 2. Connectivity:

The proposed site plan for the BVP aims to better connect the facility with the surrounding neighborhood and adjacent planned residential development through a strengthened network of open space and trails, increased partnership relationships, and improved access to outdoor recreational opportunities. The preserve is an integral component of Henderson's system of parks, trails and natural areas, and the addition of the visitor center will greatly increase access for all people to the preserve.

The new site plan proposes to relocate the entrance to connect with a planned local park within the Cadence Master Plan community as well as the Wetlands Park north to the preserve to form an integrated system of open space and welcoming experience. Additionally, the project proposes to pave the perimeter trail to better connect and serve the visitors for accessibility purposes. Pavement of these trails will eliminate barriers and improve connectivity, creating a cohesive trails system within the BVP. Moreover, the BVP trails will be better positioned to be linked with existing trails along Galleria Drive increasing connectivity with Cadence and Tuscany master plan communities nearby. Future expansion of trails would also be easily attainable having the BVP trails established.

#### 3. Community:

The BVP, located in the historic Pittman neighborhood, will have a direct impact to 4,306 residents within 1-mile radius and 64,201 residents within 3-mile radius. The vicinity of the project has a diverse population where 30% is Hispanic, 11% African American, and 10% Asian. Per capita income is \$30,092, 9.7% residents live in poverty, and 8.8% are unemployed. Residents with high school degree or higher is 24% compared to 33% citywide. Demographic data demonstrates that when compared to the rest of the city, the project vicinity falls below the average. It is anticipated that the project will have a great positive impact to the immediate community as a tourist destination, serving low-income residents with new opportunities for employment, increased educational activities, and wider outdoor recreational destinations. Also, the project facility will assist at integrating adjacent and nearby neighborhoods of different income levels as it aims to create placemaking opportunities and to be a public community gathering space. Through a creative placemaking approach, the project will increase vibrancy, improve economic conditions, and build capacity among residents to take ownership of their community.

The BVP has already formed a unique and well-established partnership with the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service (USFWS), Red Rock Audubon Society, Get Outdoors Nevada, and several volunteer groups to restore and maintain habitat at the preserve. The City works with these organizations to host educational and outreach events with underserved populations, Clark County School District, environmental groups, and people that are generally interested in birding. The City's goal is to continue strengthen and expanding public, private, non-profit, and community partnerships to strategically shape the success of the project as well as the physical and social character of the neighborhood and its surroundings. Currently, partnership events are hosted in the trailer that has been used since the preserve's inception. The space has become too small to meet the needs of the events and future additional events the community would like to host. The proposed visitor center project will greatly assist at expanding activities and programs from partners and to continue serving the Pittman neighborhood, surrounding neighborhoods, and the greater Las Vegas community as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to nature.

#### C. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The City of Henderson will construct a 7,000 square-foot visitor center at the existing Bird Viewing Preserve in Henderson, Clark County, Nevada. The visitor center will encompass over 5,500 square-feet in public space to provide classrooms/multi-purpose areas, public restrooms, lobby/information area, vestibule, retail space with library, indoor and outdoor interpretive areas, a gathering exhibit space, parking lot, entry sidewalks and a paved perimeter trail. The visitor center will be situated within the Bird Viewing Preserve that encompasses nearly 100 acres of ponds that offer an irresistible environment for birding. It is a National Wildlife Federation-certified wildlife habitat site and recognized by the National Audubon Society for variety and number of birds' count. The visitor center will increase accessibility and connect people from all over the world with the more than 270 species of birds that can be found in this desert oasis gem.

### D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- 1. <u>Primary Deliverables:</u>
  - a. Design and construct a 7,000-SF visitor center building of which 5,521-SF is for public areas encompassing:
    - 1. 2 classroom/multi-purpose areas (used for educational and training purposes): space 1 (743-SF) and space 2 (757-SF) totaling 1,500-SF
    - 2. 1 indoor interpretive area (1,602-SF)
    - 3. 1 lobby/information desk (462-SF)
    - 4. 1 vestibule (199-SF)
    - 5. 2 restrooms-gender specific (each 179-SF) with 3 toilets, a urinal, 4 sinks in total
    - 6. 1 retail space and library (400-SF)
    - 7. 1 gathering exhibit space (1,000-SF)
    - 8. 1 outdoor interpretive area/event area/observation deck (6,750-SF in total)
    - 9. 1 entry plaza (5,000-SF)
  - b. Design and construct a parking lot (24,250-SF) with 58 parking spaces, entryway (54,265-SF) and bus staging area (2,165-SF)
  - c. Design and install  $\pm 21,000$ -SF concrete sidewalks/paths at the entry

- d. Install  $\pm 1,000$ -LF vinyl coated chain-link fencing
- e. Design and install  $\pm 1.15$ -mile cart & pedestrian perimeter trail
- f. Design and install 1 kiosk with interpretive signage
- g. Design and install 20 to 30 interior/outdoor interpretive/display items
- h. Install 5 to 10 trash receptacles
- i. Design and install 10 to 20 interpretive trail signage
- j. Install 5 to 10 recycle receptacles
- k. Design and install a public art sculpture at entry (5-10 ft. tall by 5-10 ft. wide). Size and configuration contingent on design.
- 1. Install 5 to 10 benches
- m. Install 2 bike racks approx. 46-SF (holds 15 to 20 bicycles total)
- n. Design and install 5 to 10 wayfinding signage
- o. Install 1 to 2 permanently affixed security camera(s)
- p. Design and install landscape and irrigation  $(\pm 19,600$ -SF)

\*<u>Note</u>: The City of Henderson will pay with non-SNPLMA funds for design and construction of all non-public spaces totaling approximately 1,479-SF of the visitor center building. Non-public spaces include a maintenance area, storage area, administration office, circulation (hallway), staff breakroom, staff restroom, mechanical/electrical room, and fire riser room.

- 2. Anticipated Deliverables:
  - a. Tube steel fencing in lieu of chain link (regarding Item 1.d above, ±1,000 LF)
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Public scoping with affected stakeholders
  - b. Developing scopes of work for contracts
  - c. Surveys as necessary for pedestrian path construction
  - d. Final design of the visitor center (building) and site plan layout including access, parking, trails, sidewalks, and outdoor amenities
  - e. NHPA Section 106 compliance
  - f. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - g. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - h. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - i. SNPLMA Close-out Package

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.08069468473728, -114.99858296911975

Congressional District(s): NV-3

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The project will be completed within five (5) years.

### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\square$  Yes -or-  $\square$  No

If funded the City is prepared to move forward with this proposal such as completing requisites of obtaining the federal award and the SNPLMA Notice to Proceed with project implementation. The City received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in 2015 to develop a conceptual plan for the proposed visitor center. The conceptual plan was completed in 2016 with estimated project costs and time frame for amenities. The City is prepared to complete this project within the 5-year timeframe.

### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Operations and maintenance (O&M) for this project will be performed by City of Henderson. Staff estimates O&M costs to be \$105,000 annually. A breakdown of this cost is as follows:

- Utilities: \$25,000 per year
- Maintenance: \$5,000 per year
- Custodial: \$75,000 per year

O&M for the trails and exterior portions of the visitor center building will be performed by city staff using existing equipment. Estimated O&M costs are \$8,700 annually. Maintenance would include regular trash cleanup, trail cleanup, and as-needed trail surface maintenance.

This project was presented to and accepted by the City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Board on October 6, 2021. Then, the Mayor and members of the Henderson City Council reviewed and approved the proposal during the City Council meeting held on October 19, 2021 and committed to any future O&M costs when the project is completed. Upon completion, the project would be a candidate for trail cleanups.

Maintenance of the ponds within the park include removing vegetation at specific areas surrounding the ponds as well as routine drainage. Maintenance routines are carefully planned during non-nesting periods to avoid eliminating resting and nesting places for the birds. Maintenance staff operating the ponds have been trained about bird habits and habitat. The landscape maintenance around the site will be treated with the same care as the rest of the site.

### I. PROJECT BUDGET

The City of Henderson is seeking \$9,293,492 in SNPLMA funds to implement and complete the proposed visitor center project. The requested SNPLMA funds will only be expended for the approximate 5,521-SF public areas of the 7,000-SF visitor center. The City will utilize non-SNPLMA funds for design and construction of all non-public spaces of the visitor center. Non-public spaces include a maintenance area, storage area, administration office, circulation (hallway), staff breakroom, staff restroom, mechanical/electrical room, and fire riser room.

#### Partnership and/or Contributed Funds:

The City of Henderson will provide an in-kind contribution of staff time in the amount of \$137,254. A signed commitment letter dated November 5, 2021 is enclosed. The time includes a Park Planner involved with the project from its design inception to construction completion. The hourly rate for a Park Planner is \$51.38. These contributed funds will be outlined in the assistance agreement as a non-federal funding resource and will be tracked and reported annually consistent with the federal award.

The City understands SNPLMA funding is permitted for public spaces only. The BVP Visitor Center will be designed mainly for public spaces but there will be a small percentage of the building not for public use but City staff and storage. Although not a direct contribution to the public use aspect of the project, the City has committed \$664,200 for design and construction of spaces considered non-public. These areas that are not public use will be paid by non-SNPLMA funds by the City through the City's Special Recreation funds.

#### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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6. Object Class Categories	(1)				-	ICTION OR ACTIVITY	1	Total
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		SNPLMA - Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center		City of Henderson match funds				
a. Personnel	\$	438,650.00	\$	101,527.00	\$		\$	\$ 540,177.00
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b. Fringe Benefits		154,360.00		35,727.00				190,087.00
c. Travel								
d. Equipment								
e. Supplies								
f. Contractual		8,633,056.00						8,633,056.00
g. Construction								
h. Other								
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)		9,226,066.00		137,254.00				\$ 9,363,320.00
j. Indirect Charges		67,426.00						\$ 67,426.00
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$	9,293,492.00	\$	137,254.00	\$		\$	\$ 9,430,746.00
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7. Program Income	\$		\$		\$		\$	\$

#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

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### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. **DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO:** Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

### A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: The proposed site plan of the BVP aims to better connect the facility with the surrounding neighborhood and planned residential development. The new site plan proposes to relocate the entrance to connect with a planned local park as well as the Wetlands Park to form an integrated system of open space. There will be construction of the paved perimeter trail to provide better accessibility for all users, which will be better for the bird mobile when tours are given. The BVP is an exclusive City of Henderson facility where Utility Services, Public Works, and the Park and Recreation Departments have partnered toward creating this preserve. Particularly, wastewater facilities have designed their operations to positively support the environment. The preserve is an integral component of Henderson's system of parks, trails, and natural areas. The BVP has formed a unique and well-established partnership with the USFWS, Red Rock Audubon Society, Get Outdoors Nevada, and several volunteer groups to restore and maintain habitat at the preserve. These partnerships are demonstrated with attached letters of support. The proposed state-of-the-art visitor center project will continue serving as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to nature.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: Continually named the "Best Place for Bird Watching" the Henderson BVP has drawn birders, wildlife photographers, and nature lovers from all over the globe to see this network of ponds that provides a specialized and otherwise non-existent habitat for native and migratory birds. The BVP is a unique facility that has attracted tourists from all over the world to see the more than 270 unique species of birds. With the proposed visitor center, the BVP is anticipated to garner more than 60,000 visitors annually. The project will have a positive impact on the local economy from the increased tourism and will assist with diversifying the valley's economy. The BVP currently obtains limited income from the gift shop (souvenirs, educational materials, and gifts). This will be expanded upon with the construction of the new visitor center. The BVP also offers events, bird mobile guided tours, guided walking tours, and educational programs for all ages for a low cost.

#### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Answer: The BVP is a one-of-a-kind facility in Southern Nevada. This 140-acre lush oasis not only serves as a habitat for more than 270 different species of resident birds but is also a major component of Southern Nevada's water treatment process. The BVP is a

great place to connect with and learn about the Mojave Desert and Southern Nevada's role in the greater ecosystem. The BVP is the third largest body of water in Southern Nevada – following Lake Mead and Lake Las Vegas. There is no better place to connect with the biodiversity that is only seen in the Mojave Desert. The addition of a visitor center will make BVP a site that generations of future Nevadans can continue to enjoy.

#### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Answer: The proposed visitor center will encourage more people to get outdoors, which has a positive impact on people's health. The BVP is an outdoor space within an urban environment and is walking distance from various communities – namely, the Pittman neighborhood. An estimated 10% of the residents that live in a 1-mile distance of the BVP are over the age of 65. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the BVP continued to see visitors as it provided respite and solace in the midst of a difficult time for the public. The project will give the community a low-impact, enjoyable, form of exercise that everyone will benefit from.

### E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: This project is within the Pittman neighborhood, one of the oldest and historically most underserved parts of the City of Henderson in terms of parks, trails, and open space. The population of the Pittman neighborhood is 4,750 residents. The distance from Pittman to the BVP is just over 2,000 feet. Residents in this area are among the lowest income and have the poorest health outcomes.

Within a five-mile radius of the BVP, the current population is approximately 234,864 residents projected to grow to 257,290 residents by 2024. Residents of the area are somewhat racially and ethnically diverse, with approximately 25% of residents identifying as Hispanic, 9.5% as Asian, 8.6% as African American and 62% as White. A majority of the population is of working age, with approximately 67% of residents between the ages of 18 and 64. The income level of the typical resident is among the lowest in Henderson with a per capita income of \$28,032. Educational attainment is also low when compared to that of the rest of Henderson. Only 24.1% of residents in the area have a bachelor's degree or higher.

The unique location of this birding facility in an urban setting allows easy access to its visitors from all over the Valley. Visitors will be encouraged to visit more often to enjoy contact with nature while walking around the ponds watching the great variety of birds. Additionally, Pittman residents, will be at a walking or biking distance to a destination with amenities providing education, interaction, and comfort. Visitors and residents will have a direct connection to healthy and natural environments.

2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.

### A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: The BVP provides a marsh and stream-side habitat, combined with open ponds and trees that attracts birds of all kinds. It is a unique passive recreation facility for walking and watching birds. Considered one of the best places in Southern Nevada to watch birds and dragonflies, the BVP attracts approximately 56 bird species in the Winter, 89 bird species in the Spring, 55 bird species in the Summer, and 80 bird species in the Fall – some of which are exclusively seen here. Desert species, water birds, wading birds, migrant songbirds, and shorebirds can be abundant here. This urban birding facility is an oasis in the Mojave Desert not only for desert species but also for many western species. This project will enhance the community because residents and visitors alike will have access to additional open space which leads to a better quality of life. The visitor center will encourage more people to participate in the recreational activities the BVP has to offer. Educational classes, tours, and other events will be enhanced and expanded upon. With the new visitor center, the project will intensify its contribution in protecting the wildlife; increase cultural, educational, environmental, and recreational resources; and enhance the Pittman neighborhood.

### B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: This project will advance recreational opportunities in the community by encouraging more people to get outdoors and participate in birding. The BVP is already a popular and widely visited attraction with visitors from all over the world. With the addition of the visitor center, the BVP will attract more visitors and connect more communities to the special wildlife in the Valley. The visitor center will educate people on the biodiversity in the area and why protecting natural areas and open spaces is important. Admission to the Henderson BVP is free, the only requirement is that visitors sign in and first-time visitors sign a liability waiver. The preserve also offers events, guided tours, and educational programs for all ages. The new visitor center will enhance conservation stewardship within the community and increase appreciation for nature with the expansion and improvements of the current offerings.

### C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: The proposed state-of-the-art visitor center is designed with sustainability principles, seeking to reduce negative impacts to the birds' habitat. The building is designed to use local construction materials, minimize waste, and conserve energy and water. Water efficiency, low energy consumption, renewable energy sources such as solar and/or wind, and sustainable building materials are all elements that will be taken into consideration in the design of the building. As long as cost allows, the design intent is to make the building a LEED Green building. There will be as little disturbance to the land as possible during construction. Signs that are clearly delineated and walkways that are well paved will keep people within the recreation areas as to not disturb the surrounding

land. Plant species selection will be consistent with those that attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and are low water using. The low-impact design of the visitor center will minimize degradation to the local ecosystem.

# D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: This project will create additional quality recreation activities and foster a better appreciation for the Mojave Desert. Gadwalls, Mallards, Soras, Ospreys, and Eared Grebe are just a few of the more than 270 unique species of birds that are spotted in BVP throughout the year. In addition, wildlife such as the Gopher Snake, Variegated Meadow hawk Dragonflies, and American Bullfrogs can also be spotted in the preserve. The biodiversity in the preserve is worth protecting further and, with a new visitor center, more people will be able to enjoy what the BVP has to offer. The building design is inspired by a bird's flight concept. It opens up to outdoor spaces to enhance the visitor experience. There are also educational pieces that are part of the design such as a rain garden. The center will help foster a greater understanding and appreciation for our natural areas and open spaces.

3. **<u>CONNECTIVITY</u>**: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

### A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: The project will provide connections to existing trails and parks. These include, but are not limited to:

- Wetlands Park
- Las Vegas Wash
- Trails within the Cadence community
- Clark County trail system
- Terrazza Park
- Wetlands Connector Trail
- River Mountains Loop Trail
- Mountain Lake Park

### B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

Answer: This project is a part of the following local and regional plans:

- City of Henderson Comprehensive Plan
- City of Henderson Open Space & Trails Plan
- City of Henderson Parks and Trail Master Plan

- City of Henderson Master Transportation Plan

### C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: The proposed site plan of the BVP aims to better connect the facility with the surrounding neighborhood and planned residential development. The new site plan proposes to relocate the entrance to connect with a planned local park as well as the Wetlands Park to form an integrated system of open space.

The BVP is an exclusive City of Henderson facility where Utility Services, Public Works, and the Park and Recreation Departments have partnered toward creating this preserve. Particularly, wastewater facilities have designed their operations to positively support the environment. The preserve is an integral component of Henderson's system of parks, trails and natural areas and an important part of protecting the Valley's water resources.

### D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: Currently, the BVP already offers educational opportunities for the community through tours and partnerships with local nonprofit organizations. The trainings, classes, and tours are done out of a trailer in BVP, and the interest has outgrown the space. In order to keep pace with the number of visitors, improve educational offerings, and expand offerings, a new visitor center is needed. The new center will include classrooms and a multipurpose space that will be used for these types of events. In addition, interpretive and educational elements will be located all around the building. The retail space will have a library as well where people can continue learning about the wildlife and natural area that they will encounter in real time.

# E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The BVP Visitor Center project will encourage typically under engaged communities because there will be activities for people from all backgrounds to enjoy. The proposed visitor center will have activities that are engaging for youth and children to interact with the natural area and the well paved walkways will inspire older and people with disabilities to reconnect with nature. Accessibility is an important aspect of the project and ensuring everyone is comfortable is crucial. Paving the perimeter trail will enhance the user experience by providing better access to all the ponds within the BVP. Everyone, no matter their socioeconomic status or physical ability, will have a chance to connect with nature with the addition of the visitor center. The visitor center will be a short walk away from the closest community.

4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.

### A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: The projected deliverables for the project include the visitor center, parking lot, interpretive signage, landscaping, irrigation, and a paved perimeter trail. The project will provide the ultimate user experience with a new visitor center, outdoor spaces to enjoy around the center, as well as access to trails around the BVP. The proposed budget of  $\frac{9,293,492}{10}$  is reasonable for a project of this magnitude and in today's industry. The proposed project is a stand-alone project.

### B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: The proposed visitor center for will contribute numerous and immeasurable benefits to the Henderson community, the Southern Nevada region, and visitors around the world with positive economical, educational, environmental, physical, and social impacts. Of the 7,000-SF visitor center building, 5,521-SF is public space that will include a classroom/multi-purpose space, restrooms, a lobby and information area, retail space with library, and an interpretive area. Interpretive and educational elements will be throughout the building, further establishing the long history of providing education to visitors. The architecture of the building is complimentary to the site, as the design inspiration is a bird and flight. The visitor center will provide experiences for those who choose to stay close to the building and opportunities for viewing and enjoying the park as the intent is to provide an up-close experience with Pond 8. The building is proposed to have a sustainable design with the goal to minimize maintenance and replacement costs to the extent possible.

The remaining approximate 1,500-SF of non-public space includes a maintenance area, storage area, administration office, circulation (hallway), staff breakroom, staff restroom, mechanical/electrical room, and fire riser room.

The racially, ethnically, and economically diverse population near the BVP would benefit tremendously from this project. The BVP has the benefit of being in an urban area, which will make walking, running, and biking to the area easier for the residents that live nearby. Although the project will have the most direct and impactful benefit for the residents in the underserved community of Pittman, the addition of a visitor center will benefit everyone in the Valley. People will be encouraged to visit more often, participate in the various educational offerings the BVP already has and will offer, and get outdoors and be physically active.

### C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: The City of Henderson continues to explore strategies to minimize costs of construction, operations, and maintenance. These strategies are incorporated in the design of this project. The trail will include the minimum necessary elements to ensure a safe and usable trail while using materials and components intended to minimize operations and maintenance expenses. The plant material will be selected for its appropriateness in the desert which in turn allows for less maintenance. The building design is thoughtful with the site placement. During the conceptual phase of development many factors were considered to achieve the design. Sustainable materials will promote longer life cycles.

### D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

Answer: The City of Henderson will provide an in-kind contribution of staff time in the amount of \$137,254. The staff labor includes a Park Planner involved with the project from its design inception through construction completion. The hourly rate for a Park Planner is \$51.38. The project would also be a candidate for trail cleanups. Trail cleanups are made up of volunteer groups and would offset maintenance costs.

Staff has determined the overall project cost will be approximately \$9,957,692. However, the SNPLMA funds requested for this project is 9,293,492 to cover costs for design and construction of public spaces only. This computes to SNPLMA funding covering 93 percent of the total project costs. The City of Henderson will provide \$664,200 in non-SNPLMA funds to pay for those portions of the building that are not considered public space. The cost estimate was developed with current bid item pricing for projects of similar nature. The estimate has been prepared by experienced City staff.

# E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: The BVP Visitor Center will use sustainable and cost-effective methods and consider solar and/or wind energy. The materials used for the project will be good quality but economical and site layout as well as the architecture will provide efficiency and sustainability. The City will ensure that all amenities provided are comfortable, safe, and usable without overspending.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Below are responses to Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

#### A. Executive Orders (EO):

1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk

Answer: Yes, this project supports EO No. 13855 by taking the proper measures to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires in the BVP.

### 2. EO No. 14004: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

Answer: Yes, this project supports EO. No. 14004 because the City will contract with American workers and the park will be staffed by American workers.

#### B. Secretarial Orders

#### 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3347 because this will encourage more people to participate in outdoor recreation activities such as birding and hiking while educating the public on the importance of protecting natural resources. The proposed trail will promote accessibility for visitors of all ages and physical abilities. Additional educational classes, events, and field trips will be offered with the construction of the visitor center.

#### 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3356 because outdoor recreation opportunities will be provided. Although hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting are not a part of the offered recreational activities, wildlife conservation is at the forefront of this project. This project will further help with protecting the native animal and plant species in the area.

### 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3362 because the project seeks to further protect the native animals and habitat. Although western big-game are not species typically seen in the area, this project will protect migration corridors for birds and other animals that migrate.

### 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3366 because the addition of the visitor center will increase recreational opportunities for all people to enjoy, no matter their age or physical ability.

### 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3370 because the visitor center will provide additional amenities to the BVP. The amenities such as a restroom, parking lot, and indoor/outdoor viewing areas will make the area a space everyone can enjoy and create a connection between the urban environment and the natural environment.

### 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3372 because the City will take measures to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires through active land management. The City of Henderson Parks and Recreation staff will monitor the area closely.

7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition).

Answer: SO No. 3373 does not apply to this project.

### 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3374 because the project will provide additional amenities that will encourage people to enjoy the existing recreational activities in BVP. Conserving the open space today will allow future generations to enjoy the natural beauty and explore the wonders of the area.

#### 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3376 because, although the use of electric bikes is not permitted on the project trails at this time, there will be bicycle parking at the visitor center for those who choose to ride to the visitor center.

#### C. Department of the Interior Priorities:

1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: Yes, the BVP Visitor Center will consider the use of solar and/or another renewable energy source to power the building and additional amenities provided. This will help reduce reliance on unrenewable energy sources such as natural gas.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: This goal does not apply to this project.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: Yes, the BVP Visitor Center will create jobs through the associated construction and maintenance of the park and expansion of programs for our partners. Also, creation of jobs in the private sector using the site as a public gathering space including but not limited to bird guides and tours, professional photography, weddings and social events, food trucks and music festivals, art events, and shuttles for international visitors coming from the Las Vegas Strip (or Las Vegas Boulevard South). These jobs are in line with the Administration's goal of creating family-supporting jobs that have a focus on conservation.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: Yes, this project will assist with the goal of conserving 30% of our lands by the year 2030. This project will protect additional land in the BVP and make the area accessible to more people.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: Yes, the BVP Visitor Center centers equity and environmental justice. The project is close to the underserved community, the Pittman neighborhood, where close to half of the residents identify as non-white. The new visitor center will encourage more residents of color to visit the BVP where they can learn about the animal and plant species in the area. The City partners with local nonprofit organizations whose focus is to get low-income and communities of color outdoors. With the addition of the visitor center, the City and partner organizations will be able to expand classes, tours, and other educational offerings to the community.

- D. Forest Service Priorities:
  - 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: Yes, the City of Henderson is committed to ending the COVID-19 pandemic and just recently won an American Planning Association award for the effective planning and proactive handling of resources. During construction, Staff will follow all Centers for Disease Control, state, and local guidelines. This will also serve as an outdoor space where people can safely socially distance.

### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: Yes, this project will help provide economic relief by creating job opportunities for Southern Nevadans. Furthermore, the BVP will offer free or reduced classes, services, and trainings to those in need.

### 3. Tackling climate change

Answer: Yes, the BVP Visitor Center will further protect the bird and wildlife migrations, will educate visitors on water conservation, and increase Mojave native plants and trees that can help with carbon sequestration.

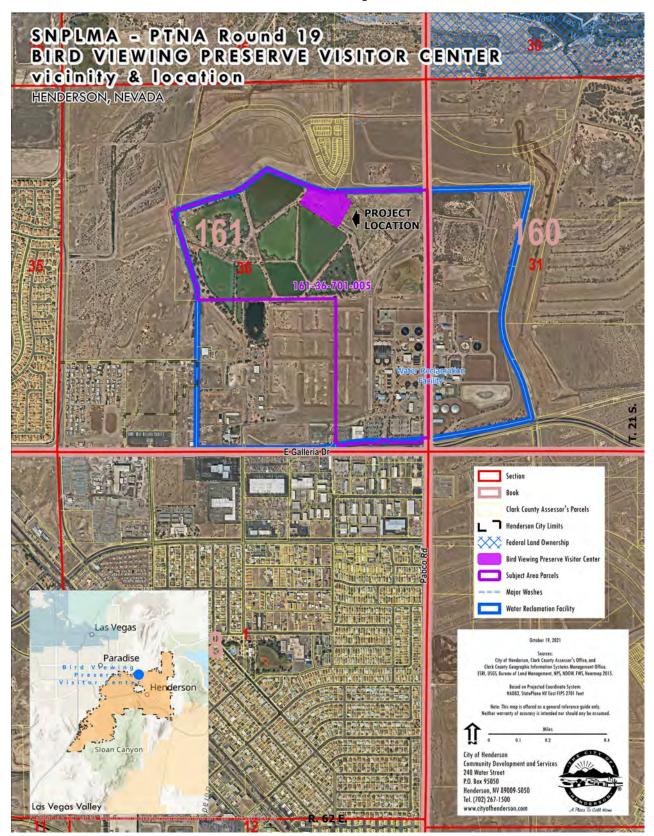
### 4. Advancing racial equity

Answer: Yes, the BVP Visitor Center will advance racial equity by providing all residents, no matter their racial background or socioeconomic status, open space closer to where they live.

### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

Answer: Yes, the BVP Visitor Center will improve our workforce and work environment by providing additional recreation and outdoors activities. Getting outdoors improves quality of life which, in turn, improves our workforce and work environment.

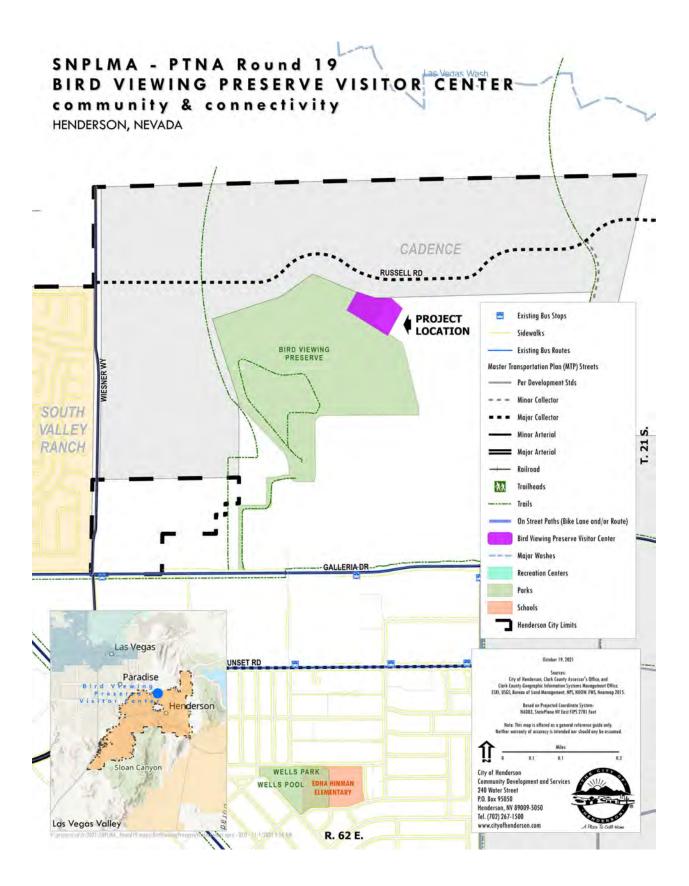
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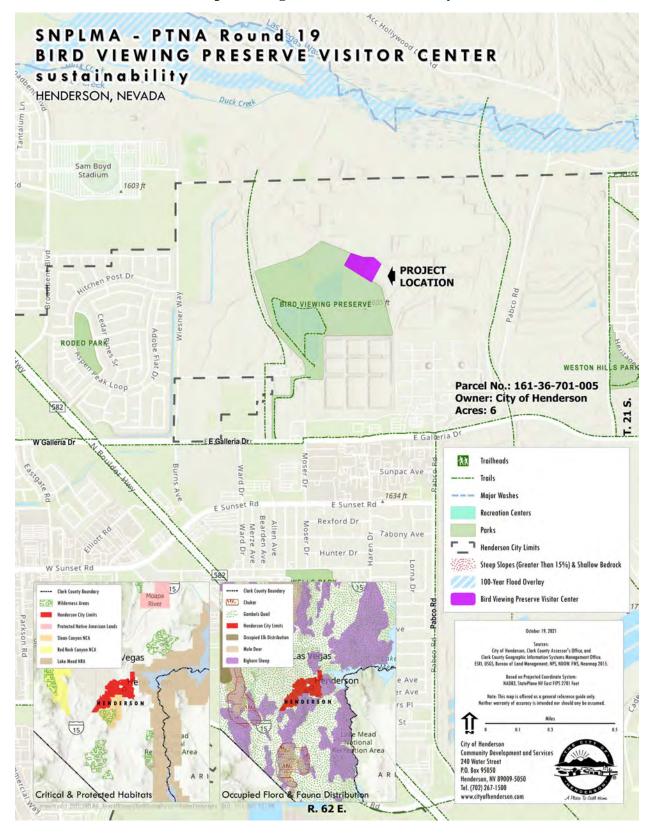
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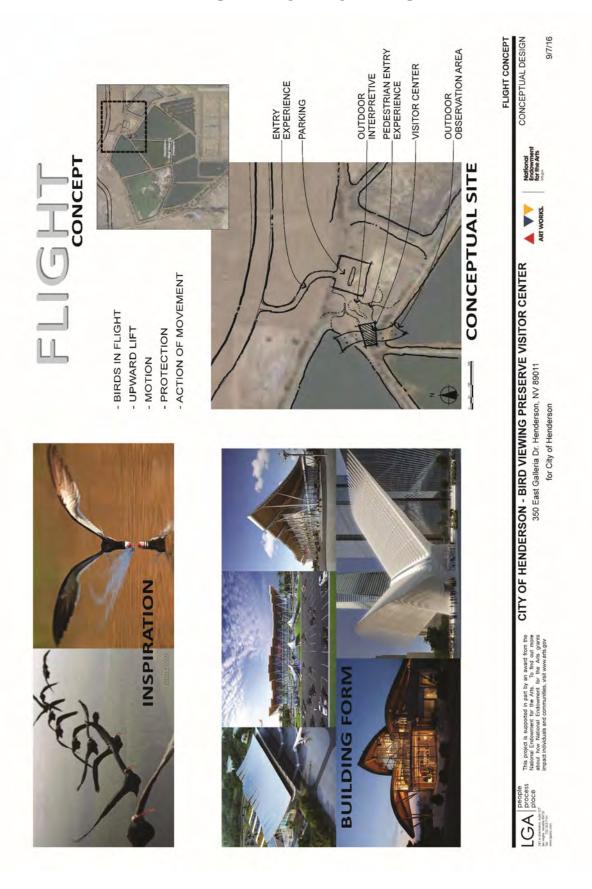


#### Map - Strategic Values "Community & Connectivity"



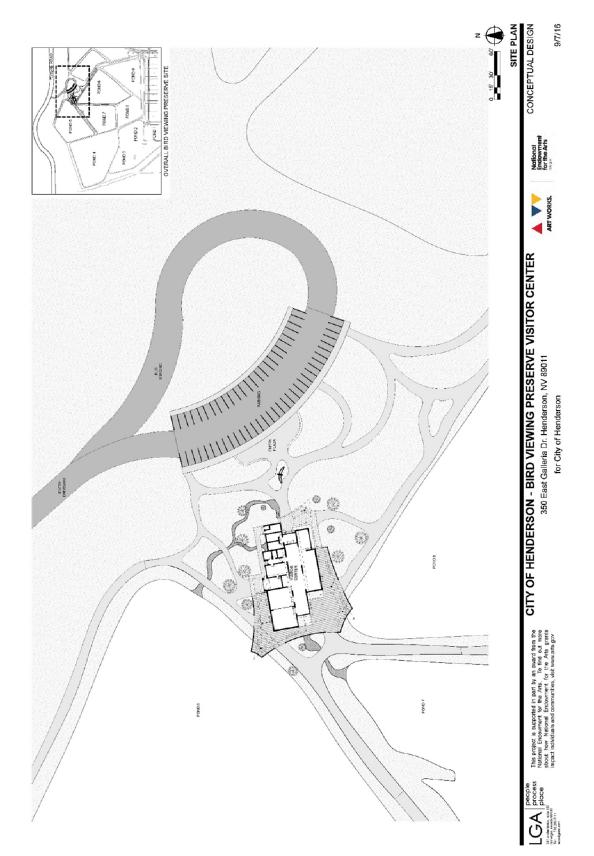
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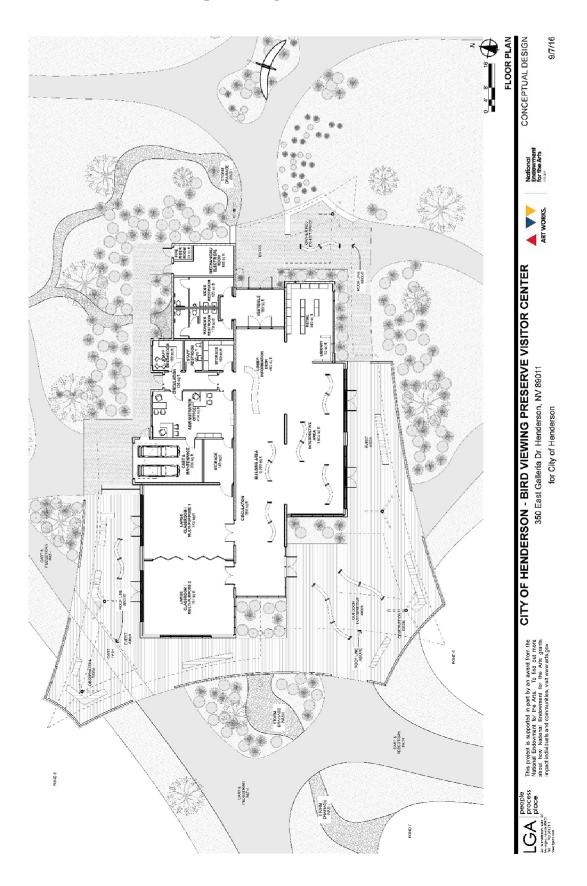


### **Conceptual Design – Flight Concept**

### **Conceptual Design – Site Plan**



**Conceptual Design – Floor Plan** 



### **Conceptual Design Renditions**



### **Photos**

### Scenic Views:



Figure 1: A scenic view of one of the ponds with Frenchman Mountain in the background



Figure 2: Ducks enjoying the water. A few of the many bird species that make BVP their home.

### Amenities



Figure 3: A rest area overlooki.ng one of the ponds. This is one of the many amenities the B VP currently offers.



Figure 4: A rest area overlooki.ng one of the ponds.



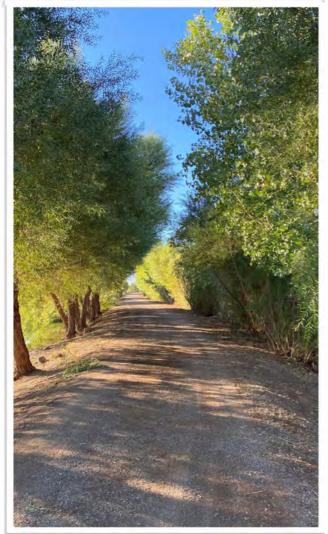


Figure 5: A view of one of the social trails that is in BVP.



Figure 6: A view of the current visitor center in BVP. This facility is too small to expand upon the programs and services ,if.Jered.

### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center

### **Performance Measures**

### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. *Report to the nearest whole acre.	Outdoor interpretive area/event area/ observation deck of ±6,750SF
R3- Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. *Report each facility or structure as one unit.	<ol> <li>new 7,000-SF visitor center of which 5,521-SF is public space that will include:         <ul> <li>1 entry plaza 5,000-SF</li> <li>1 kiosk w/interpretive signage</li> <li>1 parking lot 24,250-SF with 58 parking spots, a 54,265-SF entry driveway, and a 2,165-SF bus staging area</li> <li>Concrete sidewalk paths 21,000-SF at the one entryway</li> <li>1,000-LF of vinyl coated chain-link fencing (or Anticipated Deliverable: tube steel fencing)</li> <li>5 to 10 trash receptacles</li> <li>5 to 10 benches</li> <li>2 each 46-SF bike racks to hold 15 to 20 bicycles total</li> <li>1-2 permanent affixed security cameras</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
R4- Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. * <i>Report to</i> <i>the nearest whole mile</i> .	<ul> <li>1.15 mi of pedestrian &amp; cart perimeter trail</li> <li>19,600-SF of landscape and irrigation</li> </ul>

SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community							
Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity					
<b>O1</b> - Number of Hazardous Sites Remediated	*Report the number of hazardous sites where remediation actions are completed. Actions to be included are: removal of safety hazards, clean-up operations, restoration actions, and water quality remediation actions. Do not report temporary remediation measures. *Report each site as one unit. When applicable, also report total weight of trash removed during clean-up operations.	N/A					
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.* <i>Report</i> <i>each item produced as one unit.</i>	<ul> <li>1 kiosk w/interpretive signage</li> <li>20 to 30 interior and outdoor interpretive displays</li> <li>10 to 20 interpretive trail signage</li> <li>1 piece of public art (5'-10' tall by 5'-10' wide at entrance (size and configuration contingent on design)</li> <li>5 to 10 wayfinding signs</li> </ul>					
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable. *Report each building or facility as one unit	<ul> <li>1 Visitor Center 7,000*SF that encompasses 5,521-SFpublic space</li> <li>5 to 10 recycle receptables</li> </ul>					
O12 – Number of Management Plans/Handbooks/Manuals/ Guides for Activity on Public Lands Completed	*Report the number of new or revised ecosystem restoration, hazardous fuels reduction, recreation, cultural, resource management, or other activity plans when the decision document for the plan is signed. Revisions include modification of a significant portion of the decisions in the activity plan. Do not report minor amendments or changes in these plans. *Report each plan as one unit.	N/A					

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#### BLM Consultation Letter signed 11/3/2021



United States Department of the Interior



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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Ms. Alejandra Fazekas, AICP Principal Planner Community Development and Services Department City of Henderson 240 Water Street Henderson, Nevada, 89009 Email: Alejandra.Fazekas@cityofhenderson.com

Dear Ms. Fazekas:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of Henderson (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Sloan Canyon Gateway Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a gateway park to the planned Visitor Contact Station at the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area. The park will include amenities such as an approximate 1.0-mile-long natural path, a 0.5-mile-long trail with interpretive elements, wayside exhibits, a play area for children, plaza and interpretive area, restrooms, and parking, with access from the existing Nawghaw Poa Road. The proposed project is located generally at the intersection of Democracy Drive and Nawghaw Poa Road within M.D.M., T. 23 S., R. 61 E., sec. 26.

The Park proposal is on BLM-administered public land and will require the City to submit a complete application pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act to lease the subject lands. Please include a joint selection letter with the application. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. A new R&PP lease will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation needed consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Bear in mind that the minimum amount of time to process a R&PP application is 18 months or more.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. An initial assessment of the

project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Cornerstone Park Phase III</u> – This proposal is to design and develop complementary components to the existing park. Planned additions to the Cornerstone Park include a vehicular bridge, dog park, floating fountain, plaza space, connection to the Harry Reid UPPR Trail, sensory garden, play area, restrooms, parking, shaded picnic areas, and landscaping. The proposed additions are generally located adjacent to the existing Cornerstone Park at the intersection of Stephanie Street and Wigwam Parkway withing M.D.M., Township 22 S., R. 62 E., sec. 16. The project area is approximately 18 acres. The proposal is on lands owned by the City.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey may not be required because of pre-existing ground disturbance. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Downtown Park Renovation</u> – This proposal is to complete renovations to the existing Downtown Park to provide the public with a park with relevant amenities. The Park will include amenities such as a new pool and pool building, shade structures, shaded play areas, dog park, restrooms, splash pad, pickleball courts, plaza with art components, floor hockey court and other amenities. The proposed project is generally located at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Van Wagenen Street within M.D.M., T. 22 S., R. 63 E., sec. 8. The project area is approximately 3.0 acres on lands owned by the City.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey will not be required because of pre-existing ground disturbance. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Russell Road Recreation Complex</u>– This proposal is to remove a barrier within the existing park to enhance the user experience. The proposed project will convert the existing stormwater drainage structure that runs through the park into green infrastructure. The park renovations will include amenities such as play areas, loop path, maintenance area, plaza, shade structures. The proposed project is generally located at the intersection of Russell Road and New Beginnings Drive within M.D.M., T. 21 S., R. 62 E., sec. 34.

The project area is approximately 7 acres of BLM-administered public land leased to the City through the R&PP Act, serialized as N-59217. The City will need to amend the approved plan of development (POD) with a complete design plan and updated management plan and provide to the BLM for approval prior to initiating any changes or new construction. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. Modification of the R&PP lease POD will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the NEPA.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is

not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

There are no issues with the proposed project so long as development and operation and maintenance of the proposed project remain in compliance with the R&PP lease.

<u>Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center</u>– This proposal is to design and construct a new visitor center for the existing Bird Viewing Preserve. The visitor center will include a classroom, maintenance area, administration office, restrooms, storage, lobby, retail space, library, and interpretive area. Additionally, the project will include parking, landscape, and other park amenities. The proposed project is generally located at 300 East Galleria Drive within M.D.M., T. 21 S., R. 62 E., sec. 36. The project area is approximately 6 acres on lands owned by the City.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168 or mleiber@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Subject:Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center – City of Henderson Project NominationSouthern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

On behalf of the Boys and Girls Club, we are pleased to offer our support for the City of Henderson's Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center application.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada (BGCSNV) delivers high impact programs focusing on academic success, character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles. The John C. Kish Boys & Girls Club features a teen center, gymnasium, meal program, homework assistance, and a Cox Communication Innovation Center. Our Clubhouses fill the gap between school and home for almost 1,000 youth daily. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults. The Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center aligns with our vision and goals.

The Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center will make the area more accessible to people of all ages and encourage more people to get outdoors to walk. Our mission is to guide school age kids to lead a healthy lifestyle. With the addition of the visitor center, the BVP will be a destination where kids can go to get some physical activity while learning about the importance of preserving our natural areas. With this space being run by the City of Henderson, we are confident that our Club will not only be able to enjoy the BVP but also collaborate to deliver additional programs and education.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-367-2582 or by email at abischel@bgcsnv.org.

Sincerely. Andy Bischel

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Dear Ms. Leiber,

On behalf of the Clark County School District (CCSD), please accept this letter of support for the City of Henderson's Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center application.

Established in 1956, the Clark County School District (CCSD) is the number one choice for families and students. We educate 320,000 students – offering a variety of nationally recognized programs, including Magnet Schools, Career and Technical Academies, and Advanced Placement programs. The City of Henderson's commitment to increasing access to open spaces and educational programs aligns with CCSD's mission and goals.

This project will make the Bird Viewing Preserve more accessible to people of all ages and increase the educational field trips, classes, and trainings that are offered. CCSD has enjoyed a long partnership with local jurisdictions like the City of Henderson to encourage outdoor education and environmental stewardship. Adding a visitor center to the BVP will benefit CCSD students and the greater community, and therefore this application has our full support.

Sincerely,

Deanna J. Jaskolski, Ed.D Region 3 Superintendent

October 18, 2021

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Subject:Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center – City of Henderson Project Nomination<br/>Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19<br/>Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

Get Outdoors Nevada (GON) strongly supports the City of Henderson's efforts to proactively plan for the preservation of migratory bird habitat and Mojave wildlife education through the construction of the Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center.

GET OUTDOORS

Last year, GON programs connected over 60,000 people to Nevada's outdoors. These programs include outdoor classroom experiences and recreational field trips for low-income, at-risk youth who would not otherwise have these important experiences. City of Henderson is always there to support these programs. They consistently make their fabulous Bird Viewing Preserve staff available to help connect youth to our community. The combination of the in-class visits and the field experiences creates a learning loop that ensures lasting impact.

The construction of the new visitor center would greatly benefit our community by providing a space where our community's youth can get inspired and learn about native and migratory birds as well as the great outdoors. GON feels a new visitor center at the Bird Viewing Preserve will create a sense of pride, ownership, and stewardship for the facility, the preserve, and greater Mojave.

Please contact me at 702-997-3350 or rbergren@getoutdoorsnevada.org if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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Rachel Bergren Executive Director

October 13, 2021

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Subject: Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

On behalf of the Nevada Department of Wildlife, please accept this letter of support for the City of Henderson's Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center application. The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) is the state agency responsible for the restoration and management of Nevada's fish and wildlife resources. Over the last five years NDOW has formed a unique partnership with the City of Henderson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Red Rock Audubon Society, and several other volunteer groups to restore and maintain habitat at the preserve. NDOW appreciates the efforts the City of Henderson is proposing for a new visitor center facility and improvements of the Bird Viewing Preserve.

The Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center project has the full support of the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-668-3963 or by email at ajmiller@ndow.org.

anthony f. Miller Sincerely,

Anthony Miller, Biologist/Project Manager Nevada Department of Wildlife 3373 Pepper Lane Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 www.ndow.org 702-668-3963 ajmiller@ndow.org

October 13, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District Office - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130 702-515-5168 / mleiber@blm.gov

Subject:Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center – City of Henderson Project Nomination<br/>Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19<br/>Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

The Red Rock Audubon Society has had a productive education, conservation, and outreach partnership with the Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve since the Preserve's inception. Our mission is to bring people together for the conservation and enjoyment of birds, other wildlife, and the natural world. The Henderson Bird Viewing is an integral part of this mission.

At the Preserve, our organization leads regular bird walks open to the community. We fund school field trips and provide volunteers to support staff during these field trips. Our volunteers regularly participate in conservation service project there. We also are happy to support events there held by Park and Recreation when invited to help out.

The current visitors center is no longer capable of supporting the multiple education and outreach programs. There is no room to effectively hold community events such as lectures or videos promoting conservation. Having a separate classroom geared toward summer camps and children's programs would be helpful. The one room now used for all events lacks the space to store and display its world class educational materials.

The Red Rock Audubon supports the City of Henderson's effort to build a new Visitor Center that is appropriately sized and equipped to address growing programs and visitors to the Bird Preserve.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 349-7848 or by email at president@redrockaudubon.com

Sincerely,

Paul Rodriguez President Red Rock Audubon Society





October 26, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District Office - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130

Subject:Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center – City of Henderson Project NominationSouthern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) to express support for the City of Henderson's Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center project.

The proposed application aligns with the vision and goals of the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan (SNS), the region's first federally recognized regional plan adopted by 13 local and regional agencies. The RTC serves as the core administrator for SNS, which envisions a more vibrant and sustainable Southern Nevada where residents can have access to quality education, a variety of housing choices, good-paying jobs and transportation options.

This project implements multiple aspects of the SNS plan, which includes goals related to increasing access to natural and recreational facilities as well as economic diversification. Enhancing the Bird Viewing Preserve will encourage residents and visitors to more easily connect to this natural destination. This project will also create new educational facilities to promote environmental education and hands-on experiences to inspire students to follow STEM careers.

The RTC also serves as Southern Nevada's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is responsible for overseeing the transportation planning process for Southern Nevada, and directs funding generated from various local, state, and federal funds for transportation purposes. In this role, the RTC is committed to developing a safe, connected, and convenient walking and bicycling system that serves as a viable transportation and recreation asset while advancing the region's educational, health, and environmental goals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 676-1500 or by email at MaynardM@rtcsnv.com.

Sincerely,

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M.J. Maynard Chief Executive Officer Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada



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November 3, 2021

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Subject: Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

I am writing today on behalf of the Nevada Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in support of the City of Henderson's efforts to proactively plan for the preservation of migratory bird habitat and Mojave wildlife education through the construction of the Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center.

The Nature Conservancy is a global environmental nonprofit working to create a world where people and nature can thrive. Our mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. To achieve this, we must address the biodiversity and climate crises over the next decade. By maximizing our ability to affect change between now and 2030, we can shape a brighter future for people and our planet. The Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center project aligns with our goals and vision by creating a center where people can learn the importance of protecting and preserving biodiversity.

The construction of the new visitor center will benefit our community by providing a space where our community's youth can learn about native and migratory birds while being inspired by nature. A new visitor center at the Bird Viewing Preserve will create a sense of pride, ownership, and stewardship for the facility, the preserve, and greater Mojave.

Please contact me at mauricia.baca@tnc.org if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Mauricia M.M. Baca Nevada State Director The Nature Conservancy



November 5, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager, Parks, Trails and Natural Areas, Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Program, and Capital Improvements Bureau of Land Management 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

Subject: City of Henderson Project Nominations Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 - Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category – Inkind or cash contribution commitment

Dear Ms. Leiber,

The City of Henderson is pleased to share our commitment for staff in-kind time and cash contribution for the projects being submitted for SNPLMA Round 19 PTNA nominations. The contributions for each project are as follows:

### 1. <u>Sloan Canyon Gateway Park</u> – Contribution of \$137,254.00

The staff in-kind time includes salary and fringe benefit costs for a Park Planner for the duration of the project for design and construction.

### 2. <u>Russell Road Recreation Complex</u> – Contribution of \$137,254.00

The staff in-kind time includes salary and fringe benefit costs for a Park Planner for the duration of the project for design and construction.

### 3. Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center - Contribution of \$801,454.00

The staff in-kind time includes salary and fringe benefit costs for a Park Planner for the duration of the project for design and construction. There will be a cash contribution for construction of the areas of the visitor center that are not considered public in the amount of \$664,200.00. The funds will be covered by the Parks and Recreation Department's Special Recreation Fund.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at Angela.Summers@cityofhenderson.com or by phone at (702) 267-4000.

Sincerely, UM Angela Symmers

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, City of Henderson

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

### **City of Henderson**



### **Russell Road Recreation Complex**

Amount Requested: \$8,393,432

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City of Henderson will develop the southeast side of the Russell Road Recreation Complex (RRRC) with segments developed and undeveloped. The City of Henderson was approved funding for the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field on the northwest side of the Russell Road Recreation Complex, which is currently in progress, and was approved funding for a Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Center that will be in the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field. This proposal is located on the southeast corner of existing complex and will be the next phase of the project to retrofit the area and better connect the community to the outdoors. This portion of the project will include converting the Pittman Wash storm drain that runs through this area to green infrastructure by covering it and adding amenities such as a play area, a trail to connect existing paths, a maintenance area, public art sculptures, a plaza, shaded areas, fitness nodes, and skills elements. The area that is currently undeveloped contributes to the "broke window theory" the complex has been experiencing. The addition of these amenities will reduce unwanted activities that occur in the area by creating a natural surveillance and make the complex a more welcoming place for people of all ages to enjoy. To conserve more water, areas of existing turf will be removed and in place will have added amenities that benefit the community.

### 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

- <u>SNPLMA Round 17</u> approved funding of \$8,477,808.00 for the design and construction of Phase I of the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field on the west side of the Russell Road Recreation Complex currently in progress.
- <u>SNPLMA Round 18</u> approved funding of \$4,666,460.00 for the design and construction of a Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Center that will be located at the future Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field site.
- 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: The City of Henderson acknowledges if in the future another phase were to develop, there is no guarantee or expectation of funding.

### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The proposed project will promote these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

- 1. <u>Sustainability:</u> Sustainability is a key design factor for this project. The project will reduce the urban heat island effect by transforming the reflective grey concrete surface of the stormwater structure to green infrastructure. This project will transform the storm drain to an attractive complex feature that will better connect the amenities. The retrofit of the area will not only help the City of Henderson reach the sustainability goals outlined in the Comprehensive Plan, but also will help with creating a sense of environmental stewardship with the visitors. Looking at the stormwater structure as a positive element rather than a physical barrier, the project will provide educational opportunities for the public to understand water in the Las Vegas Valley and how it is conveyed, and the importance of conservation. Additionally, the project will remove turf within the project limits the reduce unnecessary water usage.
- 2. <u>Connectivity:</u> This project will allow needed expansion of the existing Russell Road Recreation Complex addressing physical barriers and re-connecting the community to the outdoors. The complex is physically separated by the Pittman Wash that runs through the center and the proposed improvements will increase connectivity by bridging the current developed structure with the undeveloped portion in the center and to the southeast corner of the complex. The trail system will be expanded to create a complete loop for people of all ages to be able to walk, run, bike, and participate in other recreational activities. This will make the complex a more cohesive space and less disjointed, as it currently is. The communities that are in the immediate vicinity of the complex will benefit from the improved connectivity as well. Directly east of the complex is Sports Leadership and Management of Nevada (SLAM NV) an organization the City regularly partners with. The proposed improvements will allow the community to better connect to the recreational activities the complex has to offer.
- 3. <u>Community:</u> Russell Road Recreation Complex will have a direct impact to 19,923 residents within 1-mile radius and 126,279 residents within a 3-mile radius. Population of the project vicinity is diverse, including 56% White, 35% Hispanic, 11% African American, and 9% Asian. The per capita income is \$27,742, 9.7% of residents in the area are unemployed, and 11% live in poverty. About 24% of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. When compared this data with the City overall, the numbers fall behind the average. This project will be beneficial to the community because additional opportunities to get outdoors and participate in recreational activities will be provided. The proposed amenities such as a trail loop, a plaza, skills elements, and the retrofit of the wash will give the complex a more inviting feel to the community. This will also reduce the nefarious activity that occurs in the undeveloped areas of the complex.

This second phase of the Recreation Center will expand upon and connect to the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field that is currently in progress from Round 17 and the Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Center that was approved for funding during Round 18. The community enjoys the ballfields and recreational activities that are already offered on the complex. With the additional improvements, the complex will become even more welcoming for the community.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The City of Henderson will implement the second phase of renovations occurring at the Russell Road Recreation Complex. The complex is located on 7-acres of public lands leased to the City pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose Act. The site is situated adjacent to East Russell Road and North Stephanie Street, in Henderson, Clark County, Nevada. This phase of the project will better connect the complex with the development that is in progress and occurring in the northwest portion of the complex. It will include updating the Pittman Wash channel by covering it with green infrastructure amenities such as a play area, a trail to connect existing paths, a maintenance area, a plaza, public art sculptures, shaded areas, fitness nodes, and skills elements. This will create a more welcoming environment for the area and encourage more people of all ages and physical abilities to enjoy the amenities the complex has to offer.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. Primary Deliverables:
  - a. Design and construction of 1 new park of approximately 7.5 acres
  - b. Design and construction of the conversion of a segment of the existing Pittman Wash channel into green infrastructure ( $\pm 69,900$ -SF or 1.6 acres)
  - c. Design and construct a solar lighted parking lot w/±100 spaces and min. 24 accessible spaces (±56,500 SF)
  - d. Design and construct  $\pm 1/2$ -mile trail (10' wide) as depicted in the concept plan
  - e. Design and construct  $\pm 15,500$ -SF or 0.36 acres of maintenance area
  - f. Design and construct  $\pm$  9,000 SF play area with play equipment and safety surfacing
  - g. Design and construction of  $\pm 10,500$  SF plaza
  - h. Installation of 1 kiosk with interpretive signage
  - i. Design, construction, and installation of 5 to 10 trail signage markers
  - j. Design, construction, and installation of 1 to 5 pieces of public art sculptures (min. 3' to 10' tall by 3' to 10' wide, exact artwork size and configuration is contingent on design)
  - k. Installation of 1 to 2 shade structures (min. 20' x 20')
  - 1. Design and construction of 1 skills wall element approximately 2,500SF
  - m. Design and construct 4 to 6 fitness equipment nodes w/fitness equipment and safety surfacing (min. 10' x 10')
  - n. Design and construct a public restroom-gender neutral (700-SF) with 4 toilets, 4 sinks
  - o. Installation 10 to 15 benches
  - p. Installation 5 to 10 picnic tables
  - q. Installation 2 46SF bicycle racks that can hold up between 15 to 20 bicycles total
  - r. Installation 1 to 2 permanently affixed security cameras
  - s. Design and installation of landscape and irrigation  $\pm 184,000$  SF or 4.22 acres
  - t. Installation of 5 to 10 trash receptacles
  - u. Installation of 5 to 10 recycle receptacles
  - v. Installation of 2 to 5 dog waste receptacles

\*All amenities proposed are project specific and will be permanent fixtures of the project. Some of the amenities where ranges are provided, are contingent upon the results of the design, public scoping, and final cost estimates at the time the design is completed.

- 2. <u>Anticipated Deliverables: The following amenities would be added if it was determined a desired amenity based on public outreach. Prior approval is required.</u>
  - a. Pickleball courts (1-2 courts, approx. 4,500 SF total)
  - b. Roller hockey court (1 court, approx. 7,200 SF)
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Public scoping with affected stakeholders
  - b. Developing scopes of work for contracts
  - c. Preliminary design
  - d. Surveys as necessary
  - e. Final design
  - f. Submitting and obtaining management approval of project documents
  - g. Culture/environmental clearances
  - h. Specialist's review of project documents
  - i. Updated R&PP Lease Plan of Development (POD)
  - j. Construction phase
  - k. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - 1. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - m. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - n. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

### 4. **PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.08249885883795, -115.04394323116415

Congressional District(s): NV-3

### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The City of Henderson proposes the project will be completed within 5 years from the date of the awarded SNPLMA financial instrument (assistance agreement).

### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\square$  Yes -or-  $\square$  No

This proposal, if funded, is prepared to move forward with design and construction within the five-year timeframe. The City has looked into project site costs and estimates and has outlined a conceptual design plan. The project will include the necessary compliance with Section 106 as well as if there are any requirements from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), and any updates to the R&PP Lease N-59217.

### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Operations and maintenance for this project will be performed by existing city staff using existing equipment. Estimated maintenance and operation costs are \$20,000 annually. Maintenance would include regular trash cleanup, trail cleanup, and as-needed trail surface

maintenance. The City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Board reviewed and accepted the application on October 6, 2021. Then, the Henderson City Council reviewed and approved the proposal during the City Council meeting held on October 19, 2021 and committed to any future operation and maintenance costs when the project is completed. Upon completion of the project, it would be a candidate for trail cleanups.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

The City of Henderson is seeking \$8,393,432 in SNPLMA funds to implement and complete the project.

#### Partnership and/or Contributed Funds:

The City of Henderson will provide an in-kind contribution of staff time in the amount of \$137,254.00. A signed commitment letter dated November 5, 2021 is enclosed. The time includes a Park Planner involved with the project from its design inception through construction completion. These contributed funds will be outlined in the assistance agreement as a non-federal funding resource and will be tracked and reported annually consistent with the federal award.

### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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Project Manager: Thomas Davy, City Engineer Email: <u>Thomas.davy@cityofhenderson.com</u> Phone Number: 702-267-3062

Budget Officer: Michelle Patrick, Business Analyst II Email: <u>michelle.patrick@cityofhenderson.com</u> Phone Number: 702-267-3067

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**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES** 

#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. <u>**DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO:**</u> Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

### A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: The proposed development on the Russell Road Recreation Complex will improve the existing and in progress facilities by providing connectivity and additional recreation opportunities in the complex. The additions will include play areas, a trail to connect existing paths to create a loop path, a maintenance area, a plaza, shade, and skills elements – all of which will connect to the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field that is currently in progress and the Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Center that was recently approved for funding. In addition, the Pittman Wash that runs through the complex will be retrofitted with green infrastructure to better connect the north and south end of the complex and make the wash a more attractive feature instead of a barrier. The improvements will create a more cohesive and inviting complex where visitors can enjoy more opportunities to participate in recreation. Currently, there is a ball field, horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, barbecues, trails, etc. These amenities attract many people throughout the year to get outdoors and participate in various forms of exercise they might not otherwise be able to participate in. With the connection to the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field that has a focus on giving people with disabilities an opportunity to comfortably participate in sports recreationally, everyone, disabled and abled, will be able to thoroughly enjoy the amenities.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: The proposed enhancements to the Russell Road Recreation Complex will have a positive impact on the community through the increased recreational activity that will be provided, as they will encourage more people to get outdoors and participate. Although the complex is open to everyone, the residential community to the east and the church to the south of the complex will feel the most direct and positive impact. There will be a positive impact on property values and job creation. The retrofit of the Pittman Wash could also have a positive impact on tourism as well, because of the unique and sustainable nature of the green infrastructure project. The Russell Road Recreation Complex is already a one-of-a-kind development in Southern Nevada, the addition of the amenities that would come with this project will make the complex and even more special place for the community.

#### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Answer: In its current form, the complex already provides significant value for visitors. There are not many places in Southern Nevada that offers the plethora of

recreational activities the complex does. From the baseball fields to the multi-purpose fields, everyone can find an activity they enjoy here. The Russell Road Recreation Complex is one of the only recreational facilities in Southern Nevada with a focus on meeting the needs of people with disabilities. The improvements made to the area with this project will further serve the needs of individuals and abled bodied individuals alike with additional amenities and accommodations and better connecting the already existing amenities on the complex to each other. This project is significant for Henderson and the greater Las Vegas Valley.

#### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Answer: The Pittman Wash that runs through the complex is currently fenced off to prevent people from accidentally falling in and hurting themselves and to discourage nefarious activities from occurring in the wash. Although fenced off and signs prohibiting otherwise, people are still able to get in and engage in potentially hazardous activities. The disjointed nature of the complex adds to the sense that there is a lack of security, which has encouraged prohibited activities to occur here. This project will address these issues head on with the transformation of the grey infrastructure to green infrastructure via the proposed bridge. Not only will this create a more attractive park feature and help with sustainability goals, but this will also discourage prohibited activities by creating a natural surveillance and connecting the physical barrier that is the wash to the rest of the complex. People without homes will be discouraged from camping in the wash and will be able to be led to services they may need. Visitors will be able to safely learn about the Valley's intricate water system while having more space for recreation and play. This project will remedy these issues while better connecting to the community.

### E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: Within a 10-minute walk (approximately ½-mile) of this project, more than half of the residents identify as nonwhite (52.4%) with Hispanic being the largest minority group at 35.3%. Although the complex is open to everyone, a large majority of the people that will directly benefit from the project identify as typically underserved minorities. Furthermore, 18.3% of the people within a one-mile radius of the complex have a household income of less than \$25,000 per year. The Henderson Hospital is 1.2 miles south of the complex, making the project a great place for people that may need additional physical therapy. This project is meant to give people living in poverty and underserved communities an opportunity to get outdoors, engage in physical recreational activities, and build positive relationships with one another no matter their race, income, or physical ability. The City is committed to partnering with organizations such as SLAM NV, Boys and Girls Club of Southern Nevada, Opportunity Village, etc., to provide equal opportunities to every resident to participate in the sports, play, and restoration the complex offers.

2. <u>**RESOURCES**</u>: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.

### A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: This project will **enhance the community** because visitors will have access to additional **open space** and **recreational opportunities** that are comfortable for everyone in the community to enjoy. This project will expand upon and improve the projects that are currently under construction in the RRRC and will add a connection throughout the entire complex with a trail, play areas, skills elements, and more. The undeveloped areas of the complex are not being used because of the physical barrier in the center – the Pittman Wash. This project will transform the wash to an attractive feature where visitors can not only participate in recreation but also be **educated** on the importance of water systems in Southern Nevada. With the accessible recreational sports and transformation of the wash, this project is beneficial to both the **environment** and the community alike and be a place where generations of future Nevadans can continue to enjoy.

### B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: The plan to expand upon and enhance the complex will not only make the area more aesthetically appealing but will also teach visitors the importance of the water systems in the Valley. The plan to cover the wash that runs through the complex with green infrastructure that is compatible with the natural environment will educate residents and visitors on the importance of water conservation.

Recreational activities will be enhanced and extended as well. This project will connect the disjointed parts of the complex with a trail loop and will provide amenities such as shade structures and a plaza. The enhancements will connect to the other phases of the complex that are currently in motion.

### C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water, and materials.

Answer: The proposed development will have an emphasis on sustainable design. The proposed improvements aim to bridge the existing channel and creating a functional open space that will also connect the whole park instead of being a barrier. Green infrastructure can offer a wide range of ecosystem services to support a healthy urban environment such as the potential for regulating air temperature, air quality, water storage and drainage, and noise reduction.

In addition, the added amenities, such as the lighting, the maintenance area, the shaded structures, play area, etc., will be constructed with sustainable materials and powered with renewable energy sources. Solar and/or wind power will be considered for these projects to reduce the City's reliance on nonrenewable energy sources such as natural gas. The building materials will be sustainably sourced, long lasting, and cost effective.

## D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: Although the Pittman Wash is an integral part of the Valley's water system, in its current form, the wash creates many issues for the RRRC. The wash physically divides the complex which leads to the complex feeling fragmented and not cohesive. This project will turn the Pittman Wash into an attractive complex feature where people can learn more about the importance of water conservation and green infrastructure. This project will also expand upon and enhance the current and in progress projects on the complex by connecting the different areas together with a loop trail and providing additional amenities for people that want to partake in recreational activities or simply get outdoors. Retrofitting the wash will lead to an appreciation of the Valley's water systems and educate visitors on innovate solutions to pollution, climate change, and water depletion.

3. <u>CONNECTIVITY</u>: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

### A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: This project will provide connections to existing trails and parks. These include, but are not limited to:

- The Pittman Wash
- Stufflebeam Trail
- Trails within Union Village development
- Trails along Stephanie Street
- The Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Center

### B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

Answer: This project is a part of the following local and regional plans:

- City of Henderson Comprehensive Plan
- City of Henderson Open Space & Trails Plan
- City of Henderson Parks and Trail Master Plan
- City of Henderson Master Transportation Plan

### C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: The main goal of this project is to better connect the recreation areas within the complex. Currently, there is a physical barrier that creates a sense of separation between all of the amenities in the park. This proposal will connect the other two projects that are in progress on the complex and transform the Pittman Wash to an attractive park feature where people can learn about the importance of water conservation. The southeast corner of the complex is fenced off from the rest of the area because the wash in its current form presents a potential danger to people that enjoy the recreational activities provided. This complex is a part of the larger system of parks, trails, and natural areas the City provides. South of the complex there is a local church and to the east there are single-family and multi-family residential developments. This project will better connect the community to the complex as well as the greater system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

### D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: Currently, the City partners with various nonprofit organizations to offer educational and recreational activities at the complex. This will be expanded upon with the completion of the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field and Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Center. This project will connect the services the complex provides and will provide in the future to create a comfortable environment for people of all physical abilities to enjoy the outdoors. The completion of this project will include: skills elements, a play area, fitness nodes, a plaza area, and a trail system that connects all portions of the complex together. Moreover, there will be an important educational aspect of the project as well. The City is committed to increasing sustainability with an emphasis on water conservation. This project will educate visitors on the importance of water conservation by transforming the grey infrastructure that is the Pittman Wash to green infrastructure by covering the channel.

# E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The Russell Road Recreation Complex project will encourage disenfranchised communities to participate in recreational activities because there will be activities for people from all backgrounds to enjoy. The proposed play areas are a great way for youth to interact with the area and the paved trails will inspire older and people with disabilities to reconnect with nature. Accessibility is an important aspect of the project and ensuring everyone is comfortable is crucial. This project will improve and connect to the current and in progress projects on the complex that have a focus on getting disabled people into recreational activities. Everyone, no matter their socioeconomic status, race, or physical ability deserves an opportunity to connect with nature and recreation and this project will provide that.

 <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.

### A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: The projected deliverables for the project includes play area, plaza area, parking lots, shade structures, fitness nodes, a skills element, solar lighting, signage, site amenities, art elements, park appurtenances, and landscape. The project, when complete, will provide a park with recreational opportunities and an inviting environment to enjoy the outdoors for the residents of the Valley.

The proposed budget of \$8,393,432.00 is reasonable for a project of this magnitude and in today's industry. The proposed project is a stand-alone project.

### B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: Within a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-mile radius there is an estimated population of 19,923 residents and within a 3-mile radius, there is an estimated population of 126,279 residents. The complex would provide a direct benefit to these communities, as they are in walking and/or biking distance. There are single-family and multi-family residential developments directly east and west of the complex and a church directly south. A bit further south, 1.3 miles away, is the Union Village development. This development has mixed use multi-family residential, a hospital nearby, and other amenities. This community would also benefit greatly from this project. Well over half of the population within a 1-mile radius of this project identify as nonwhite (61.3%). Also within a 1-mile radius, 10.1% of the population is considered to be living in poverty. This project will increase open space and recreational accessibility communities of color and impoverished neighborhoods. The City strongly believes that everyone, no matter their socioeconomic background, race, age, etc., deserves access to parks and recreational spaces. This project aligns with the City's values and will serve to provide amenities to the communities within its vicinity.

### C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: The City of Henderson continues to explore strategies to minimize costs of construction, operations, and maintenance. These strategies are incorporated in the design of this project. The trail will include the minimum necessary elements to ensure a safe and usable trail while using materials and components intended to minimize operations and maintenance expenses. Materials for the amenities would be of material that is able to withstand the environment of the desert Southwest.

Landscape materials will be desert adaptive species or native requiring less water, and the irrigation system will be efficient.

D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

Answer: The City of Henderson will provide an in-kind contribution of staff time in the amount of \$137,254.00. The time includes a Park Planner involved with the project from its design inception through construction completion. These contributed funds will be outlined in the assistance agreement as a non-federal funding resource

The project would be a candidate for trail cleanups. Trail cleanups are made up of volunteer groups and would offset maintenance costs.

## E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: The Russell Road Recreation Complex project will transform the existing infrastructure and make the complex a more cohesive space with sustainable and efficient practices. The City will use cost-efficient and sustainable building materials, will utilize renewable energy sources for the amenities where applicable, and will use sustainable maintenance practices to ensure the needed amenities are provided for the community while also not disrupting the natural environment more than necessary.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

#### A. Executive Orders (EO):

### 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk

Answer: Yes, this project supports EO No. 13855 by taking the proper measures to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires in the Russell Road Recreation Complex.

### 2. EO No. 14004: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

Answer: Yes, this project supports EO No. 14004 because the City will contract with American workers and the complex will be staffed by American workers.

#### B. Secretarial Orders

#### 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3347 because this will encourage more people to participate in recreational sports such as soccer and baseball while educating the public on the importance of protecting our water resources. Additional

educational classes, events, and programs will be offered with the construction of the complex.

### 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3356 because additional outdoor recreation activities will be provided. Although hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting are not a part of the offered recreational activities, water conservation is at the forefront of this project. This project will further protect the native plant species in the area as well.

### 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors.

Answer: SO No. 3362 does not apply to this project.

### 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3366 because the proposed amenities will increase recreational opportunities for all people to enjoy, no matter their age or physical ability.

### 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3370 because the visitor center will provide additional amenities to the RRRC. The amenities such as a shade area, play area, and plaza will make the RRRC a space everyone can enjoy and create a connection between the urban environment and the natural environment.

### 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3372 because the City will take measures to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires through active land management. The City of Henderson Parks and Recreation staff will monitor the area closely.

### 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition).

Answer: SO No. 3373 does not apply to this project.

#### 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3374 because the project will provide additional amenities that will encourage people to enjoy the existing and enhanced recreational activities offered in the RRRC. Conserving the open space today will allow future generations to enjoy the outdoor recreation the complex provides.

### 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes.

Answer: Yes, this project supports SO No. 3376 because, although the use of electric bikes is not permitted on the project trails at this time, there will be bicycle parking on the complex for those who choose to ride to the RRRC.

#### C. Department of the Interior Priorities:

1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: Yes, the Russell Road Recreation Complex will consider the use of solar and/or another renewable energy source to power any additional amenities provided. This will help reduce reliance on unrenewable energy sources such as natural gas. In addition, the Pittman Wash that runs through the complex will be retrofitted from grey infrastructure to green infrastructure to encourage responsible water management practices.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: This goal does not apply to this project.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: Yes, the Russell Road Recreation Complex project will create jobs through the associated construction and maintenance of the complex. These jobs are in line with the Administration's goal of creating family-supporting jobs that focus on conservation and environmental stewardship.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: Yes, the Russell Road Recreation Complex project will assist with the goal of conserving 30% of our waters by the year 2030. This project will further protect the water that runs through the channel by covering it and activating the site thus reducing physical pollutants from accumulating and naturally cleansing the water well before reaching Lake Mead.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: Yes, the Russell Road Recreation Complex project centers equity and environmental justice. This project will expand upon and enhance the services that will be provided with the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field that is currently in progress and the Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Center that was recently approved for funding. With the renovation of the complex, people of all physical abilities will be able to participate in recreational sports and activities in an inviting setting. This project will better connect the various amenities the complex has to offer.

### D. Forest Service Priorities:

### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: Yes, the City of Henderson is committed to ending the COVID-19 pandemic and just recently won an award from the American Planning Association for the effective planning and proactive handling of resources available to residents. During construction, Staff will follow all CDC, state, and local guidelines. This will also serve as an outdoor space where people can safely socially distance.

### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: Yes, this project will help provide economic relief by creating job opportunities for Southern Nevadans resulting from the design, construction, maintenance, and programming of the facility. Furthermore, this project will offer free and reduced services and programs to those in need.

### 3. Tackling climate change

Answer: Yes, the Russell Road Recreation Complex will help reduce GHG emissions with the addition of native Mojave Desert plants and trees. The retrofit of the Pittman Wash will assist with protecting our water resources that are vulnerable to the negative effects of climate change.

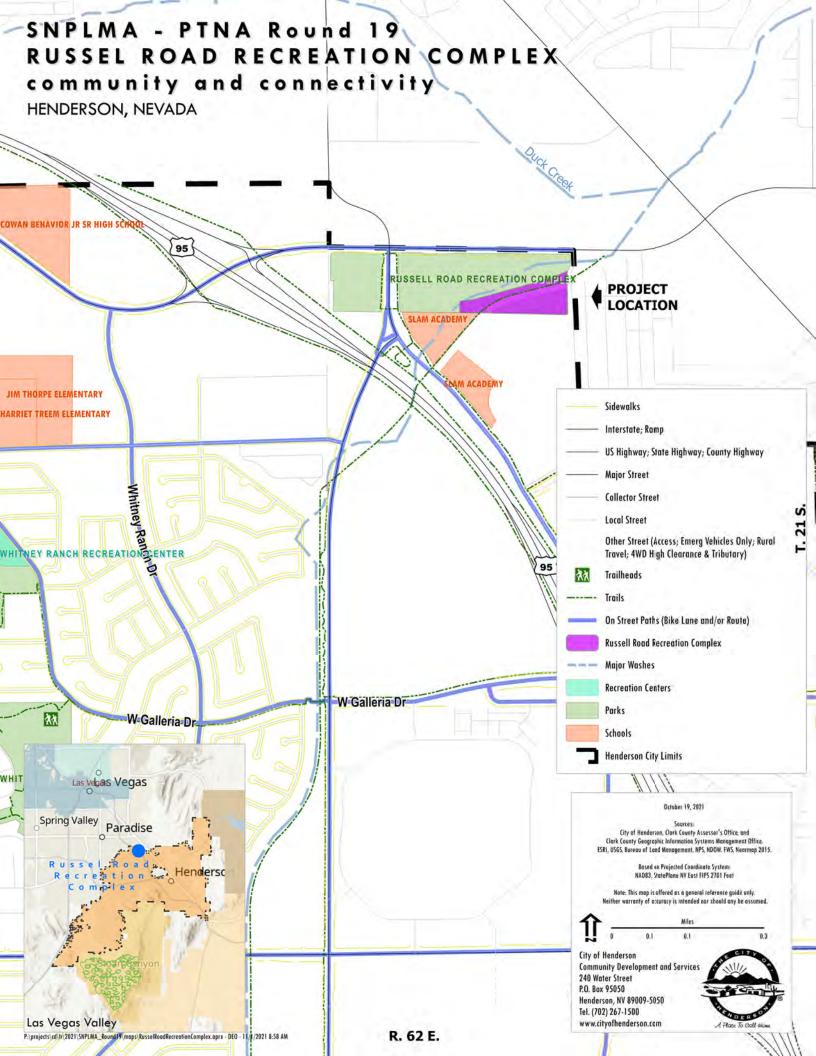
### 4. Advancing racial equity

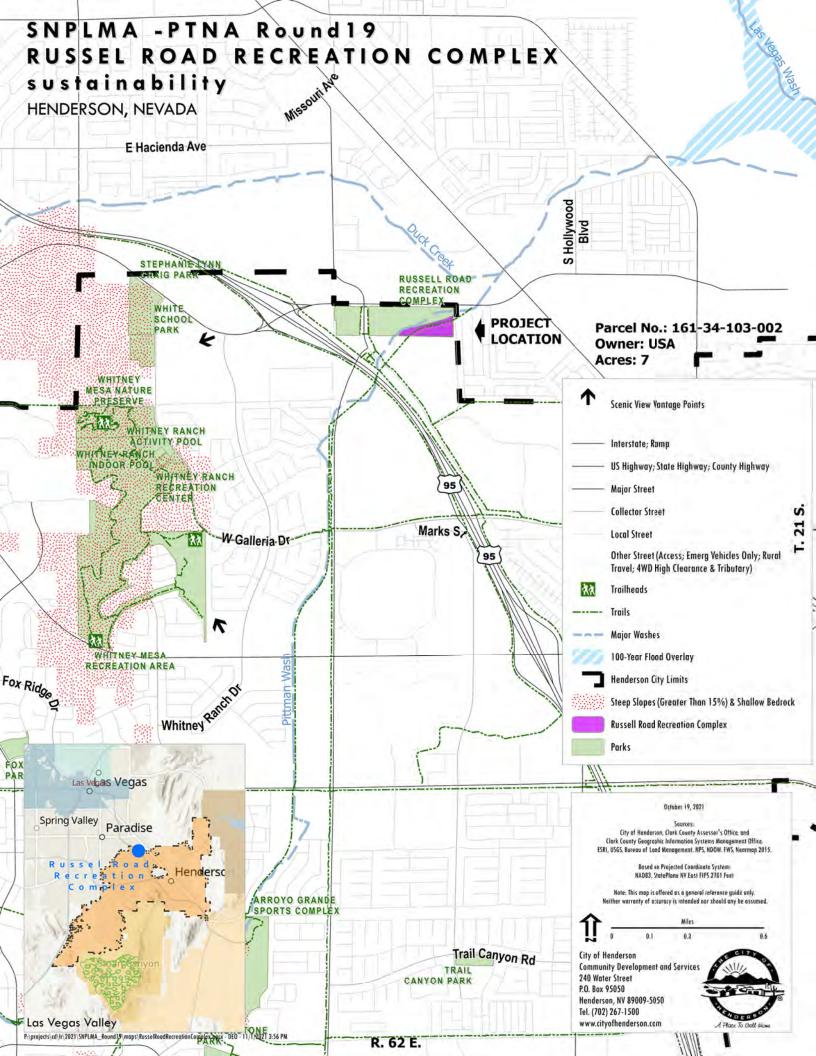
Answer: Yes, the Russell Road Recreation Complex will advance racial equity by providing all residents, no matter their racial background or socioeconomic status, a place where they can enjoy outdoor activities and recreation.

### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

Answer: Yes, the Russell Road Recreation Complex will improve our workforce and work environment by providing additional recreation and outdoor activities. This project will give these residents a place where they can get outdoors which, in turn, improves quality of life and work environment.







## **RUSSELL ROAD RECREATION COMPLEX** -CONCEPTUAL PROGRAMMING-



# **RUSSELL ROAD RECREATION COMPLEX** -INSPIRATION IMAGES-















### **PLAZA**



## SHADE STRUCTURE





## **FITNESS COURT**





### The Pittman Wash:



Figure 1: A view of the Pittman Wash that runs through the complex



Figure 2: A view of the Pittman Wash facing the Sports Leadership and Management Academy

# **Existing Development:**



Figure 3: The baseball field that is in the complex



Figure 4: One of the restrooms in the complex

# Surrounding Area:



Figure 5: The current undeveloped area this project would address. The Midway Park on the southeast portion of the complex is fenced off and not connected to the rest of the complex.



Figure 6: Another view of the undeveloped area this project would address, illustrating the lack of connectivity.

# SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Russell Road Recreation Complex

# **Performance Measures**

### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
<b>R2</b> - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. *Report to the nearest whole acre.	1 new park of approx. 7.5 acres
<b>R3-</b> Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. *Report each facility or structure as one unit.	1 play area (9,000SF) and safety surfacing 1 plaza (10,500SF) 1 to 2 shade structures (min 20' x 20') 1 skills wall element (2,500SF) 4-6 fitness equipment nodes (10' x 10') 5-10 picnic tables 2ea bike racks (46SF ) for 15-20 bikes total +-56,500SF parking lot with 100 spaces and min. 24 accessible spaces +-15,500SF of maintenance area 10 to 15 benches 5 to 10 picnic tables 1 to 2 permanently affixed security cameras 5 to 10 trash receptacles 2 to 5 dog waste receptacles 1 to 2 pickleball courts (4,500SF total) 1 roller hockey court (7,200SF)
R4- Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. *Report to the nearest whole mile.	10' wide ½ mile trail +-184,000SF of landscaping and irrigation
<b>R6</b> – PTNA Rights of Way or Easements	* <b>Report the acres of rights of way or</b> easements acquired for a PTNA project.* <i>Report to the nearest whole acre.</i>	N/A

Other Performance Measu	PLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: res that Also Support the Three Values for SN Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community	
Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.* <i>Report each item produced as one unit</i> .	5-10 trail signage markers 1 kiosk w/interpretive signage 1-5 public art sculptures min. 3'-10' tall by 3'-10' wide (artwork size/configuration is contingent on design)
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable.*Report each building or facility as one unit	1 channel conversion to green infrastructure (approx. 69,900SF) 5 to 10 recycle receptacles Solar lighting in parking lot



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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Ms. Alejandra Fazekas, AICP Principal Planner Community Development and Services Department City of Henderson 240 Water Street Henderson, Nevada, 89009 Email: Alejandra.Fazekas@cityofhenderson.com

Dear Ms. Fazekas:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of Henderson (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Sloan Canyon Gateway Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a gateway park to the planned Visitor Contact Station at the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area. The park will include amenities such as an approximate 1.0-mile-long natural path, a 0.5-mile-long trail with interpretive elements, wayside exhibits, a play area for children, plaza and interpretive area, restrooms, and parking, with access from the existing Nawghaw Poa Road. The proposed project is located generally at the intersection of Democracy Drive and Nawghaw Poa Road within M.D.M., T. 23 S., R. 61 E., sec. 26.

The Park proposal is on BLM-administered public land and will require the City to submit a complete application pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act to lease the subject lands. Please include a joint selection letter with the application. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. A new R&PP lease will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation needed consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Bear in mind that the minimum amount of time to process a R&PP application is 18 months or more.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. An initial assessment of the

project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Cornerstone Park Phase III</u> – This proposal is to design and develop complementary components to the existing park. Planned additions to the Cornerstone Park include a vehicular bridge, dog park, floating fountain, plaza space, connection to the Harry Reid UPPR Trail, sensory garden, play area, restrooms, parking, shaded picnic areas, and landscaping. The proposed additions are generally located adjacent to the existing Cornerstone Park at the intersection of Stephanie Street and Wigwam Parkway withing M.D.M., Township 22 S., R. 62 E., sec. 16. The project area is approximately 18 acres. The proposal is on lands owned by the City.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey may not be required because of pre-existing ground disturbance. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Downtown Park Renovation</u> – This proposal is to complete renovations to the existing Downtown Park to provide the public with a park with relevant amenities. The Park will include amenities such as a new pool and pool building, shade structures, shaded play areas, dog park, restrooms, splash pad, pickleball courts, plaza with art components, floor hockey court and other amenities. The proposed project is generally located at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Van Wagenen Street within M.D.M., T. 22 S., R. 63 E., sec. 8. The project area is approximately 3.0 acres on lands owned by the City.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey will not be required because of pre-existing ground disturbance. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Russell Road Recreation Complex</u>– This proposal is to remove a barrier within the existing park to enhance the user experience. The proposed project will convert the existing stormwater drainage structure that runs through the park into green infrastructure. The park renovations will include amenities such as play areas, loop path, maintenance area, plaza, shade structures. The proposed project is generally located at the intersection of Russell Road and New Beginnings Drive within M.D.M., T. 21 S., R. 62 E., sec. 34.

The project area is approximately 7 acres of BLM-administered public land leased to the City through the R&PP Act, serialized as N-59217. The City will need to amend the approved plan of development (POD) with a complete design plan and updated management plan and provide to the BLM for approval prior to initiating any changes or new construction. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. Modification of the R&PP lease POD will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the NEPA.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is

not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

There are no issues with the proposed project so long as development and operation and maintenance of the proposed project remain in compliance with the R&PP lease.

<u>Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center</u>– This proposal is to design and construct a new visitor center for the existing Bird Viewing Preserve. The visitor center will include a classroom, maintenance area, administration office, restrooms, storage, lobby, retail space, library, and interpretive area. Additionally, the project will include parking, landscape, and other park amenities. The proposed project is generally located at 300 East Galleria Drive within M.D.M., T. 21 S., R. 62 E., sec. 36. The project area is approximately 6 acres on lands owned by the City.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168 or mleiber@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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November 5, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager, Parks, Trails and Natural Areas, Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Program, and Capital Improvements Bureau of Land Management 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

Subject: City of Henderson Project Nominations Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 - Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category – Inkind or cash contribution commitment

Dear Ms. Leiber,

The City of Henderson is pleased to share our commitment for staff in-kind time and cash contribution for the projects being submitted for SNPLMA Round 19 PTNA nominations. The contributions for each project are as follows:

# 1. <u>Sloan Canyon Gateway Park</u> – Contribution of \$137,254.00

The staff in-kind time includes salary and fringe benefit costs for a Park Planner for the duration of the project for design and construction.

# 2. <u>Russell Road Recreation Complex</u> – Contribution of \$137,254.00

The staff in-kind time includes salary and fringe benefit costs for a Park Planner for the duration of the project for design and construction.

# 3. Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center - Contribution of \$801,454.00

The staff in-kind time includes salary and fringe benefit costs for a Park Planner for the duration of the project for design and construction. There will be a cash contribution for construction of the areas of the visitor center that are not considered public in the amount of \$664,200.00. The funds will be covered by the Parks and Recreation Department's Special Recreation Fund.

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October 21, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District Office - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130 702-515-5168 / mleiber@blm.gov

#### Subject: Russell Road Recreation Complex – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

On behalf of Ability360, we are pleased to offer our support for the City of Henderson's Russell Road Recreation Complex.

Ability360 is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation that advocates personal responsibility – by, and for, people with disabilities – as a means to independence. Through its comprehensive programs, Ability360 touches the lives of individuals with disabilities and addresses the disability concerns of their family members, co-workers and employers. The Russell Road Recreation Complex will make the area more accessible to people of all ages and physical abilities and encourage more people to get outdoors to walk. This project aligns with our vision and goals.

This project will expand upon and enhance the complex by addressing the physical barriers and reconnecting the community to the outdoors. The existing concrete stormwater drainage structure will be reinvigorated and blended with the park design as an attractive park feature. The park will provide increased learning opportunities particularly for children and disabled and able-bodied individuals, expanding and connecting amenities with the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field currently under design. This expansion will offer healthy physical activity through the play area, but also through a loop trail that will run through the entire complex.

People with physical disabilities have benefitted from recreational and social opportunities projects the City of Henderson Parks & Recreation provides with projects like the Russell Road Recreation Complex. Having the additional supports and services onsite at this adaptive park will be a great enhancement, and Ability360 is happy to support the project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-386-4286 or by email at nickp@ability360.org.

Sincerely.

Nick Pryor, M.S., CYSA Program Manager - Athletics Ability360 Sports & Fitness Center

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Subject:Russell Road Recreation Complex – City of Henderson Project Nomination<br/>Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19<br/>Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

On behalf of the Boys and Girls Club, we are pleased to offer our support for the City of Henderson's Bird Viewing Preserve Visitor Center application.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada (BGCSNV) delivers high impact programs focusing on academic success, character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles. The John C. Kish Boys & Girls Club features a teen center, gymnasium, meal program, homework assistance, and a Cox Communication Innovation Center. Our Clubhouses fill the gap between school and home for almost 1,000 youth daily. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults. The Russell Road Recreation Complex aligns with our vision and goals.

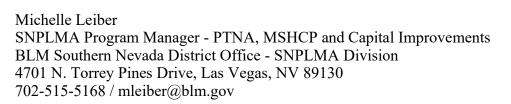
The Russell Road Recreation Complex will make the area more accessible to people of all ages and encourage more people to get outdoors to walk. Our mission is to guide school age kids to lead a healthy lifestyle. This project will increase community connection and provide enhanced recreational opportunities. The community will benefit greatly from the retrofit and additional amenities such as a play area and a trail. With this space being run by the City of Henderson, we are confident that our Club will be able to collaborate to deliver additional programs and education.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-367-2582 or by email at abischel@bgcsnv.org.

Sincerely,  $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}$ 

Andy Bischel President & CEO

October 18, 2021



Subject: Russell Road Recreation Complex – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

Get Outdoors Nevada's (GON) mission and vision is to connect Nevadans and visitors from all backgrounds and ages to the state's diverse outdoor places. We pursue a three-fold approach of education, service, and community engagement. Many of our efforts and programs focus on the needs and lives of families and school children, especially those who are at-risk and often have limited opportunity to experience the great outdoors. We work to protect and educate people on all of Nevada's outdoor and recreational areas.

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Last year, GON programs connected over 60,000 people to Nevada's outdoors. These programs include outdoor classroom experiences and recreational field trips for low-income, at-risk youth who would not otherwise have these important experiences. City of Henderson is always there to support these programs. The additional amenities that would be provided with the construction of this project will be beneficial to the community and will help GON continue its mission by providing more open space to which the community can connect.

GON strongly supports the City of Henderson's efforts to expand upon and improve the existing Russell Road Recreation Complex.

Please contact me at 702-997-3350 or rbergren@getoutdoorsnevada.org if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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Rachel Bergren Executive Director

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at Angela.Summers@cityofhenderson.com or by phone at (702) 267-4000.

Sincerely, UM Angela Symmers

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, City of Henderson



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#### October 28, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District Office - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130 702-515-5168 / mleiber@blm.gov

Subject: Russell Road Recreation Complex – City of Henderson Project Nomination Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Nomination Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Category

Dear Ms. Leiber,

On behalf of Opportunity Village, We are pleased to offer our support for the City of Henderson's Russell Road Recreation Complex.

Opportunity Village is dedicated to providing people with disabilities enrichment, empowerment, and employment opportunities. Through vocational training, community employment, day services, advocacy, arts and social recreation, people are able to find new friends, realize future career paths, seek independence and community integration, and unleash creative passions. The Russell Road Recreation Complex will make the area more accessible to people of all ages and physical abilities and encourage more outdoor activities. This project aligns with our vision and goals.

This project will expand upon and enhance the complex by addressing the physical barriers and re-connecting the community to the outdoors. The existing concrete stormwater drainage structure will be reinvigorated and blended with the park design as an attractive park feature. The park will provide increased learning opportunities, particularly for children and disabled and able-bodied individuals, expanding and connecting amenities with the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field currently under design. This expansion will offer healthy physical activity through the play area, but also through the loop trail.

Having the additional supports and services onsite at this adaptive park will be a great enhancement, building capacity for even more of the wonderful programs and supports already offered by this team. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at <a href="mailto:neuwohnerc@opportunityvillage.org">neuwohnerc@opportunityvillage.org</a>

Sincerely,

Chuck Neuwohner

Opportunity Village Chief Program Officer



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Dear Ms. Leiber,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) to express support for the City of Henderson's Russell Road Recreation Complex project, which will expand the Russell Road Recreation Complex.

The proposed application aligns with the vision and goals of the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan (SNS), the region's first federally recognized regional plan adopted by 13 local and regional agencies. The RTC serves as the core administrator for Southern Nevada Strong, which envisions a more vibrant and sustainable Southern Nevada where residents can have access to quality education, a variety of housing choices, good-paying jobs and transportation options. The project will implement many goals and objectives of SNS, including prioritizing access to parks, trails, open space, recreational facilities and opportunities for physical exercise. It also will advance the reuse of previous grey infrastructure into green infrastructure, a goal within the theme of Investing in Complete Communities.

The RTC also serves as Southern Nevada's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is responsible for overseeing the transportation planning process for Southern Nevada, and directs funding generated from various local, state, and federal funds for transportation purposes. In this role, the RTC is committed to developing a safe, connected, and convenient walking and bicycling system that serves as a viable transportation and recreation asset while advancing the region's educational, health, and environmental goals. This project will expand the opportunities for physical activities through more recreational amenities and trails, which aligns with the RTC's goal of enhancing multimodal connectivity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 676-1500 or by email at MaynardM@rtcsnv.com.

Sincerely,

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M.J. Maynard Chief Executive Officer Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

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Dear Ms. Leiber,

On behalf of Sports Leadership and Management of Nevada (SLAM NV), we are pleased to offer our support for the City of Henderson's Russell Road Recreation Complex.

The mission of SLAM NV is to prepare students for postsecondary studies and careers through an engaging educational program emphasizing sports leadership and management career preparation. Our vision is to is to provide viable innovative educational choices for students ultimately yielding college bound and career-oriented graduates. SLAM NV students will develop the advanced skills through unique, hands-on experience, utilizing community partnerships, innovative ideas, and state-of-the-art technologies essential for students to become successful scholars, professionals, and future leaders. SLAM NV students will thrive as contributing members of our local and global community. The Russell Road Recreation Complex will make the complex more accessible to people of all ages and physical abilities and encourage more people to get outdoors to participate in recreational activities. This project aligns with our vision and goals.

This project will expand upon and enhance the complex by addressing the physical barriers and re-connecting the community to the outdoors. The existing concrete stormwater drainage structure will be reinvigorated and blended with the park design as an attractive park feature. The park will provide increased learning opportunities particularly for children and disabled and ablebodied individuals, expanding and connecting amenities with the Adaptive Use Park/HOME Field currently under design. This expansion will offer healthy physical activity through the play area, but also through a loop trail that will run through the entire complex.

Having the additional supports and services onsite at this adaptive park will be an enhancement to the community and SLAM NV is in full support of the project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-473-5735 x2078 or by email at mike.cofer@slamnv.org.

Sincerely, Nieco

Mike Cofer Sports Leadership and Management of Nevada

# Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**City of North Las Vegas** 



# Northern Beltway Trail – Phase II

Amount Requested: \$2,072,495

# **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City of North Las Vegas is proposing to extend the multi-use Beltway Trail from North 5th Street to Losee Road referred to as the Northern Beltway Trail Phase II project. This project includes constructing approximately 1.25 miles of a 12-foot-wide asphalt trail with lighting, interpretative signage, wayfinding signage, regulatory signage, benches and landscaped with native vegetation/drought tolerant plants. This extension will be the second component of the regional trail constructed within the city. The trail will follow the Bruce Woodbury Beltway east, offering exceptional views of the Sheep Mountains.

# 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

The Northern Beltway Trail Phase I Project was approved for SNPLMA Round 18 funding. The Phase I Project commenced at Decatur Boulevard and continued east for approximately 3.5 miles to North Fifth Street. The proposed Phase II project will commence from North Fifth Street and continue east for approximately one-mile to Losee Road. Phase III of the Northern Beltway Trail, from Losee Road to Statz Street, will be constructed in conjunction with the adjacent residential neighborhood by the home builder. That new subdivision will have four direct trail connections into the new community, Watercolor by Touchstone Living. This new community will have over 1100 affordable new homes.

2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases:

The development of the Northern Beltway Trail Phase Two project is a stand-alone project and the City acknowledges there is no guarantee or expectation of funding for future phases.

# **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- Goal 2: Improve the quality of life for all public in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

This project will meet these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community. Every nomination must explain how the three values are promoted by the project.

1. <u>Sustainability</u>: An important element of the development of the Northern Beltway Trail is the inclusion of educational/interpretive signage highlighting the natural resources in the surrounding area. This will include information about Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, Desert National Wildlife Refuge and/or the Sheep Mountain Range. The

interpretive signage will include information regarding the paleontological, cultural and ecological resources found in the area. The intent is to foster community support for the preservation and shared support of these precious resources.

In addition to fostering community support through educational and interpretive signage, residents using active transportation modes will be able to utilize this trail for commuting to work and from work. Active transportation (walking and bicycling) has significant positive impacts on air quality.

- <u>Connectivity</u>: The Northern Beltway Trail and its future connection to the Las Vegas Wash Trail in North Las Vegas are components of the Vegas Valley Rim Trail (VVRT). Upon its completion, the VVRT will encircle the Las Vegas Valley with an uninterrupted 100-mile multi-use loop trail. Extending the Beltway Trail will connect North Las Vegas residents to numerous community and recreational destinations in Las Vegas, Clark County and Henderson via the VVRT/Beltway Trail.
- 3. Community:

The development of the Northern Beltway Trail fulfills a long-awaited recreational need of the surrounding neighborhoods and the region at large. This connection in North Las Vegas is an integral link for the Vegas Valley Rim Trail. A well connected pedestrian and bicycle network provides residents with more transportation choices, promotes stronger place attachment, encourages more social interactions, and increases people's overall enjoyment of their community.

# **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The City of North Las Vegas will construct a portion of the Northern Beltway Trail that will extend approximately 1.25 miles from North 5th Street to Losee Road in North Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. Trail amenities will also include lighting, interpretative signage, wayfinding signage, regulatory signage, benches, and landscape with native vegetation/drought tolerant plants. The new trail segment will increase public access to community destinations along the trail and provide a new off-street corridor for active recreation (cyclists, runners, walkers, etc.).

### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. <u>Primary Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Construct +/- 1.25-miles (+/- 12-ft. wide) asphalt-paved trail that extends from North 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Losee Road.
  - b. Install a trail lighting system including power source light spacing to be determined on fixtures selected by designer focused at street crossings.
  - c. Wayfinding signage and regulatory signage (minimum 2 signs each)
  - d. Interpretative signage (minimum total of 2 signs)
  - e. Install minimum one (1) bench (approximately 7-feet in length)
  - f. Installation of drought tolerant/native landscaping (+/- 500 sq ft.) with irrigation near street crossing (depending on water availability)

- 2. <u>Anticipated Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Include additional benches (2 or 3 maximum) and a drinking fountain where feasible and if funding allows
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Engineering design and construction documents
  - b. Engineering technical reports
  - c. Cultural and Environmental compliance
  - d. Permits and Preparation of final bid documents
  - e. Bidding & negotiating
  - f. Construction management
  - g. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - h. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - i. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - j. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

# **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.290362 / -115.133518

### Congressional District(s): NV-4

### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The project will follow the standard 5 year timeframe for PTNA projects, from receipt of the financial agreement to close-out with the SNPLMA Division.

# G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\square$  Yes -or-  $\square$  No

The City has qualified personnel on staff to begin implementing this project within one year of the Special Account Funds Notice. The City's Engineering Staff has successfully completed previous SNPLMA funded projects. The City previously completed the Northern Beltway Trail Alignment & Connectivity Study. This study identified the trail alignment options; locations of trail nodes and other key features; trail phases; and will guide the design process for the Northern Beltway Trail Beltway Trail Phase I, Phase II and Phase III projects.

# H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

The City of North Las Vegas Parks staff is committed to maintaining the additional 1.25 miles of trail along the 215 beltway to high City standards as it is added to the existing trail inventory.

The Parks Services Division budget analysis for maintenance of the trails is through a 3rd-party contractor. The maintenance of the trail will consist of the removal of trash and debris; maintenance of trail landscaping; and other components on an established schedule.

The City of North Las Vegas is committed to operating and maintaining these new facilities to high standards for all to enjoy.

### I. PROJECT BUDGET

The City of North Las Vegas is seeking \$2,072,495 in SNPLMA funds for the proposed project. City staff (not contract services) will implement and complete the project.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES** 

#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. <u>**DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO:**</u> Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

# A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: The Northern Beltway Trail Phase II Project will add an additional mile to the regional trail creating a continuous 8-mile segment from Tenaya Way in Las Vegas to Losee Road in North Las Vegas. In addition to increasing the distance of the trail corridor with this project, the Northern Beltway Trail will provide additional access for area residents by connecting to several existing and developing community parks located along the Clark County 215 Beltway. The community parks include Aviary Park, Deer Springs Park, and Nature Discovery Park (aka Dinosaur Park). Recreational amenities located at these parks include soccer fields, baseball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, open play turf areas, picnic facilities, playgrounds and splash pads. The community parks will also serve as trail heads by providing rest areas, drinking fountains, restrooms and parking lots for the travelers along the trail.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: Communities with trails and high levels of walking and bicycling are among the best places to live in America. Investment into a system of trails both directly and indirectly supports the City's mission to be "Your Community of Choice" through a variety of quality of life benefits. Like parks, properly designed trails can enhance the property values of adjacent homes and businesses.

Trails provide benefits to local economies during both the construction and operational phase. Heavily-utilized regional trail facilities, such as the Beltway Trail, enhance the economy of an area by generating additional visits from members of neighboring communities to local retail establishments. Commercial centers along the trail corridor include restaurants, gyms, convenience shopping, grocery stores, pet stores and ice cream shops. The additional visitors to North Las Vegas businesses via the Beltway Trail will have a positive economic impact.

#### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Answer: Currently, fifteen different governmental agencies are collaborating on the development of the regional trails system known as the Neon to Nature Trail System. The regional trail system is evolving into a world-class system, providing residents and visitors alike unique recreation opportunities. The Neon to Nature Trail System themes' include nature, wildlife, history and conservation.

Key components of the Neon to Nature Trail System are the Vegas Valley Rim Trail (VVRT) and the Beltway Trail. Once completed, the VVRT will be a 100-mile loop trail that connects all of the entities with the surrounding federal lands. The Northern Beltway Trail Phase II project is an integral connection to the Vegas Valley Rim Trail; essential component of the Beltway Trail; and a vital recreational amenity.

#### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Answer: Obesity and other health issues related to sedentary lifestyles are steadily increasing nationwide. Local statistics in Clark County reveal higher incidences of obesity among adults and children than national averages. Engaging in regular physical activity has numerous health benefits, including reducing the risk and severity of heart disease and diabetes; reducing the risk of some types of cancer; and reducing the risk of premature death. In Southern Nevada, 14.8 percent of high school students report being physically inactive (not participating in at least 60 minutes of physical activity in the past 7 days). Similarly, 22 percent of adults in report being physically inactive.

Better active transportation facilities such as high-comfort trails improve safety and encourage more people to walk and bike, which in turn improves community health. Easily accessible, paved trails can help people incorporate physical activity into their daily lives and meet minimum daily physical activity guidelines. Living close to parks and recreation facilities has also been linked to an increase in physical activity rates. Developing the Northern Beltway Trail Phase Two Project will provide options for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy physical activity, outdoor recreation and to gain physical fitness through the use of the trail for fun, commutation and running daily errands.

# E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: The City of North Las Vegas adopted the Citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan (CPBP) which has identified equity & health as one of the goals for the plan and implementation project priority. CPBP objectives prioritize access for traditionally underserved populations including minorities, low-income, older adults and children. Additional CPBP objectives include ensuring children can safely walk and bike to school; and also ensuring that active transportation facilities (trails) accommodate people with disabilities.

For some residents of North Las Vegas, walking, biking and taking transit is not a choice but rather a function of their socio-economic situation or age. Three percent (3%) of households in North Las Vegas have no access to a vehicle and another 20% have access to only one vehicle.

The CPBP included a quantitative analysis of equity regarding access to walking & biking facilities. The analysis provided insight into populated areas with poor access to these amenities. This analysis highlighted the area east of North Fifth Street and the 215

Beltway as having an above average rate of inequity. This rating is used to help identify areas in need of active transportation improvements. Developing the Northern Beltway Trail Phase 2 Project starting at North Fifth Street will help decrease the inequity finding in the area and ensure the current and future residents of North Las Vegas have high quality access to outdoors for recreation and active transportation.

2. <u>**RESOURCES**</u>: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.

# A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: The Beltway Trail provides a fun way to enjoy the outdoors for Valley residents. On any given day you will see people on bikes, walking with friends, rollerblading, pushing strollers or enjoying a run along the trail in Henderson, Clark County and Las Vegas. This trail offers beautiful views of the cities, neighborhoods and mountains.

With the extension of the Northern Beltway Trail in North Las Vegas, residents will be able to access this fun, outdoor experience much closer to home. The trail users will be met with views of the Sheep Mountain Range, Desert National Wildlife Refuge and the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument. In addition to the beautiful views, trail users will discover the educational/interpretive signage highlighting the environmental resources found on the nearby national monument and wildlife refuge.

# B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: The use of trails can improve mental outlook and social relationships, and provide a mechanism for building ties within neighborhoods and the community at large. Trails provide an opportunity to interact with people of varying backgrounds and experiences.

Trails also help build partnerships among private companies, landowners, neighboring municipalities, local government, and advocacy groups. When residents are encouraged to be involved in a local project, like a trail project, they feel more connected to the community. The City has partnered with Get Outdoors Nevada, a local nonprofit organization, to develop and host volunteer projects along the Las Vegas Wash Trail and various parks within the City. Once constructed, the City will incorporate the Northern Beltway Trail into this program in an effort to increase stewardship among North Las Vegas residents.

# C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: The Northern Beltway Trail Phase II Project will include a sustainable design intended to minimize operations and maintenance costs. The trail design will take into consideration the high volume use of a regional trail when selecting construction materials and site furnishing.

The trail design will also focus on the conservation of water and energy with the selection of construction materials. When landscaping is provided within the trail corridor, native and/or low water use plants will be utilized thus reducing construction and maintenance costs. The City will also install energy efficient LED lighting along the trail. When appropriate, the LED lighting used will be wildlife-friendly amber color to minimize the effect of light pollution on the wildlife.

# D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: The development of the Northern Beltway Trail Phase II Project will result in more options for movement by non-polluting, energy efficient travel modes. Short distance motor vehicle trips are the least fuel-efficient and generate the most pollution per mile. Walking and bicycling are pollution free modes of travel, which can substantially reduce vehicular related emissions and demand for hydrocarbon fuels. Promoting the use of high-comfort trails as an alternative to short car rides to access neighborhood recreation facilities and regional commercial centers on Decatur Boulevard and North Fifth Street should help foster an increase appreciation of the natural environment in the Las Vegas Valley.

3. <u>CONNECTIVITY</u>: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

# A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: The Northern Beltway Trail will connect residents to numerous regional outdoor recreation destinations as a component of the Vegas Valley Rim Trail such as Craig Ranch Regional Park and the various state and federal lands in the surrounding area. The journey to these destinations along the Northern Beltway Trail will now be the start of the recreational experience. Residents from around the Las Vegas Valley will be able to walk, run or cycle to the various parks.

The Northern Beltway Trail Phase II Project will also connect area residents to the community parks including Nature Discovery Park, Deer Springs Park and Aviary Park. These parks are recreational destinations along the trail that will also serve as trailheads for longer journeys along the Beltway Trail. They provide resting areas with access to restrooms, drinking fountains and ample parking.

### B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no

Answer: The Northern Beltway Trail is a key recreational and active transportation corridor in both local and regional plans. This includes:

- ✓ Citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan (CNLV)
- ✓ Parks and Recreational Facilities Master Plan Update (CNLV)
- ✓ Comprehensive Master Plan (CNLV)
- ✓ Northern Beltway Trail Alignment & Connectivity Study (RTC / CNLV)
- ✓ Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for Southern Nevada (RTC)
- ✓ Southern Nevada Strong Regional Policy Plan (SNRPC)
- ✓ Regional Open Space Plan (SNRPC)

# C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: The ideal park system for the City of North Las Vegas is one composed of a hierarchy of park types and trails that includes neighborhood, community, regional, and special uses. Each component offers different levels of recreation facilities, site amenities and open space opportunities. Separately, each component may serve only one basic function and specific geographic area, but collectively they serve the needs of the City.

The Northern Beltway Trail is a vital component of the City's overall system. When completed the trail will connect the Lower Las Vegas Wash Trail, Upper Las Vegas Wash Trail and the North Fifth Street Trail. This interconnected trail system will provide access to neighborhood, community, regional, and special use parks including Nature Discovery Park, Deer Springs Park, Aviary Park, Craig Ranch Regional Park, Sandstone Ridge Park, Centennial Lawrence Park, City View Park, Kiel Ranch Historic Park, Villages of Tule Springs Village 1 & 4 Parks, and the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument from neighborhoods throughout the City.

# D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: Building connections to the City's parks and trails system creates spaces where families can strengthen their ties to each other. The City is committed to encouraging residents of all ages to enjoy the outdoors. The City is also an active partner in many programs that promote healthy lifestyles including Nevada Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. These programs encourage children to experience nature and discover the open spaces throughout southern Nevada. Specifically, the Nevada Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights recommends children of Nevada discover and experience the following activities: Create an outdoor adventure; Explore a trail; Camp under the stars; Go fishing; Discover nature; Explore Nevada's heritage; Go on a picnic and play in a park, in the water, in the snow or on the rocks. The Northern Beltway Trail will be an opportunity for exploration and discovery along its route and by connecting to the local parks and neighboring federal lands. Over 13,000 people currently live within ¼ of a mile of the Northern Beltway Trail corridor providing a direct or indirect connections to recreational facilities located throughout North Las Vegas and the region. The trail will include interpretive and wayfinding elements that will foster interest and curiosity in these destinations while also highlighting unique treasures found in the desert environment.

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The development of the Northern Beltway Trail fulfills a long awaited recreational need of the surrounding neighborhoods and the region at large. A well connected pedestrian and bicycle network provides residents with more transportation choices, promotes stronger place attachment, encourages more social interactions, and increases people's overall enjoyment of their community.

Expansion of the City's trail system with connections to the regional trail system will provide opportunities to establish programs that are recommended by the recently adopted Citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. Topics to grow participation from underserved communities include:

- ✓ Educate and encourage school age and younger children to make bicycling and walking normal parts of their lives
- $\checkmark$  Advise the community of the benefits of walking and bicycling
- $\checkmark$  Develop education programs to promote empathy for vulnerable users
- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: The projected design and construction budget of \$1,523,995 for the Northern Beltway Trail Phase II Project is in keeping with similar project in the region. Careful thought went into the preparation of the Northern Beltway Trail Connectivity and Alignment Study and the preferred design concept to ensure the proposed improvements meet the needs and desires of the community, balanced with the reality of funding limitations.

B. *Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.* 

Answer: In the past 20 years, the North Las Vegas population has more than doubled from 115,000 residents (Year 2000) to 264,000 residents (Year 2020). Growth is expected to continue with a build out population of 400,000 residents. The demand for parks and trails will continue to grow as the overall population grows.

Planning for and expanding the City's pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in North Las Vegas not only benefits those who choose to walk and bike for recreation and exercise, but also those who cannot or choose not to use an automobile for transportation. The expansion of the City's trail system expands the benefits of health, safety, and the local economy to all in the community.

Since the Northern Beltway Trail is part of a planned larger regional 100-mile loop trail (Vegas Valley Rim Trail) the service radius is much larger than the typical. The City's Parks and Recreational Facilities Master Plan Update established a median level of service (LOS) of 0.25 miles of trail per 1,000 residents. Currently the City's trail system provides approximately 0.06 miles of trail per 1,000 residents. The construction of the Northern Beltway trail will help address the substantial need for trails within the City and region by providing recreation and alternative transportation for our community.

# C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: The City uses an interdepartmental team with representatives from Neighborhood and Leisure Services, Public Works and Land Development & Community Services to plan new parks, trails and expansions to the existing parks. This team evaluates the recreational demand in conjunction with the operations and maintenance of new or expanded facilities. During the design phase of the Northern Beltway Trail Phase II project, the team will look for opportunities to conserve water through the use of native plants and/or drought tolerant plants with drip irrigation systems as well as opportunities to incorporate solar powered and/or LED lighting to conserve energy.

In addition, review of the City's existing facilities' durability and maintenance requirements are considered when selecting components for new trail segment to be constructed.

# D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

Answer: At this time, the City does not have additional non-SNPLMA contributed funding for Phase II of the Northern Beltway Trail. Phase III, the next segment of the Northern Beltway Trail, from Losee Road to Statz Street is being designed and constructed by the developer building a new residential community adjacent to Phase III trail corridor. The Phase III trail project includes the 12-foot asphalt path, trail lighting, wayfinding signage, and regulatory signage.

# E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: The Northern Beltway Trail will be a new facility within the City of North Las Vegas. The City always works to create efficiencies to conserve water and energy with all new City facilities. In recent years the City has constructed LEED certified and/or comparable standard facilities including City Hall and Craig Ranch Maintenance Facility. The City's commitment to creating a sustainable city is memorialized within the GreeNLV, citywide guiding document.

The trail project's location and design creates conditions that encourage the City to develop a sustainable design. The lighting plan for the Northern Beltway Trail Phase II includes using efficient LED lighting standards to reduce utility costs. The lighting fixtures used will include vandal resistant hardware to help reduce maintenance costs as well. Additionally, the City intends to utilize native plantings to reduce the long term irrigation demands and maintenance costs.

### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

- A. Executive Orders (EO):
  - 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk

Answer: N/A

2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

Answer: N/A

- B. Secretarial Orders
  - 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: The 215 Beltway Trail is a great recreational amenity enjoyed by Las Vegas Valley residents. The extension of this trail into North Las Vegas will encourage local residents to explore and enjoy this long distance multi-use trail. This project will include interpretative signage that will describe the various natural resources

in the area. This will include highlighting conservation and preservation of the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument; the Ice Age Fossils State Park; the Desert National Wildlife Refuge and the Sheep Mountain Range. This extension of the Northern Beltway Trail will link Las Vegas Valley residents to those destinations as well as connecting North Las Vegas residents to various destinations outside the City including the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. The trail will provide recreation for long and short distance walks, runs and bicycle rides.

2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories.

Answer: N/A

3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors.

Answer: N/A

4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior

Answer: N/A

5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges.

Answer: The Northern Beltway Trail is a major component of North Las Vegas' comprehensive system of trails and open spaces. The City's planned trail system will eventually connect to the shared boundary with the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. The City will work with representatives from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to identify key locations where future trail users may be able to access the Desert National Wildlife Refuge from the City's trail system.

6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management.

Answer: N/A

7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition).

Answer: N/A

### 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act.

Answer: *N*/*A* 

# 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes.

Answer: The Northern Beltway Trail Phases One, Two and Three combined will be total approximately 6.25 miles of high-comfort, off-street, multi-use trail. The twelve-foot wide asphalt path will be able to accommodate bicyclists using low - speed electric bicycles.

### C. Department of the Interior Priorities:

1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. *We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.* 

Answer: N/A

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: N/A

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: N/A

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: N/A

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: N/A

# D. Forest Service Priorities:

# 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: N/A

# 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: N/A

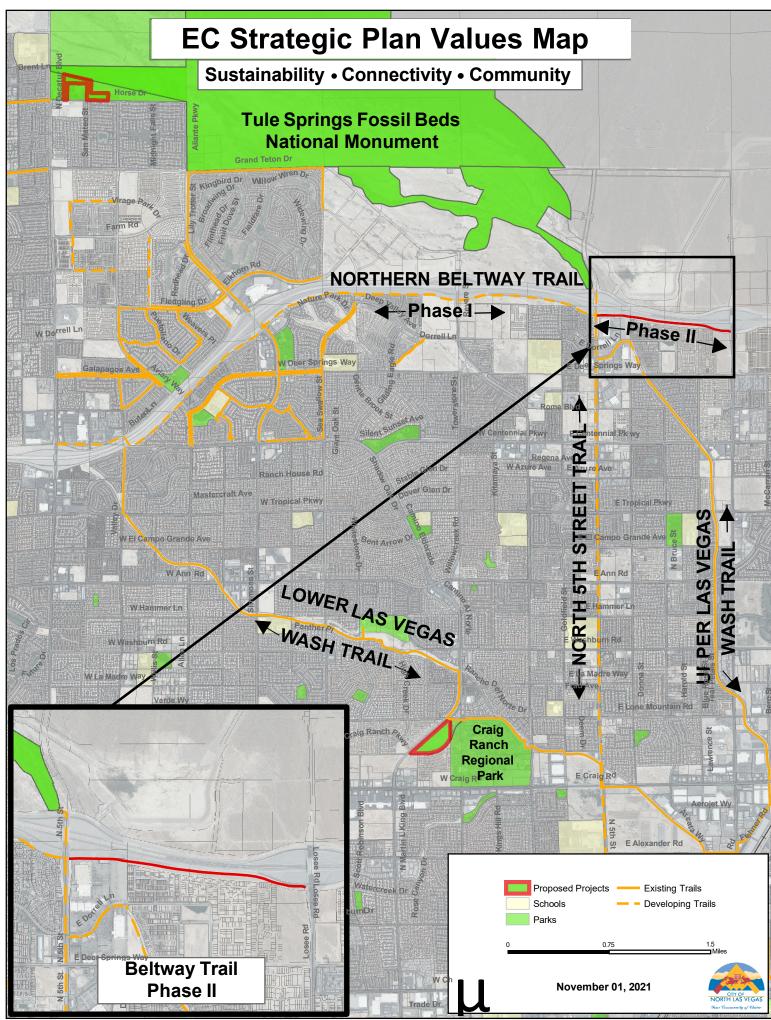
# 3. Tackling climate change

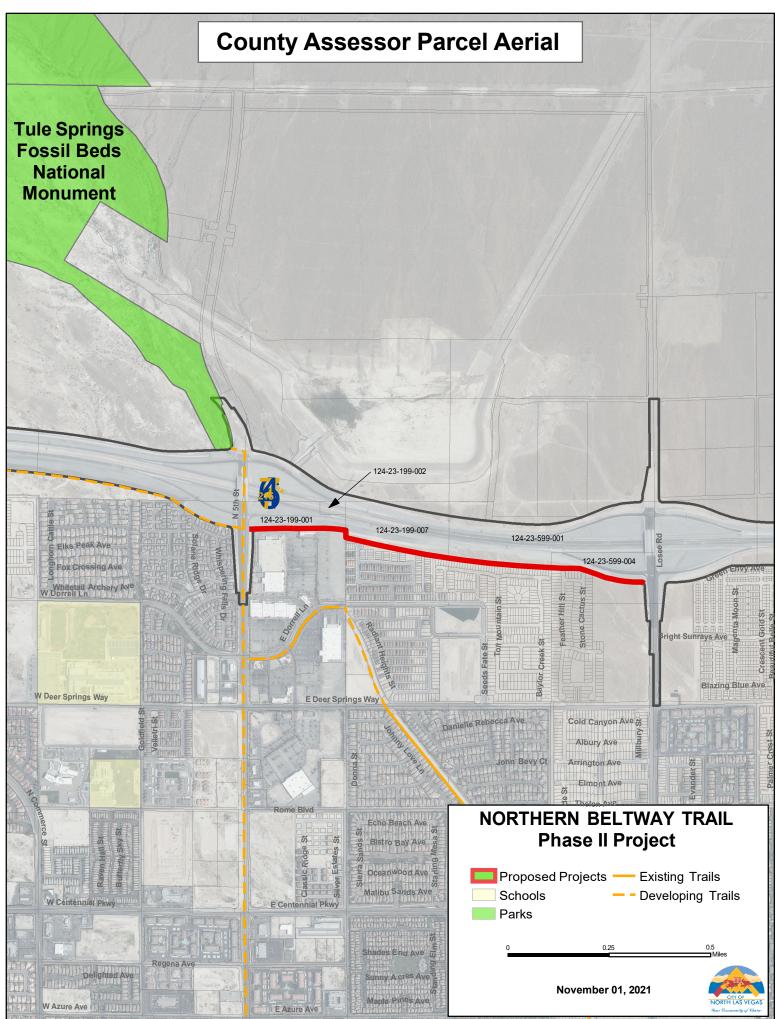
Answer: North Las Vegas and Las Vegas Valley residents seeking alternative modes of transportation will be able to utilize the Northern Beltway Trail for commuting to work as well as a recreational route for walking and bicycling. Active transportation (walking and bicycling) has significant positive impacts on air quality. Once fully constructed the Northern Beltway Trail will be a high-comfort off-street corridor for employees commuting via active transportation to major employment hubs such as the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System, the federally designated Job Creation Zone and the future UNLV North Las Vegas Campus.

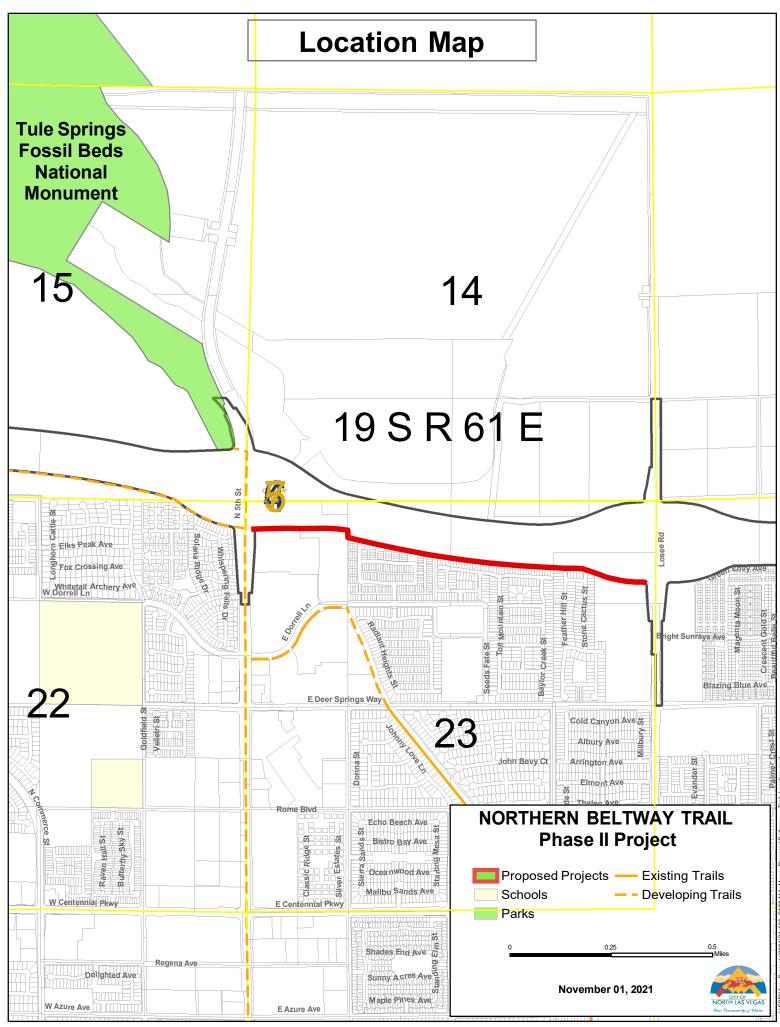
# 4. Advancing racial equity

Answer: North Las Vegas is an ethnically and racially diverse city within Clark County, with high percentages of Hispanic or Latino and Black or African American residents. The 2020 U.S. Census reported North Las Vegas' racial makeup consists of 24.5% White; 21.4% Black or African American; 6.4% Asian; 5.2% two or more races; and 40.7% Hispanic or Latino. The City's Minority-Majority population is distributed throughout the community. Creating additional recreational amenities in existing and developing areas of the City is key to ensuring historically underserved communities have better access to a wide range of recreational activities.

5. Improving our workforce and work environment. Answer: N/A







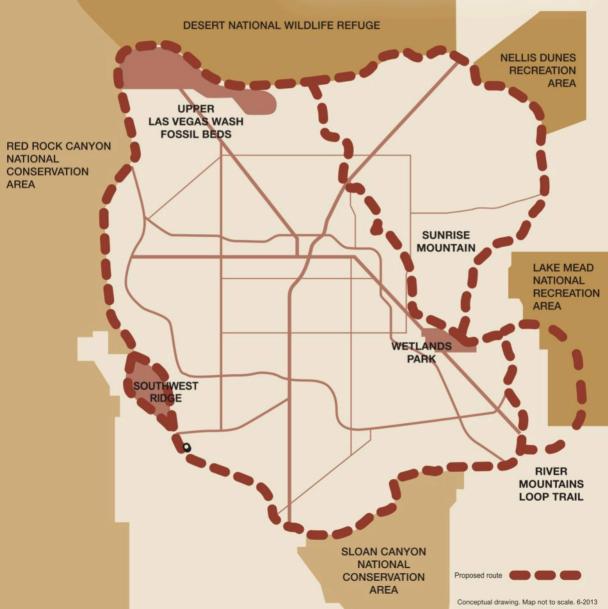
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### **VEGAS VALLEY RIM TRAIL**



### **SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION** Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Northern Beltway Trail Phase II

### **Performance Measures**

### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

<b>Performance Measures</b>								
for Recreation	<b>Definition of Performance Measures</b>	Quantity						
Management								
R3- Number of New	*Report the number of new recreational buildings,	Minimum 1 bench						
Recreational Facilities /	structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational							
Structures Constructed or	facilities may be counted under this performance measure							
Improved	if functional improvements are made as defined in the							
	project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges,							
	etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or							
	natural areas as this should be reported under							
	performance measure R5 or R6.							
R4- Miles of New	*Report each facility or structure as one unit. *Report the number of miles of new recreational roads	+/- 1.25 miles of New						
Recreational Roads / Trails	and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of	Recreational Trails						
Constructed or Routes	existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this	Constructed						
Improved	performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. * <i>Report to the</i>							
	nearest whole mile.							
	PLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN:							
	res that Also Support the Three Values for SNPL	MA Implementation						
of	of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community							
Other Performance D. C. V. C. D. C. M. O. V.								
Measures	<b>Definition of Performance Measures</b>	Quantity						
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### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 http://www.blm.gov/nevada

In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Mr. Cass Palmer Director, Neighborhood and Leisure Services City of North Las Vegas 851 W. Lone Mountain Rd. North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031 Email: palmerc@cityofnorthlasvegas.com

Dear Mr. Palmer:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of North Las Vegas (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Northern Beltway Trail</u>, Phase II\_– This proposal is to design and construct a 12-foot-wide asphalt path including lighting, landscaping, rest areas, and connections to trailheads. The Northern Beltway Trail is an important step toward completing a network of multiuse trails in the Las Vegas valley. Once constructed, this multiuse trail will be the first east-west regional trail within the City. When ultimately connected to the Upper and Lower Las Vegas Wash Trail System, the Northern Beltway Trail will provide a continuous trail system for residents. The proposed project is located within private lands from North Fifth Street to Losee Road entirely within the Clark County 215 public beltway within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 61 E., assessor parcel numbers (APNs) 124-31-199-001, 12431-199-002, 124-31-199-007, 124-23-599-001, and 124-23-599-004.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>McCool STEM Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a new science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) youth park within the Willie McCool Regional Park in partnership with the University of Las Vegas. The project will provide unique youth STEM opportunities and maximize visibility of the park along the street, establishing links between the natural and cultural resources of the park, and creating new spaces for community gathering, play, and education. Improvements will include access, promenade, play areas, safety surfaces, splash pad,

picnic shelters, archeological area of interest, interpretive kiosks, restrooms, and landscaping. The project area is located within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 61 E., sec. 7 on BLM-administered public land leased to the City through the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act, serialized N-49747. The City will need to amend the approved plan of development (POD) with a complete design plan and updated management plan and provide to the BLM for approval prior to initiating any changes or new construction. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. Modification of the R&PP lease POD will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Craig Ranch Regional Park – 20 Acre Park Expansion Project</u> – This proposal is to design and construct new infrastructure and amenities for the existing Craig Ranch Regional Park. These include amenities such as multiuse fields, restrooms, bleacher seating, playgrounds, splashpad, green open space areas, and access sidewalks. The proposed project is located entirely on City lands at 628 West Craig Road within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E, APNs 125-35-415-016, 139-04-602-002, 139-03-102-007, 139-03-201-007, 139-03-201-011, 139-03-201-012, 139-03-201-008, and 139-04-502-001.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey may not be required if all proposed development occurs on previously disturbed areas. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168.

Sincerely,

ANGELITA BULLETTS Date: 2021.11.03 13:59:16 -07/00

Angelita S. Bulletts District Manager

ecc: Shonna Dooman, Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office Catrina Williams, Field Manager, Red Rock/Sloan Field Office Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager, SNPLMA Division





October 19, 2021

Robert Wandel Assistant District Manager – SNPLMA Division Bureau of Land Management 4701 N. Torrey Pines Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Mr. Wandel,

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) supports the City of North Las Vegas' Northern Beltway Trail Phase 2 project nomination submitted for SNPLMA Round 19 – Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas, which will extend the Northern Beltway Trail from North 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Losee Road.

The City of North Las Vegas' proposal not only supports the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, but also addresses the regional priority of finishing the Vegas Valley Rim Trail as identified throughout the *Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan.* Once fully constructed, the Northern Beltway Trail will link to the Upper and Lower Las Vegas Wash Trails to complete the northern half of the Vegas Valley Rim Trail (VVRT). The VVRT will be a 100-mile loop trail connecting North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Henderson, and Clark County.

The RTC serves as Southern Nevada's Metropolitan Planning Organization, which is responsible for overseeing the transportation planning process for Southern Nevada, and directs funding generated from various local, state, and federal funds for transportation purposes. In this role, and through many plans and studies, the RTC believes it is increasingly important to create convenient health and wellness opportunities for residents to incorporate into their daily routines via active transportation routes.

Thank you for your consideration of the Northern Beltway Trail Phase 2 Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 676-1500 or by email at MaynardM@rtcsnv.com.

Sincerely,

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M.J. Maynard Chief Executive Officer Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada



September 29, 2021

Robert Wandel Assistant District Manager Bureau of Land Management 4701 N Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Mr. Wandel,

The Southern Nevada Bicycle Coalition strongly supports the City of North Las Vegas grant application to extend the Northern Beltway Trail Phase 2 from North 5th Street to Losee Road. It is our understanding that the City of North Las Vegas (NLV) is in the process of applying to the BLM for SNPLMA funding. Building this segment will extend the trail by 1 mile and greatly benefit residents by connecting them from residential areas to various parks and large commercial centers via a car-free bicycle/pedestrian path.

Residents need transportation alternatives to go to work, shop, exercise, pray and play. As the 215 beltway bicycle/pedestrian trail nears connection at I-95, residents from NLV will be able to ride all the way to Summerlin, Red Rock Canyon and beyond. This is a critical need for the residents of NLV and southern Nevada in general.

The Southern Nevada Bicycle Coalition is the VOICE of the biking community in the region. We represent nonmotorized, on and off-road user needs on issues of bicycle safety, infrastructure, education, and law enforcement. We are a 501(c) 3 non-profit in the State of Nevada and are administered entirely by concerned volunteers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Rob Hutchinson** 

Rob Hutchinson President Southern Nevada Bicycle Coalition

hutch@snvbc.org 702-238-9211



September 28, 2021

Robert Wandel, PMP Assistant District Manager Bureau of Land Management 4701 N. Torrey Pines Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Mr. Wandel,

On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District, I would like to express our support for the City of North Las Vegas' Northern Beltway Trail Phase 2 project nomination submitted for SNPLMA Round 19 - Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas.

As the public health authority in Clark County, the Southern Nevada Health District recognizes the important role that trails and open spaces play in increasing opportunities for, and access to, places to be physically active in the community. The U.S. Physical Activity Guidelines recommend that adults get 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity each week, and yet most adults in our community are not currently achieving that mark. Regional trails, such as the Beltway Trail, provide high-comfort, accessible recreation and active transportation opportunities for pedestrians, runners, and cyclists throughout the region.

The Beltway Trail is a key component of southern Nevada's regional trail system known as the Neon to Nature Trail System. Extending this multi-use trail facility into the City of North Las Vegas will connect area residents to a long-distance, off-street trail network that provides access to community and recreational destinations. Once fully constructed, the Northern Beltway Trail will link the Las Vegas Wash Regional Trail and the Upper Las Vegas Wash Trail. The future connection of the Beltway Trail and the Las Vegas Wash Regional Trail will complete the northern half of the Vegas Valley Rim Trail which ultimately will create a 100mile loop trail around the valley.

We support the City of North Las Vegas and their efforts to connect trails in our region. Our staff has worked collaboratively with the City of North Las Vegas staff on several health-related initiatives in the past and we intend to continue that collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration of the Northern Beltway Trail Phase 2 Project.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Johnson, Ph.D. Director of Community Health

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**City of North Las Vegas** 



### **Craig Ranch Regional Park 20-acre Expansion**

Amount Requested: \$24,624,985

### 1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City of North Las Vegas ("City") will develop  $\pm 20.57$  acres of City-owned land adjacent to Craig Ranch Regional Park, thereby increasing the park's size to nearly 200 acres, and offering crucial amenities to serve the neighboring community that historically has been underserved in in both recreational opportunities and facilities. The  $\pm 20.57$  acres are located within T.20S., R.61E., Sec. 4, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and identified as Clark County APN 139-04-502-001. Craig Ranch Regional Park opened in 2013 and was the City's first designated regional park. The Park provides a balance of active, passive, and non-traditional recreational opportunities, programs and events. It attracts nearly 750,000 people annually.

The park encourages active play through a variety of lighted sports courts and fields. It features two baseball fields, six tennis courts, four volleyball courts, two basketball courts, and the largest skate park in the state. The park's winding trails and sidewalks encourage other active pursuits such as walking and running; the adjacent trail encourages cycling pursuits; and a recent installed outdoor fitness pad completes the fitness, health and wellness offerings. The park also features many passive opportunities; parkgoers may enjoy a walk through the pollinator habitat sponsored by Get Outdoors Nevada, or meander around one of the three water areas where fowl, reptiles and amphibians naturally gather. The park also offers several barbecue areas and gazebos for family gatherings and community picnics. The surrounding community also has an increasingly large selection of events and programming to choose from; on any given weekend the park plays host to several special events such as the Pure Aloha Festival, NXL Paintball Challenge, the City's annual Slides, Rides & Rock and Roll event, Pirate Fest, PRIDE Festival, and an array of musical guests performing in the park's amphitheater.

This proposed project, when fully completed, will provide additional nature trails; water play areas; the City's first multi-court tennis/pickleball complex; open green space; additional barbecue gazebos; and multiple play areas with safety surfacing encompassing active play concepts for a variety of age groups from toddlers to seniors. This project will also potentially add a bicycle pump track, bocce ball court, a roller skate plaza and/or a remote-control car course. The project will also address the community's connectivity needs by enhancing access to the park from the north and western areas. The project will also allow for connectivity between the various active and passive areas of the park and will improve the parking areas, thereby making it safe and accessible for all.

# 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

The City has received \$112,459,623 in SNPLMA funding for prior approved projects related to the Craig Ranch Regional Park as listed below:

- <u>Round 4 Regional Park (Craig Ranch Golf Course) project NL05, priority 4-25</u>: \$41,724,069 funded the original acquisition of 132 acres of golf course lands for conversion to a park.
- <u>Round 5 Craig Ranch Regional Park Development project NL09, priority 5-15</u>: \$50,472,779 funded the preservation of open space in the urban environment, an improved the habitat for various flora and fauna, demolition of existing structures, and construction of

the  $\pm 132$ -acre park. Park improvements included 3ea playgrounds, 1ea water feature, 1,251 parking lot spaces, 1ea building, 3ea restrooms, 3ea shade structures, 3ea picnic areas, 1ea kiosk, 1ea bridge, 2ea crosswalks, 77ea lights, 1ea garden, 2ea sports fields, 12ea sports courts, 12ea doggie stations, 75ea picnic tables, 15ea bike racks, 30ea trash receptacles, 12ea bollards, 13,200 linear feet of trails, signage, and landscaping (trees, shrubs and sod).

- <u>Round 7 Craig Ranch Regional Park Ph2 18-Acre Acquisition project NL17, priority 7-6</u>: \$9,528,731 funded the acquisition of an additional 34 acres directly adjacent to the original 132-acre park site.
- <u>Round 9 Craig Ranch Play Area project NL19, priority 9-11</u>: \$5,100,610 funded the development of the main destination play area. Park improvements included 1 tree house, 1 swing set, 1 slide, 1 tee pee, 1 rabbit statue, 1 water feature (swim pond), 1 restroom, 1 shade structure, 3 picnic areas, 50 lights, 10 picnic tables, 5 benches, 10 bike racks, 30 trash receptacles, and landscaping (trees, shrubs, and sod).
- <u>Round 16</u> two projects were approved SNPLMA funds in Round 16 for acquisition of additional lands as part of the Craig Ranch Regional park expansion. Project NL26, priority 16-8 expended \$3,516,715 for the acquisition of 5.34 acres at the southeast corner of the park; and Project NL27, priority 16- spent \$7,217,327 for the acquisition of 20.57 acres on the northwest corner of the park.

This Round 19 project is seeking funding for the development of the 20.57 acre acquired lands. In addition to the funding received from SNPLMA for the incremental development of Craig Ranch Regional Park, the City received funding from the Clark County Projects of Regional Significance Fund for the construction of the amphitheater and lake, and a second grant from Clark County to develop six full-sized multi-purpose sports fields.

### 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases:

This Round 19 project is a stand-alone project, and the City acknowledges there is no guarantee or expectation of funding for future phases.

### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

To meet these goals the project will focus on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

1. <u>Sustainability</u>: Previous acquisition of the 20+ acres and this current request to develop this additional property is crucial in preventing the property from being developed commercially. This development will serve to preserve this open space and allow the development of parkland amenities which will increase recreational opportunities for the surrounding

community, many of which live in apartments and/or single-family homes with restricted backyard open space.

2. <u>Connectivity:</u> The Craig Ranch Regional Park 20-acre development project is critical in achieving full connectivity not only to adjacent neighborhoods and residents, but also the greater North Las Vegas community whose annual visits to the park are reaching 750,000. Currently, there is limited access on the northwest corner of the park (Lone Mountain). This entrance is limited by the inherent street configuration, as the entrance was not originally configured to service the number of visits (both vehicular and pedestrian) that occur daily. This project will provide critical access from a third main road (Camino Al Norte) serving to increase access to outdoor recreational opportunities for residents that visit from the northern and western areas of the community.

This project also serves as a bridge for the surrounding community to recreational opportunities. With the enhancements and additions proposed, the public will have access not only to traditional but also non-traditional programming. Along with open play spaces, the proposal includes the City's first-ever multi-court tennis/ pickleball complex, along with potential non-traditional amenities including a remote-control car course, skate plaza (roller/ inline), and a dirt bike track. The proposed improvements will allow this regional park to continue to connect our residents to the outdoor environment through these amenities which expand upon those already in place including gardening, picnicking, walking, cycling, playing sports, and enjoying the natural flora and fauna that makes this park home.

3. <u>Community:</u> Building connections to and among the City's parks and trails system creates spaces where families can strengthen their ties to one another and weaves together the fabric of our community. This was seen on a significantly increased basis during the recent pandemic, where the expansive outdoor spaces of Craig Ranch Regional Park offered the community an outlet to connect with each other, albeit in a socially distant manner. The expansion and development of these additional acres will provide numerous amenities which will only serve to increase park visits not just in sheer numbers, but in the demographics and populations that visit the park. With this development, more and more residents will have the opportunity to experience the amenities, programs and events that Craig Ranch offers, only serving to strengthen the foundation of the community and increasing community spirit and pride.

### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The City of North Las Vegas will develop  $\pm 20.57$  acres of City-owned park land adjacent to Craig Ranch Regional Park at the southeast corner of Lone Mountain and Camino Al Norte in North Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. This project includes design and construction of open turf areas, age-appropriate playgrounds and splash pad, fitness circuit, group picnic areas, restrooms, vehicular pedestrian bridge, 300 parking spaces, fencing, and the City's first-ever multi-court tennis/pickleball complex. Improvements will increase recreational opportunities of the Park to nearly 200 acres and provide additional park access from the west at Camino Al Norte road.

### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. <u>Primary Deliverables</u>: The City will design and construct/install the following:
  - a. Playground area for 2–5-year-olds with shade structure ( $\pm$ 3,000 sq. ft.), 1ea slide, 1ea climbing component, 1ea connection ramp, and 2ea access points.
  - b. Playground area for 5–12-year-olds with shade structure (±5,000 sq. ft), 2ea slides, 2ea access points, 1ea climbing component, and 2ea connection ramps.
  - c. Install EPDM and/or composite shredded rubber surfacing for play areas (±8,000-SF).
  - d. Nature Water Play Area (±2,000-SF) with 6ea spray components of which 1ea will provide overhead water bucket sprays.
  - e. Tennis/Pickleball Courts (6ea) and 30ea footcandle lighting system with 12ea light standards to allow for nighttime play.
  - f. Fitness Circuit encompassing 4-7ea fitness stations along the area's walkways
  - g. Pathway Lighting matching the existing light standards in the park (14-ft. tall)
  - h. Prefab Restroom 2ea with separate facilities for male, female and families.
  - i. Shaded Group Pavilions 2-3ea (small, ±400-SF)
  - j. Shaded Group Pavilion 1ea (large, ±1,000-SF)
  - k. Install park benches 60ea, water fountains 4ea, picnic tables 25ea, BBQ grills 15ea, combination doggie bag dispensers/doggie trash cans 8ea, and trash cans 40ea
  - 1. Install park informational signage 6-8ea (24" x 36") with City-standard language (i.e., park rules and hours as defined by the municipal code).
  - m. Half-street improvements (40-ft.-wide) w/signage & gates (Camino Al Norte access)
  - n. Parking Lot (±3 acres for 300 spaces)
  - o. Vehicular Pedestrian Bridge (350-LF x 25-ft. wide) for connectivity over the Las Vegas Valley wash to the remainder of the park.
  - p. Fencing and walls
- 2. \*Anticipated Deliverables: If sufficient funding, design and construct the following:
  - a. Bicycle pump track 1ea
  - b. <u>B</u>occe ball courts 2ea
  - c. Roller skate plaza 1ea
  - d. Permanent corn hole games
  - e. Remote-control car course 1ea
  - f. Ninja Warrior course 1ea

\*prior approval from the BLM SNPLMA Program Manager is required

- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
  - b. Public scoping with affected stakeholders
  - c. Engineering design and construction documents and technical reports
  - d. Bidding, negotiating, and preparation of final bid documents
  - e. Evaluation (including cultural/historical)
  - f. Permitting
  - g. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - h. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - i. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - j. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.244865° / -115.154707°

Congressional District(s): NV-4

### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion will be within the standard 5-year period of performance for PTNA projects.

### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\square$  Yes -or-  $\square$  No

The North Las Vegas City Council authorized staff to nominate this project for Round 19 funding and the City has qualified personnel on staff to begin implementing this project within one year of the Special Account Funds Notice.

Compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA is required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey may not be required if all proposed development occurs on previously disturbed areas. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The City will continue to fund the operation and maintenance (O&M) of Craig Ranch Regional Park, including the development of the additional 20.57 acres. The maintenance costs associated is approximately \$700,000 annually. The maintenance costs include routine park maintenance such as mowing and landscaping; trash removal; graffiti removal; sweeping and minor repairs. The City's Parks Services division estimates O&M cost for all parks and trails annually.

Planning new projects and estimating costs associated with the new projects including construction, operation and maintenance is performed by professional staff and subject matter experts from the City's Land Development & Community Services Department, Neighborhood & Leisure Services Department, and the Public Works Department. These three departments make-up the City's Park Planning Taskforce, which is a collaborative process for long-range park planning. New projects are incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is the proposed plan for major public facility improvements that will be implemented over the next five years. The CIP includes operation and maintenance budget impacts for 5 fiscal years. The CIP is updated on an annual basis and adopted by City Council.

### **I. PROJECT BUDGET**

City of North Las Vegas is seeking \$24,624,985 in SNPLMA funds to complete the project. A breakdown of the estimated costs is enclosed below on the SF-424A budget category form.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

### J. KEY CONTACTS

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Budget Officer: Tammie Brockschmidt, Grant Accounting Email: brockschmidtt@cityofnorthlasvegas.com Phone Number: (702) 633-1460 Ext. 3646

6. Object Class Categories				GRANT PROGRAM, F	UN	ICTION OR ACTIVITY			Total
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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

## A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Craig Ranch Regional Park is located in the City of North Las Vegas 89032 zip code where individuals living below the poverty level is approximately 22%, which exceeds the Citywide percentage by nearly 10%. The 170-acre complex serves residents throughout the northeast quadrant of the Las Valley and is the only large-scale regional park complex north of Washington and East of Buffalo Rd. Much of the area surrounding areas are made up of apartment complexes and other high-density housing, leaving minimal outdoor space for area resident to recreate. As such, this park is vital to a community that has been historically underserved. The selected amenities are deserving for the local communities/ families, providing needed access to recreational opportunities.

B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development Craig Ranch Regional Park has established itself as the center of the community, both locally and regionally, since it opened in 2013. Since then, the park has hosted many small business entertainment ventures, putting entertainment tradesmen, food vendors, merchandise vendors and other supporting staff to work to produce these events, which number over 100 annually.

Additionally, with its location on the north side of Craig Road, the park has arguably spurred the explosion in retail and service-related business throughout the entire Craig Road corridor. Over the past several years, time honored establishments including Cracker Barrel, Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse and others. The planned expansion will only serve to increase the impact that the park has on the community, as it will expand its offerings to service additional populations and demographics, continuing to provide the community with a place where individuals, families and groups can gather with increased recreational options.

#### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Craig Ranch Regional Park is the City's only developed regional park and is also the first regional park in the Northeast portion of the Valley. It preserves a multitude of acres of green open space and helps meet an unfilled need for regional parks and natural areas within the City of North Las Vegas. The Parks and Recreational Facilities Master Plan adopted levels of service standards and identified the need for 750 acres of regional parkland in 2008. The City uses the valley-wide regional park land acreage standard of 5 acres for every 1,000 residents. This standard is half of the commonly accepted National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standard of 10 acres for every 1,000 residents.

The target demographic for the Craig Ranch Regional Park is all residents of the City of North Las Vegas, as well as the residents of the Las Vegas Valley within a 10-mile radius or 30-minute drive time to the park. This park helps fulfill the recreational, cultural and educational needs of the users. The development of this additional acreage will provide the opportunity to achieve greater balance among the active sports, passive, and leisure pursuits, as well as the social, cultural and educational elements planned for the park. The Craig Ranch Regional Park is a major destination for users interested in a unique open space experience.

#### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Regular physical activity is one of the most important things a person can do for their health. The benefits of physical activity include controlling weight; reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease; reducing the risk of Type 2 diabetes; reducing the risk of some cancers; strengthens bones and muscles; and improving mental health and mood. It is estimated that 65% of American adults are overweight or obese. Encouraging our residents to adopt a healthy lifestyle is an important goal of the City of North Las Vegas. In addition to providing parks and trails, the City partners with Southern Nevada Health District and the other local jurisdictions to promote the Neon to Nature program. Neon to Nature is an online tool and app that encourages users to Escape, Explore, and Enjoy the Valley's outdoor opportunities. The program helps locate walking and bicycling opportunities throughout southern Nevada. Walking is an inexpensive form of exercise and one way to meet the recommended minimum daily exercise. Development of the additional 20.57 acres of parkland will greatly increase opportunities for low-cost physical activity in an attractive open space.

## E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

North Las Vegas is a culutrally diverse city and is home to a young population with large famililes. Increasing parkland at Craig Ranch Regional Park is vital to the quality of life for all residents in the City of North Las Vegas and the surrounding areas.

North Las Vegas is the most ethnically and racially diverse city in Clark County, with the highest percentages of Hispanic, African American, and Other Race. The 2010 U.S. Census reported North Las Vegas' racial makeup consists of 47.4% Caucasion; 19.9% African American; 6.3% Asian; 20.6% all other reported races; 5.8% mulitple races; and with 38.8% of any race identiying as hispanic. North Las Vegas residents also have the youngest median age at 30.4 years.

The average household size in North Las Vegas is 3.2 persons per household which is higher than the Clark County average of 2.7 persons per household. North Las Vegas has the highest percentage of households with children in Clark County at 48%, compared to Clark County at 35%, Las Vegas at 36% and Henderson at 31%.

- 2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
  - A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Craig Ranch Regional Park, the City's largest open space reserve, connects our residents to the natural landscape, recreational activities, and community gatherings held on-site. The project site is of cultural and historic significance as it was originally settled in the early 1900's as a ranch/farm. It contains environmental and open space resources in the form of mature trees and lush lawns. The size of the park coupled with its central location in the City, creates a significant open space resource that is available to the residents of the Valley. The development of this land will enhance this resource and provide more recreational opportunities for the community at large.

B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

The proposed upgrades to Craig Ranch Regional Park will likely encourage individuals and families with children of all ages to utilize the park on a more frequent basis with increased access to amenities, programming, and events. While allowing for these upgrades and enhancements, the project also highlights resource conservation in terms of water and electrical efficiency through the use of water smart landscaping ideals, smart irrigation controllers and LED lighting fixtures. This project is intended to encourage park attendees to in turn adopt these principles in their own homes whether through xeriscape installation or through the conservation of electrical energy since the landscaping within the park will be designed with water and energy conservation at the forefront, thereby lessening both during normal park usage.

# C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

In their design standards, the City of North Las Vegas has established construction and park maintenance standards that focus on conservation, sustainability, and durability in mind. Lighting standards dictate that LED lighting be installed which minimizes light overspill and decreases energy costs exponentially. For items such as trash receptacles, benches and tables, the City has standardized the use of concrete and/or powder-coated materials to increase durability and reduce loss due to vandalism and weather elements. Additionally, the playground structures and water play features are selected based on durable construction materials in order that their usable lifecycle be prolonged.

# D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Research has shown that regular participation in outdoor recreation and exercise leads to individuals with lower obesity rates; lower instances of disease including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke. Additionally, among populations that regularly get outdoors and recreate, studies have shown more balanced communities that are more supportive and respectful of each other and that show lower overall levels of stress due to the physical and emotional benefits of community recreation.

The projected deliverables from this project include many opportunities that enhance the quality of the recreational experience by enticing new and expanding populations to the park. Pickleball, for example, attracts a predominantly older population, one in which the amenities currently within the park do not directly serve. The enhancements also provide for easier access to the park's new or existing amenities and programming by offering easier access when arriving from the western or northern areas of the community.

- 3. <u>CONNECTIVITY</u>: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.
  - A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

The Las Vegas Wash Regional Trail is a popular recreational trail in the Las Vegas Valley and is a multi-jurisdictional collaboration between North Las Vegas, Las Vegas and Clark County.

The Las Vegas Wash Trail stretches nearly 15 miles through three jurisdictions and is mainly an off-street urban trail that connects residents to Craig Ranch Regional Park and the Clark County Wetlands Park. The park is a popular destination for trail users. The park provides a stopping place with rolling terrain, community gardens, athletic fields, sports courts, themed playgrounds and one of the country's largest skate parks.

B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.) The need for the Craig Ranch Regional Park is described in the 2003 Parks and Recreational Facilities Master Plan. After the City purchased the existing golf course in 2005 for conversion to the regional park, the City retained a consultant to create a master plan and development report for Craig Ranch Regional Park.

The Craig Ranch Regional Park Master Plan and Development Report provides opportunities and constraints; established a park program that meets the community's needs and desires; calculated capital and long-term operations and maintenance costs for the plan and established a phasing plan for the implementation of the master plan. The planning process engaged City staff and the public in creating a vision for the park that would best serve the diverse recreational needs of the community as part of the entire park system.

C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

The ideal park system for the City of North Las Vegas is one composed of a hierarchy of park types which includes neighborhood, community, regional and special use parks. Each park type offers different levels of recreation facilities, site amenities and

open space opportunities. Separately, each park type may serve only one basic function and specific geographic area, but collectively they serve the needs of the City.

Regional parks provide activities that attract users from a large geographic area and offer both active and passive park areas. Craig Ranch Regional Park currently provides residents the following:

- Extensive natural open space
- ➤ Lakes
- Shade trees and native plantings
- Community garden
- ➤ Trails
- Wildlife & pioneer themed playgrounds
- > Amphitheater
- ➢ Dog park
- Sports fields and courts
- Picnic facilities
- Public art and community gathering spaces

## D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

There are so many opportunities for park visitors to interact with nature and enjoy the outdoor experience at Craig Ranch Regional Park. Throughout the park there are animal and nature themed play areas that create unique interactive experiences for children of all ages. For example, the tree house play area is designed to showcase nature with the large climbing tree; hollowed logs for hide n seek games; and motion-sensor animal sound machines. There is a large rattlesnake with a slide through the mouth of the reptile and a sound machine to enhance the experience. In the giant flower bed play area, you will find friendly insect shaped coil springs for wobbly fun. The Peewee Park sandbox features a large gecko with mosaic detail and a water feature. The discovery of these and many more unique play areas are found throughout the park.

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

The proposed improvements and installation of additional amenities promote reengaging and retaining park-goers by providing a more comprehensive, familyoriented experience. The majority of the new components of the park will be focused on the youth and their families with the installation of the new playground, bike track and water-play area. Concurrently, the installation of the pickle ball courts will better serve the older population, serving as the City's only multi-court complex for this sport whose popularity has increased exponentially. With these improvements, all of which will be available to the community free of charge, the City will be able to reach the economically disadvantaged surrounding community who have little or no access to water play, exercise equipment, playgrounds and safe gathering places.

- <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

The projected design and construction budget of \$23,230,842 is in keeping with similar projects in the region and will be accomplished in one phase. The cost estimate was prepared by a professional engineer.

B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Since it opened in 2013, Craig Ranch Regional Park has been the center of recreation programming for the surrounding community which has a large minority population and is underserved both in recreational opportunities and facilities. The park is used extensively as many of the surrounding homes do not have property large enough for recreational activities. This issue is compounded as there are few other amenities within a 2-mile radius. This proposed project, when fully completed, will add critical amenities that will allow the regional park to continue to establish itself as this center for community to gather, focusing on health, wellness and outdoor activities for all ages.

Additionally, once completed, the project will address the community's health and fitness needs in a community that traditionally suffers from health issues including obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure. Also, the improved park amenities will also address the needs of nearby students, who are searching for nearby open spaces to recreate, enjoy the outdoors, and someday host their student athletic games.

# C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

The City of North Las Vegas prioritizes park designs that minimize future maintenance and/or replacement costs and will utilize durable and sustainable techniques and products. An example of this priority are the project specs calling for LED lighting, which is more efficient and is less frequently in need of replacement. Additionally, the City will be installing Bermuda grass which is more water efficient. Also, the City of North Las Vegas preventative maintenance calls for periodic coating of the safety playground surfacing, and periodic sealing of the asphalt areas, thereby extending useful life by 3-6 years.

# D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

The City recognizes the level in which the adjacent residential areas are underserved in terms of facilities and recreational opportunities. As such, the installation of the additional park amenities as requested through this SNPLMA project will be in conjunction with several other projects throughout the park, for which funding has already been set aside through the City's Capital Improvement Plan and the grant through Clark County's Parks of Regional Significance. A total of \$1,800,000 in City funding through the Streets Override fund has been set aside for the parking lot rehab and construction of the perimeter road, with an additional \$9,500,000 set aside for the development of six multipurpose sports fields and associated parking lots.

E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

The Craig Ranch Regional Park 20-acre enhancements and additions will reduce operation and maintenance costs through the use of durable and sustainable materials including LED lighting (more efficient/ less maintenance), robust playground equipment with 15 year warranties, applications of roll-coating to increase the life of playground surfacing, Bermuda grass which is more water efficient and durable site furnishings that are vandal resistant.

### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

- A. Executive Orders (EO):
  - EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk Answer: N/A
  - 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

The City strives to use American-made products throughout its park system. Benches, picnic tables, and grills are all made in America, as is most of the playground equipment. The shade fabrics are all American-made, while the landscaping rock and Bermuda turf is mined/grown locally.

- B. Secretarial Orders
  - 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

The Craig Ranch Regional Park Enhancement project's focus is to *increase conservation stewardship and outdoor recreation* (DOI SO No. 3347). The Craig Ranch Regional Park is a regional recreational amenity enjoyed by Las Vegas Valley residents. The new outdoor amenities being added to the park will attract new park visitors from North Las Vegas and Clark County and expand the experience for current park visitors, while utilizing design practices that maximize conservation of natural resources. With these improvements, Craig Ranch Regional Park will expand its reach as a center for the community to gather, focusing on health, wellness and outdoor activities.

- 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Answer: N/A
- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: N/A
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Answer: N/A
- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: N/A
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: N/A
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: N/A
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. Answer: N/A
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: N/A
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations. Answer: N/A
  - 2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy. Answer: N/A
  - 3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate. Answer: N/A

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

In their design standards, the City of North Las Vegas has established construction and park maintenance standards that focus on conservation, sustainability and durability in mind. As it relates to the conservation of water, the City utilizes Bermuda turf-grass for the active areas of parks, which is hardier than other types of turf and utilizes substantially less water throughout the year.

Additionally, the City has embarked on a long-term project with the Southern Nevada Water Authority, reducing turf areas throughout the park system by identifying areas of turf that are not being used for active play and replacing these areas with drought-resistant plant materials. These concepts were utilized in the design proposal for this enhancement project.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities. Answer: N/A

### D. Forest Service Priorities:

- 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic. N/A
- 2. Providing economic relief. N/A
- 3. Tackling climate change. N/A

### 4. Advancing racial equity

North Las Vegas is an ethnically and racially diverse city within Clark County, with high percentages of Hispanic or Latino and Black or African American residents. The 2020 U.S. Census reported North Las Vegas' racial makeup consists of 24.5% White; 21.4% Black or African American; 6.4% Asian; 5.2% two or more races; and 40.7% Hispanic or Latino. The City's Minority-Majority population is distributed throughout the community. Creating additional recreational amenities in existing and developing areas of the City is key to ensuring historically underserved communities have better access to a wide range of recreational activities.

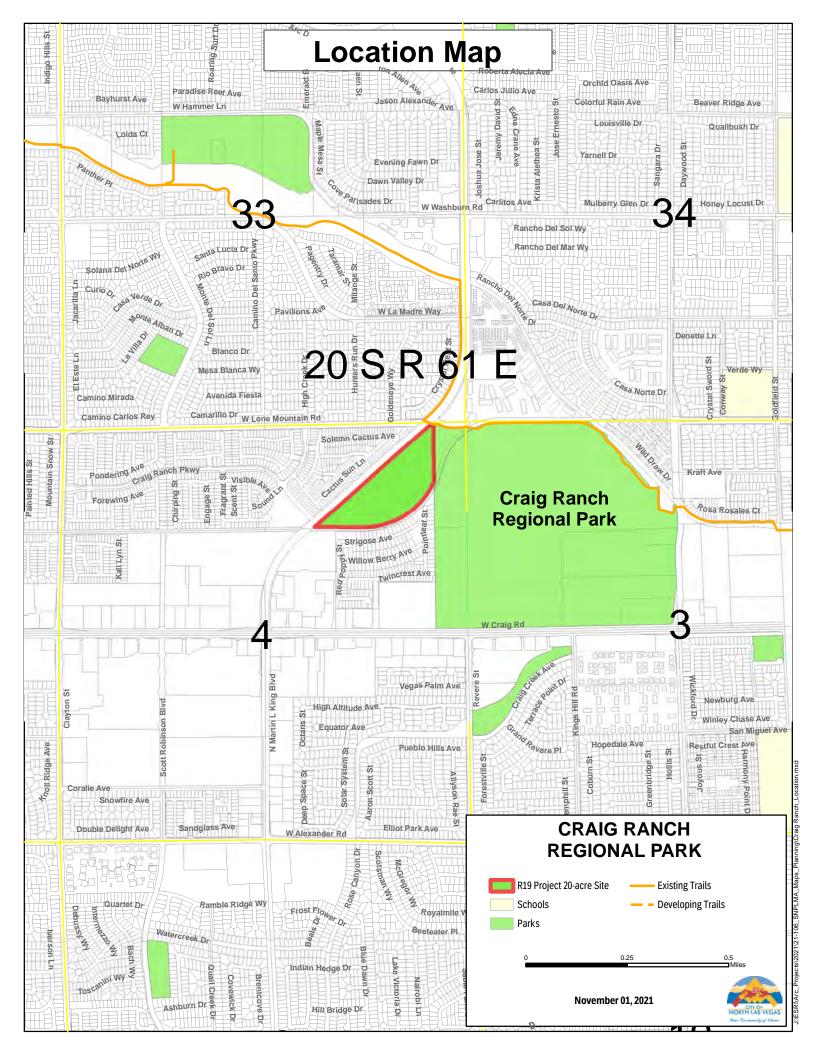
### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment. N/A

### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Craig Ranch Regional Park 20-acre Expansion

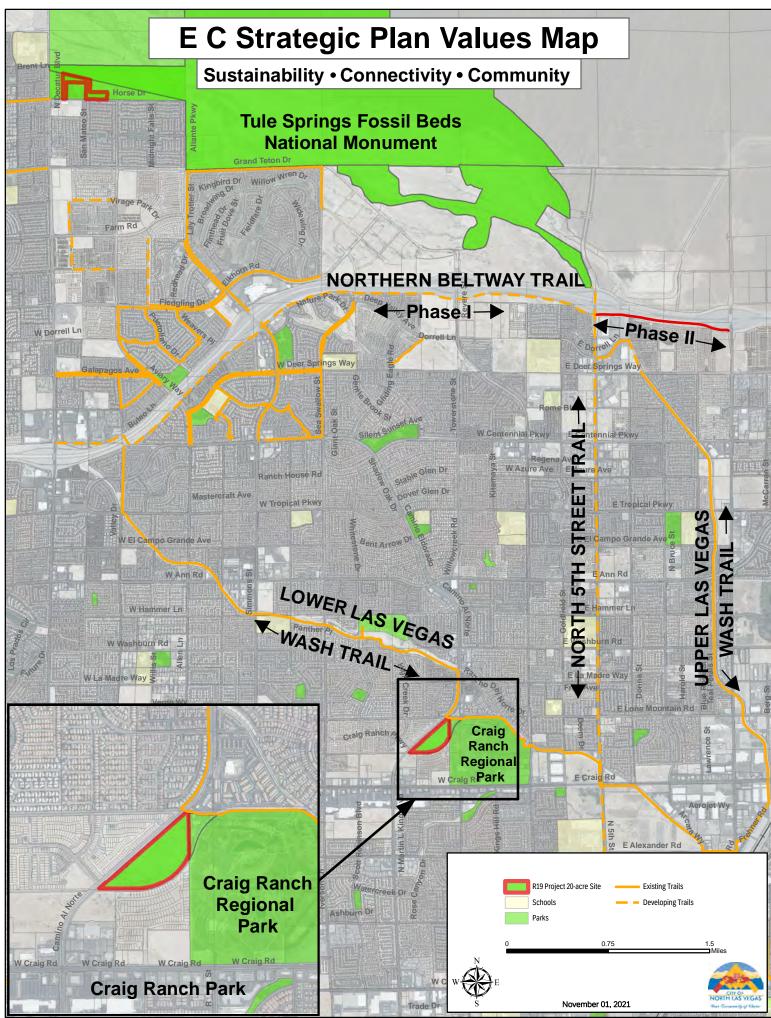
### **Performance Measures**

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CRAIG RANCH PARK - 20 ACRES

CONCEPTUAL PLAN

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### **SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION** Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas

### Performance Measures Craig Ranch Regional Park 20-acre Expansion

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### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 http://www.blm.gov/nevada

In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Mr. Cass Palmer Director, Neighborhood and Leisure Services City of North Las Vegas 851 W. Lone Mountain Rd. North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031 Email: palmerc@cityofnorthlasvegas.com

Dear Mr. Palmer:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of North Las Vegas (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Northern Beltway Trail</u>, Phase II\_– This proposal is to design and construct a 12-foot-wide asphalt path including lighting, landscaping, rest areas, and connections to trailheads. The Northern Beltway Trail is an important step toward completing a network of multiuse trails in the Las Vegas valley. Once constructed, this multiuse trail will be the first east-west regional trail within the City. When ultimately connected to the Upper and Lower Las Vegas Wash Trail System, the Northern Beltway Trail will provide a continuous trail system for residents. The proposed project is located within private lands from North Fifth Street to Losee Road entirely within the Clark County 215 public beltway within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 61 E., assessor parcel numbers (APNs) 124-31-199-001, 12431-199-002, 124-31-199-007, 124-23-599-001, and 124-23-599-004.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>McCool STEM Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a new science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) youth park within the Willie McCool Regional Park in partnership with the University of Las Vegas. The project will provide unique youth STEM opportunities and maximize visibility of the park along the street, establishing links between the natural and cultural resources of the park, and creating new spaces for community gathering, play, and education. Improvements will include access, promenade, play areas, safety surfaces, splash pad,

picnic shelters, archeological area of interest, interpretive kiosks, restrooms, and landscaping. The project area is located within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 61 E., sec. 7 on BLM-administered public land leased to the City through the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act, serialized N-49747. The City will need to amend the approved plan of development (POD) with a complete design plan and updated management plan and provide to the BLM for approval prior to initiating any changes or new construction. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. Modification of the R&PP lease POD will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Craig Ranch Regional Park – 20 Acre Park Expansion Project</u> – This proposal is to design and construct new infrastructure and amenities for the existing Craig Ranch Regional Park. These include amenities such as multiuse fields, restrooms, bleacher seating, playgrounds, splashpad, green open space areas, and access sidewalks. The proposed project is located entirely on City lands at 628 West Craig Road within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E, APNs 125-35-415-016, 139-04-602-002, 139-03-102-007, 139-03-201-007, 139-03-201-011, 139-03-201-012, 139-03-201-008, and 139-04-502-001.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey may not be required if all proposed development occurs on previously disturbed areas. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168.

Sincerely,

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District Manager

ecc: Shonna Dooman, Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office Catrina Williams, Field Manager, Red Rock/Sloan Field Office Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager, SNPLMA Division



Dear Cass,

As a thirty-year resident of Nevada I have been the President of a casino gaming company, served on three non-profit Foundation Boards including the United States Tennis Association where I served as President of the Board. I also Co- Founded two 5012(c)3 non-profits offering tennis and wellness programing, including the Inspiring Children Foundation and The Marty Hennessy Tennis and Education program. Both programs are nationally recognized as best in class at serving at- risk youth.

Tennis used to be a country club sport reserved for a select few that had exposure, access and could afford the high cost of a private club. Through a partnership between our non-profit and the Southern Nevada Parks and Recreation Associations Southern Nevada is the national leader in making high quality beginner to advanced tennis, academic and mental wellness programming available to everyone, for free and at a low cost. The Tennis and Wellness program has been so successful that it is now being duplicated in twenty-two cities by the United States Tennis Association and by Richard Branson's Necker Cup.

The program's success has been featured on CNN, Kelly Clarkson Show, the Tennis Channel, in People Magazine, The New York Times, and many other publications. My desire to help underserved communities has attracted me to provide free programming at Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch Park, the only two facilities in Nevada that I know of offering free tennis, education, and holistic services for inner city youth. Our organization is proud to be a part of a statewide "Tennis Facility Task Force" of business leaders, politicians, parks and rec leadership and community leaders who are all coming together to raise awareness and needed funds to build new courts. I implore you to strongly consider supporting and helping us to build upon our proven success so we can meet the needs of Southern Nevada residents.

I am writing to EXPRESS OUR DESPERATE need for ADDITIONAL tennis courts and facilities at our primary site at Lorenzi Park and OUR satellite site at Craig Ranch REGIONAL PARK. This decade long need has been dramatically increased by the significant demand for our programs locally due to our successful outcomes, as well as a statewide 41% increase in tennis play over the last two years (likely due to tennis being a COVID-19 safe sport.).

Further, we are the co-host with the Nevada Tennis Association, Darling Tennis Center, Craig Ranch and Lorenzi Park for 23 national tournaments and 30 state and regional tournaments that took us 15 years to recruit to our city, making Southern Nevada the west coast hub for tennis events. Unfortunately, the new increased USTA national standards do not allow us to use high school courts to host these national events anymore.

We were informed by the USTA National Committee that to keep these events we need to have a plan in place to add 60 new courts to southern NEVADA PARKS AND FACILITIES. For this reason we need as many additional courts at Lorenzi, Craig

Ranch Park, and Darling Center as possible. This will allow us to keep the national tournaments that bring 40,000 people to our state for 90 days a year, bringing in \$15 million in economic development. It will also allow us to meet the dramatic increase in need for tennis courts for our successful inner-city programming.

As a resident in Ward 5 I began playing tennis for the first time at Lorenzi Park almost twenty-five years ago. THAT ONE ACT HAS resulted in me being inspired by the Andre Agassi Foundation to start the Inspiring Children Foundation, a non- profit 501c3 foundation. The inspiring Children Foundation has served Nevada residents for the last twenty years offering inner city youth the physical, emotional, social, and mental health services needed for them to survive and thrive at the highest levels. This program is healing and reversing generational trauma and leveling the playing field with life changing outcomes for families in need.

#### **FOUNDATION PRESS:**

#### Press Links - Inspiring Children Foundation

The tennis program leader Tim Blenkiron was given the organization's highest national honor at the US OPEN for the ground breaking work with inner city youth.

#### TIM VIDEO AWARD LINK

As the Founder I accepted The Human of The Year Award on behalf of our program's success, presented by the co-founder of Apple Computers, Steve Wozniak.

#### APPLE CO-FOUNDER, STEVE WOZ VIDEO

#### https://youtu.be/NfpOAShmwvO

The program has helped thousands of individuals and their families at its main location at LORENZI PARK AND SATELITTE LOCATIONS AT Craig Ranch Regional Park.

The tennis program is coupled with emotional and mental health services and is considered to be the cutting edge of youth development, and one of the few solutions for the mental health epidemic that is affecting our nation. The program boasts partnerships with Harvard's McKlean Psychiatric Hospital, Yale and Brown University, Kroger Health, and has remarkable outcomes.

#### TENNIS CHANNEL FEATURE STORY AT US OPEN:

#### https://voutu.be/gZRbxoSAkew

For example, this past year's graduating class of inner-city youth all entered the program reporting mental health challenges from suicidal attempts to anxiety and depression. Yet after 3-5 years in the program 100% reported no signs of depression or suicidal ideation, and all of them were so talented academically and athletically that they earned college scholarships. Tennis was a vehicle to help them heal and gain strength to be academically, physically, socially, emotionally and mentally strong. This years graduating class gained admission and scholarships to Stratford,

Harvard, Clark Atlanta, UNLV, Columbia, Brown, USC, GEORGETOWN, USD, Seattle, and Wesleyan. One of the student athletes was a Bill and Melinda Gates Scholar, two were Horatio Alger Scholars, one a Rogers Scholar and a Quest Bridge Scholar. To date 165 scholar athletes from the courts at Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch Park have been awarded college scholarships for tennis and academics. Most importantly thousands of lives have been completely transformed.

The program's roots in the community are strong. The Greens Community four blocks up the street has three transitional homes for youth and families in need of housing and necessities. The Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth joins our leadership talk series and community events. The Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club program blocks away is a feeder site for Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch Park, as is Gibson Middle School and Western High School. Our youth have collectively won over 40 Nevada State Titles, eight students have reached #1 in the USA, and over fifty students have reached top 20 in the USA. Our program partners with the local Hispanic church, Victory Baptist Church, The Jewel Never Broken Program, INSPIRE HOUSE Mental Health Community online, The Wellness Experience by Kroger and from Lorenzi the youth produced the last two World Mental Health Day online events, reaching over 100,000 viewers.

The programs satellite location is a few miles away at North Las Vegas's Craig Ranch Park. Both Craig Ranch and Lorenzi Park are in desperate need for more courts to meet the demand for this program, and for the dramatic increase in tennis play in southern Nevada of junior, adult, and senior leagues. Equally important is the need for these facilities to have enough courts to host the state, regional, and national tournaments. Lorenzi Park, Craig Ranch Park, and Darling Center are the facilities that host the 23 national tournaments that make Nevada the west coast hub for regional and national competitions, resulting in over 15 million in economic development. Lorenzi Park hosts an additional 30 State, County and City tournaments.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call my cell phone at 702-822-1081. We are deeply grateful for your consideration and hope for a positive outcome.

Sincerely,

Ryan Wolfington Founder/Volunteer Inspiring Children Foundation www.InspiringChildrenFoundation

#### Dear Parks & Recreation Department

As a former City Council member representing Ward 5, I got started playing tennis on the courts at Lorenzi Park. I had the opportunity to see up close how the program at the Andre Agassi Boys & Girls Club and at Lorenzi Park completely transformed the lives of so many children, helping them rise above their adversity, their financial & personal difficulties to go on to do extraordinary things. Many of these children in the Inspiring Children Foundation and the Team Bryan program at Lorenzi Park went on to get college scholarships at some of the best universities in the country, including Howard University, Clark Atlanta, Stanford University, UNLV, Georgetown, Harvard, Columbia, the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy and many others.

Most importantly it has given the children in underserved communities a safe place to be that provides them with the financial, physical, emotional, and mental health programs, support and tools for them to discover and become academically, emotionally and mentally fit to be their best selves.

As I went on to become City Councilman, I helped to rebuild the courts at Lorenzi Park to take it from a downtrodden facility to one of the most pristine parks in Southern Nevada. As County Commissioner I helped steer funds outside of the County to Craig Ranch Regional Park because I saw what tennis courts didat Lorenzi Park and wanted to duplicate that at Craig Ranch. Now that these programs have been so successful and tennis has grown in Southern Nevada, there is a dramatic need for more courts to meet the needs in these underserved communities. Further, Craig Ranch, Lorenzi Park and the Darling Tennis Center have come together to recruit 23 National events. I watched over 15 years how difficult it was to get these National events here to Las Vegas.

I am happy to Co-Chair the United States Tennis Association's Tennis Facility Task Force along with its Director, Ryan Wolfington to create a coalition of private and public partnerships with politicians & leaders in our community to advocate to have more public tennis facilities built. Over the last decade, tennis has grown dramatically alongside the population in Southern Nevada, however, the tennis courts and facilities have not been built to meet that need. In just the last two years, due to COVID-19, tennis has increased in the Southern Nevada area by 41%. In order to meet the need for more courts, especially in underserved communities at Lorenzi Park & Craig Ranch Regional Park, I strongly advocate for an additional set of courts and facilities, including shade structures and bathrooms so these communities can get equal access to opportunities for tennis, education, and mentoring that these programs provide.

As a former City Councilman and County Commissioner, I am very aware of the importance of the economic development of these 23 National tournaments we brought to Las Vegas over the last fifteen years. The National tournaments bring over 40,000 people to the city for 90 room nights a year for a total of \$15 million to our economy. To keep these tournaments and to bring new events here, we need these additional courts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Weekly



November 1, 2021

Ms. Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Division/Bureau of Land Management 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Ms. Leiber,

As Chairman of the City of North Las Vegas – Parks, Arts Council and Advisory Board, representing the 250,000+ citizens of the City of North Las Vegas, I would like to express my support for the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Parks, Trails, and Natural Area (PTNA) Round 19 project nomination by the City of North Las Vegas for the Craig Ranch Regional Park 20 Acre Park, Northern Beltway Phase 2 Trail and STEM park Projects. COVID-19 has underscored the critical need for open space recreational facilities. Our Valley needs such investments in both our mature and newer areas of the Valley.

The City of North Las Vegas is a world-class city that is committed to the fulfillment of the its mission to provide residents, visitors, and the business community with the highest quality municipal services in an efficient, courteous manner and to enhance the quality of life through planning and visionary leadership. SNPLMA funding for CNLV's Craig Ranch Regional Park 20 acre Park, STEM Park and Northern Beltway Trail Phase 2 Projects would advance this mission. Access to open spaces is an important building block for the future of this community. Many of CNLV residents are still in need of improved outdoor resources that support their physical and mental health, and that allow them alternative commuting options. The Craig Ranch Regional Park 20 Acre Park will allow residents a place to go and enjoy a variety of outdoor experiences and encourage exercise and participation. The Children's STEM Park will bring 27 first class STEM activities to an outside environment connecting the community's children to science and nature. while setting the stage for the future. The Northern Beltway Trail Phase 2 project will provide recreational access, but will also provide a critical transportation alternative for those seeking to bicycle to their work place. These elements literally connect residents to each other through open space and trail networks. They will serve all ages of our community, and they will enhance a sense of place. In addition, such resources help connect residents to the outdoor experience of living here, in Southern Nevada and in the Mojave Desert.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of North Las Vegas' SNPLMA project nominations. Please contact me directly if you have any further questions at (702) 290-8714 or <u>aubreybranch@hotmail.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Aubrey Branch Chairman CNLV - Parks, Arts Council and Advisory Board 2250 Las Vegas Blvd, North Las Vegas, NV 89030

> 4584 N. Rancho Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130 702-648-6887 FAX 702-648-6951





U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development San Francisco Regional Office – Region IX One Sansome Street, Suite 1200 San Francisco, CA 94104-4430 www.hud.gov espanol.hud.gov

William Harty Finance Director City of North Las Vegas 2250 Las Vegas Blvd. North, Suite 900 North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Dear Mr. Harty:

SUBJECT: City of North Las Vegas Indirect Cost Rate Proposal

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD or the Department) received City of North Las Vegas Indirect Cost Rate Proposal for its fiscal years 2020 and 2021 via e-mail on September 16, 2021.

In accordance with Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 (2 CFR 200), the Department is not required to review the indirect cost rate proposal for City of North Las Vegas. Appendix VII to 2 CFR 200, Section D.1.b. states, "A governmental department or agency unit that receives more than \$35 million in direct Federal funding must submit its indirect cost rate proposal to its cognizant agency for indirect costs. Other governmental department or agency must develop an indirect cost proposal in accordance with the requirements of this Part and maintain the proposal and related supporting documentation for audit. These governmental departments or agencies are not required to submit their proposals unless they are specifically requested to do so by the cognizant agency for indirect costs." Since your organization receives less than \$35 million in direct Federal awards per year, the Department is not requiring your organization to submit an indirect cost rate proposal for formal review and approval. Instead, please continue to develop and maintain the proposal along with related supporting documentation on file. The Federal awards should be charged based on the calculated indirect cost rate.

If City of North Las Vegas has any questions, please contact Saleshni Jeet, Senior Financial Analyst, at 415-489-6578, or by email at <u>Saleshni.L.Jeet@hud.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Angelo Tom Program Manager Community Planning and Development Division cc: Rich Easter, Director Grants Development and Administration <u>easterr@cityofnorthlasvegas.com</u>

Aleisha Beckum Indirect Cost Specialist abeckum@ecivis.com

## Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**Clark County** 



## **James Regional Park Softball Complex**

Amount Requested: \$39,771,004

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The James Regional Sports Park is located at the southwest corner of Durango and Robindale, at 8400 Robindale Road in Las Vegas, Nevada (T-R-S: 22-60-9, APN: 176-09-501-011); and situated in the town of Spring Valley in the southwest part of the Las Vegas Valley in Clark County, Nevada.

The existing 107-acre site is owned by Clark County and currently offers 16 soccer fields, a playground, splash pad and picnic area. The park hosts 24 tournaments a year, servicing about 60,000 soccer players. The proposed James Regional Park Softball Complex project will develop approximately 30-acres of the underdeveloped park site that will bring a new unique amenity the softball community in this part of the Las Vegas Valley.

- 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases: Clark County was awarded \$2,673,177 in SNPLMA Round 17 funding for the *James Regional Park 5K Trail* project CC69, priority 17-5. Project funding is to construct a 5-mile multi-use pedestrian trail with support amenities such as shaded wayside rest areas, educational and/or interpretive signs about the nearby natural features and the surrounding environments; trail distance markers/graphics, equally spaced around the trail; pedestrian signalization (flashing lights); signage and markings for three at-grade street crossings; benches separate from the wayside areas; drainage and grading to accommodate the existing washes and topography; and optional security lights at wayside areas.
- 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: This Round 19 nomination is a stand-alone project and Clark County understands that there is no guarantee or expectation of SNPLMA funding for future phases.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

This Round 19 proposed project will promote these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

1. <u>Sustainability</u>: Clark County Office of Sustainability has developed "All-In Clark County," our Sustainability and Climate Action Plan with the Southern Nevada Water Authority; therefore, this project will meet the values of conservation and sustainability. The softball complex will have upgraded LED lighting which is responsible for a significant portion of energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) savings across the County's operations; resource conservation utilizing touchless bathroom fixtures and desert landscaping with timed water dispensers.

- 2. <u>Connectivity:</u> This project will be constructed on a portion of the park that is currently undeveloped. It will connect to the other sections of James Regional Park and the James Regional Park 5K Trail, project CC69 funded in SNPLMA Round 17.
- 3. <u>Community</u>: There are approximately 39,000 households within walking distance of James Regional Park. Our goal is to connect the surrounding neighborhoods with the park as well as residents from around the Las Vegas Valley. This project adds new softball fields to an area of the Las Vegas Valley where there are limited opportunities to play and will increase the number of dedicated softball fields, giving players an opportunity to play on fields specifically for softball rather than other facilities that have a shared use with baseball.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Clark County will develop 30-acres into a softball complex encompassing 7 standard softball fields and 1 championship field. The project site is public land leased to the County pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose Act, situated east of the James Regional Sports Complex and Cimarron Road, and north Eldorado Lane and Sierra Vista High School, in the southwest part of the Las Vegas Valley in Clark County, Nevada. The softball complex will include LED sports lighting, shade structures and bleachers, restrooms, picnic pavilions, playground, interpretive and educational signage, and a 300-space parking lot. This new softball complex will allow local league play, as well as regional and national tournaments, and provide a playground for kids of all ages to exercise and improve their health while enjoying the outdoors. This facility will benefit the under-served softball community of Clark County which has an increase of female participants and persons over 45 years of age.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. Primary Deliverables:
  - a. 8 new softball fields (7 standard and 1 championship field) with up to 300-ft. outfield fences, dirt infields to accommodate 60-, 70- & 80-foot baselines and home plate to backstop distance of  $\pm 30$  feet.
  - b. Each softball field include 2ea covered dug outs enclosed at each end and rear, and with protective fencing on front facing the infield.
  - c. Each softball field include 1-set infield base anchors, 1 pitching rubber & 1 home plate.
  - d. Each softball field include 2ea, 2-bull pens for pitcher warm-up incorporated safely into the sideline fencing.
  - e. 1ea remote controlled, digital scoreboard.
  - f. Green vinyl chain-link fencing.
  - g. Metal foul poles that extend vertically upward a minimum of 10-ft. from top of outfield fence where the foul line intersects the homerun fence.
  - h. 2 sets of shade-covered 6-row spectator bleachers.
  - i. Minimum 3-ft. solid block at base of the backstops.
  - j. Install 100-ft.-wide panoramic netted backstops at Championship Field.
  - k. Warning track in front of outfield and sideline fences, a minimum of 16-ft-wide
  - 1. Up to 4ea standard field and rule signage

- m. LED field lighting
- n. 2ea prefabricated concrete restroom buildings—each side includes 4 stalls, 2 sinks and lockable storage rooms with roll-up doors
- o. 1ea concession building (public spaces only)
- p. 1ea separate fenced equipment yard
- q. 8ea separate and protected players warm up areas (1 for each field or field group)
- r. Landscaping with appropriate trees and shrub materials
- s. Shaded playground for kids aged 5-12 years old
- t. Shaded tree plaza and turf areas for spectators
- u. Shaded group/team gathering areas with dedicated electrical area for food trucks/vendors
- v. Parking lot (±300 parking spaces) to accommodate eight fields on game days with LED lighting and landscaping including wide planters to break up the expansive asphalt
- w. A dedicated pedestrian pick-up and drop-off zone
- x. 10-ft-wide concrete walkway connection to the parking lot and Round 17 5K trail (CC69)
- y. LED pathway and security lighting throughout complex and under shade structures
- z. 2ea open turf areas with multiple picnic pavilions, tables, and benches
- aa. 1ea centralized entry plaza for gatherings and awards
- bb. 8ea educational/interpretive signage on natural surroundings along pathways
- cc. Off-site construction: Pedestrian signal at Cimarron for safe connectivity to new complex
- 2. <u>Anticipated Deliverables</u>: [If sufficient funds remain after completing primary deliverables and with prior approval] a. Additional spectator seating (benches or bleachers).
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  - b. Water Bottle Filling Station(s).
  - c. Pet Clean up stations.
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Design, engineering, surveying, construction drawings, technical reports, cultural review, field inspections, drainage, utilities, soil or other analysis, grading, permits, site improvements, costs to repair irrigation system or landscaping damaged during new amenity construction, public input meetings, staff and management reviews, professional service fees, contract administration, and other necessary expenses.
  - b. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - c. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - d. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - e. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

#### 4. **PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.05289841° / -115.26599884°

#### Congressional District(s): NV-3

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The project will be completed within the standard 5 years for PTNA projects.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\square$  Yes -or-  $\square$  No

A Section 106 Cultural Compliance Report was submitted to BLM as part of the James Regional Park 5K Trail funded in Round 17 and approved by BLM Archeologists on June 22, 2021; thus, we would not have to complete that process for this project. Additionally, Clark County has extensive experience setting up the design and construction process and has implemented multiple park and trail projects funded by SNPLMA.

The application was approved by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on November 2, 2021; thus, the County will be ready to respond to the Special Account Funds Notice to obtain the federal award from BLM, and to begin executing the project.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Operations and maintenance for this project will be performed by Clark County Department of Real Property Maintenance. Standard maintenance includes site inspections, litter cleanup, repair, or replacement of all project components, when necessary, graffiti mitigation, etc. County staff prepared the cost estimates for O&M for the proposed project and related amenities. These costs are based on industry trends and the County's historical data. RPM addresses O&M costs for all projects on an annual basis and will be incorporated into the annual budget for all park and recreational facilities. Ongoing maintenance of the facility will be done by staff of Clark County Department of RPM and the estimated cost is approximately \$8,995 per acre annually.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

Clark County is seeking \$39,771,004 in SNPLMA funds to complete the project. A breakdown of the estimated costs is enclosed below on the SF-424A budget category form.

<u>Partnership and/or Contributed Funds</u>: Clark County will provide a minimum of \$15,000 of in-kind expenditures in the form of staff time from salaried employees, an amount is based on 242 hours of time at an average salary/benefits rate of \$62.18. Staff will be present and will participate in the design and construction meetings, site visits and will provide any support needed for the project. A signed commitment letter is enclosed in this nomination.

#### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total
	(1) SNPLMA-Round 19 Nomination-James Regional Park Softball Complex		(3)		(5)
a. Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
b. Fringe Benefits					
c. Travel					
d. Equipment					
e. Supplies					
f. Contractual	39,771,004.00				39,771,004.00
g. Construction					
h. Other					
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	39,771,004.00				\$ 39,771,004.00
j. Indirect Charges					\$
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 39,771,004.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 39,771,004.00
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

- 1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.
  - A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: According to population estimates there are over 200,000 residents in the town of Spring Valley and only five County-owned parks that contain a softball or baseball field. Additionally, there are nearly 40,000 residential households within a 2.5-mile radius of the proposed project site. This project will construct a new softball complex, the only regional park in the town of Spring Valley, Nevada. The park is severely underdeveloped in accordance with the master plan with a total of approximately 400 acres with only 107 acres currently developed.

- B. *The project improves community prosperity and economic development* Answer: This project will add to the community prosperity and economic development of the area by adding dedicated facilities for softball. It presents the opportunity to hold tournament level events can draw in participants from across the Las Vegas Valley as well as national teams and would contribute to the economy by increasing hotel room, entertainment, shopping, and restaurant revenue. The facility has easy access from McCarran International Airport via the I-215 and would welcome leagues from across the country.
- C. *The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.* Answer: This project is unique in that it will bring a dedicated tournament-level softball facility up to the southwest part of the Las Vegas Valley where there are currently no facilities. It will also allow for Clark County to host local, regional, state, national and internationally sanctioned softball tournaments.
- D. *The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).* Answer: This project will help address public health and safety concerns by providing outdoor recreation for kids and adults. Softball is a sport that can get the whole family and community involved, teaches kids about teamwork and working with others, raises their confidence and self-esteem and promotes patience and focus. Physical activity has also been shown to address several different health metrics, such as depression, obesity, and high blood pressure.
- E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: The softball community has traditionally faced barriers by not having as many dedicated fields. Quite often the facilities that are available to them are shared use with baseball groups and are usually more situated for baseball play in their dimensions and setup. This project would allow for access and connectivity to recreational opportunities, invite more groups that are specifically for softball.

- 2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
  - A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: Transform Clark County, the County's master plan, indicates one of the major goals is to continue to expand the County's parks, trails and open space system at a level that is sustainable. The project will enhance the community and provide recreational resources recreational facility that is not currently being provided in this part of the valley. Additionally, according to the Cultural Resource Report for James Regional Park, it is suggested that several cultures shared the Las Vegas area including groups such as Anasazi, Southern Paiute and the Patayan. As part of this project, we will provide the cultural and historical context of the southwest through educational and interpretive signage.

B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

This project will benefit the surrounding community by connecting residents to a Regional Park and large open space environment. The softball fields are just a piece of the larger regional park that will encourage community patrons to get outside and enjoy the rewards of social, physical, and recreational opportunities.

C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: This project will utilize a sustainable design and will follow the County's 'All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan.' The softball complex will have LED lighting with Maxicom software controls, which will automate when and for how long lighting is required based on occupancy and safety needs, while eliminating unnecessary lighting. The project will also address resource conservation by utilizing touchless bathroom fixtures and desert landscaping with timed water dispensers.

D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: Whether you're a softball player or spectator cheering someone on, this project encourages persons of all ages to get out and experience the outdoor natural environment. It is especially needed for youths as an alternative to TV or computers and will get them to spend time with family and connect with the outdoors. Additionally, interpretative, and educational signs would be located throughout the site to educate users of about the many types of plant life that can be found near the site.

- 3. **<u>CONNECTIVITY</u>**: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.
  - A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: This project will connect to the SNPLMA Round 17 approved James Regional Sports Complex 5K trail (Project CC69, Priority 17-5), which was previously named Southwest Regional Sports Park Multi-Use 5K Trail.

- B. *The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)* Answer: This facility will be in the James Regional Sports Complex and will be consistent with the Draft Master Development Plan for the park.
- C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: This project is part of an overall development plan for parks, trails and open space in the Las Vegas Valley. Through the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, Clark County is working closely with other local jurisdictions and regional and Federal agencies to coordinate the planning and building of an extensive network of parks and trails.

D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: Educational and interpretative signs will be placed around the project site along the pathways in the site as well as leading to and away from the site which will be used to inform park patrons of the natural surroundings. According to the Cultural Resource Report for James Regional Sports Complex provided by a UNLV Historical Archeologist in 1998, current theories suggest that several cultures shared the Las Vegas area including groups Anasazi, Southern Paiute and the Patayan. Additionally, vegetation within the park and surrounding areas are associated with the Desert Scrub Community and we can educate park users on the many types of plant life and historical data the report identified.

# E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The softball community has made great strides with inclusivity in the sport, making sure everyone can play and succeed and this project will be inclusive for kids and adults of all ages and backgrounds.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: The deliverables and cost estimates were based on similar park projects that have recently been constructed here and elsewhere with costs adjusted according to match local economic conditions. The costs were determined using professional estimating techniques by County staff who are subject matter experts. The project design is straight forward and simple and it will accommodate all the identified users. B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.
 Answer: Due to the unique nature of this facility, the population that it is intended to serve and the lack of facilities to serve that population, this facility would serve the entirety of the Las Vegas Valley, all of Clark County and would allow for tournaments.

serve and the lack of facilities to serve that population, this facility would serve the entirety of the Las Vegas Valley, all of Clark County and would allow for tournaments from teams from across the country; therefore, the value and impact of this project would be substantial.

C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: As part of Clark County's master plan, our goal is to establish thresholds for adequate ongoing maintenance of existing facilities and ensure the availability of adequate funding for the long-term upkeep of the facilities. The James Regional Softball Complex will be constructed using sustainable design and construction techniques to minimize future maintenance costs, such as drought-tolerant plants and green infrastructure. The facility will also provide LED lighting, which are known to dramatically reduce maintenance costs.

- D. *Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).* Answer: Clark County has committed to provide a minimum of \$15,000 of in-kind expenditures in the form of staff time from various departments associated with the project (see the attached commitment letter).
- E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: This project will incorporate a sustainable and efficient design to the furthest extent possible to mitigate future Operation and Maintenance Costs, such as the use of LED lighting, resource conservation utilizing touchless bathroom fixtures and desert landscaping with timed water dispensers.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

- A. Executive Orders (EO):
- 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. Answer: N/A
- 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. Answer: Yes. Clark County supports EO No. 14005 and has partnered with other jurisdictions as well as Workforce Connections and the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) Job Connect to host job fairs specifically for small businesses.

#### B. Secretarial Orders

- 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation. Answer: This project would increase outdoor recreational opportunities in the Las Vegas Valley.
- 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Answer: N/A
- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: N/A
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior Answer: Yes, the James Regional Softball Complex will increase recreational opportunities.
- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: N/A
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: Yes, the James Regional Softball Complex will increase reduce wildfire risks by being actively maintained by Clark County Department of Real Property Management.
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: N/A
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. Answer: N/A
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: N/A
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: The James Regional Park Softball Complex will adhere to the policies of Clark County's All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan. The goal of this plan is to shift how the County consumes energy; sourcing its energy from clean, renewable sources; and empower its employees to make smarter energy choices critical to reducing the County's energy-related greenhouse gas emissions, saving on operating costs, and meeting its energy goals.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: This project does not strengthen the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations; however, as a governmental entity, on April 20, 2021, Clark County BCC adopted a resolution in support of federal, state, and local agencies be engaged in efforts to support and expand the protection of land and waters to honor tribal jurisdictions and the rights of indigenous tribes through consultation and tribal governments.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: James Regional Park Softball complex wouldn't create millions of jobs; however, in December 2020, Clark County adopted its Community & Economic Development Strategy in collaboration with the City of Henderson, City of North Las Vegas, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, McCarran International Airport, Urban Chamber of Commerce, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and other community partners. According to the report, Clark County residents have engaged with the region's outdoor recreation assets at an unprecedented level during the pandemic. Between March and April 2020, BLM and other public lands in Clark County witnessed a 400% increase in visitor volume.

Additionally, on April 20, 2021, Clark County BCC adopted a resolution that supports protected and private lands, which are the drivers of the State and County's outdoor recreation industry, which generates \$12.6 billion of annual consumer spending, supports 87,000 jobs and provides more than \$1 billion in tax revenue to the State.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: This project does not conserve 30% of lands, but as a government entity, the Clark County BCC adopted a resolution on April 2021 as a commitment to support the protection of 30% each of Nevada's and the United States' lands and waters by 2030.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: On April 20, 2021, Clark County BCC passed a resolution urging federal, state and local agencies provide fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes and natural origins by soliciting, accounting for and responding to the voices, needs and priorities of communities of color, indigenous communities and economically disadvantaged communities.

#### D. Forest Service Priorities:

#### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: James Regional Park Softball Complex design and construction meetings, and construction activities will follow mandated Covid-19 protocols as per the State of Nevada's Governor's office. To help control the Covid-19 pandemic, Clark County has hosted several community events and wellness fairs all over the Las Vegas valley offering free Covid 19 vaccinations including a pilot program that offered \$100 gift cards for folks to get vaccinated. Additionally, Clark County has posted information about the valley wide clinics and pharmacies where citizens can receive the booster shots and vaccinations on its website as well as cultural and multi-lingual Covid-19 vaccine information.

#### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: Parks projects such as James Regional Softball Complex attract businesses because people prefer living near parks and open spaces. A recent survey in Area Development Magazine found that 75% of corporate executives rated quality of life features like parks and open space as important when choosing a location for their business.

As a government entity, the Board of County Commissioners have supported numerous programs aimed at providing economic relief, include funding plans for new affordable housing developments, designated land for future affordable housing developments, directed County staff to establish several programs that will create incentives for new affordable housing developments and preserve existing affordable housing for very low-income neighborhoods which helps provide economic relief.

#### 3. Tackling climate change

Answer: James Regional Park Softball Complex will follow the Clark County's recently adopted All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, which focuses on taking action to address climate change and create a more sustainable future for Clark County. After assessing the need to expand outdoor lighting control systems, such as sensors and timers,

it was determined all Parks development, including ball fields will include Maxicom software controls for most exterior lighting.

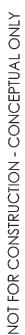
#### 4. Advancing racial equity

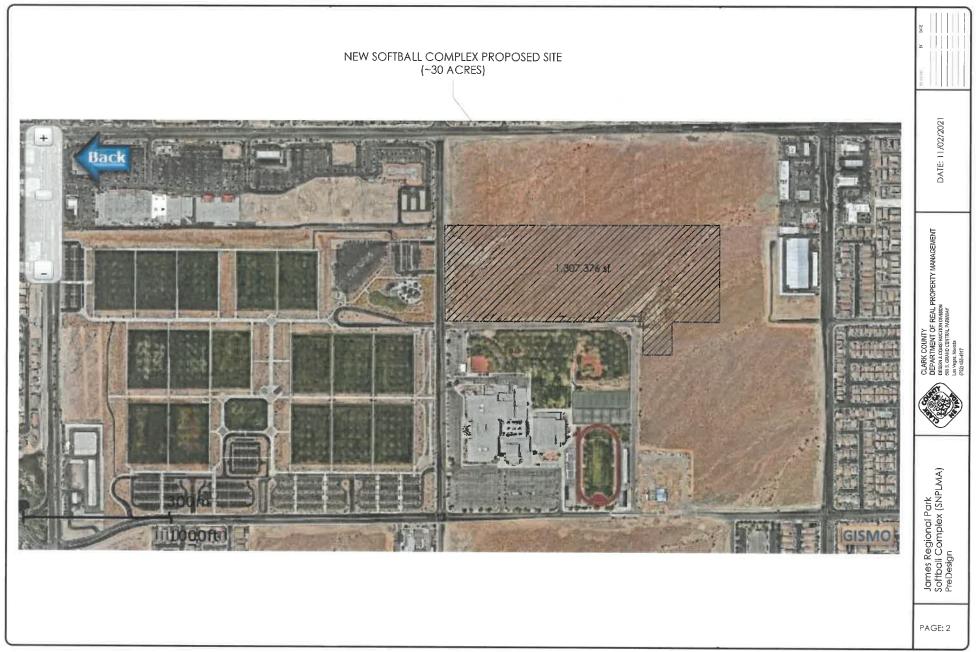
Answer: James Regional Park Softball Complex will be inclusive of all ages and races, and in relationship to Clark County's All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, a top goal is to provide opportunities for diverse housing options to meet the needs of residents of all ages, income levels and abilities, and to expand the number of long-term affordable housing units available in Clark County. Clark County also strives to reflect the diversity of the County in membership of volunteer boards and commissions, including but not limited to people of different races, ethnicities, income levels and occupational experience.

#### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

Answer: This project will employ workers for the design and construction of the James Regional Park Softball Complex, as well as staff for maintenance. Additionally, as a governing board, Clark County Commissioners work closely with Workforce Connections, Southern Nevada's Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) and has become the largest County in the nation to become a certified ACT\* Work Ready Community. The Work Ready Community initiative provides individuals the opportunity to assess job readiness skills and earn a nationally recognized certificate reflecting their skill levels. The effort was a collaboration by Workforce Connection in partnership with other stakeholders including Commission Chair Marilyn Kirkpatrick, College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and the Clark County School District. Clark County achieved the official Work Ready Community certification in May 2019.

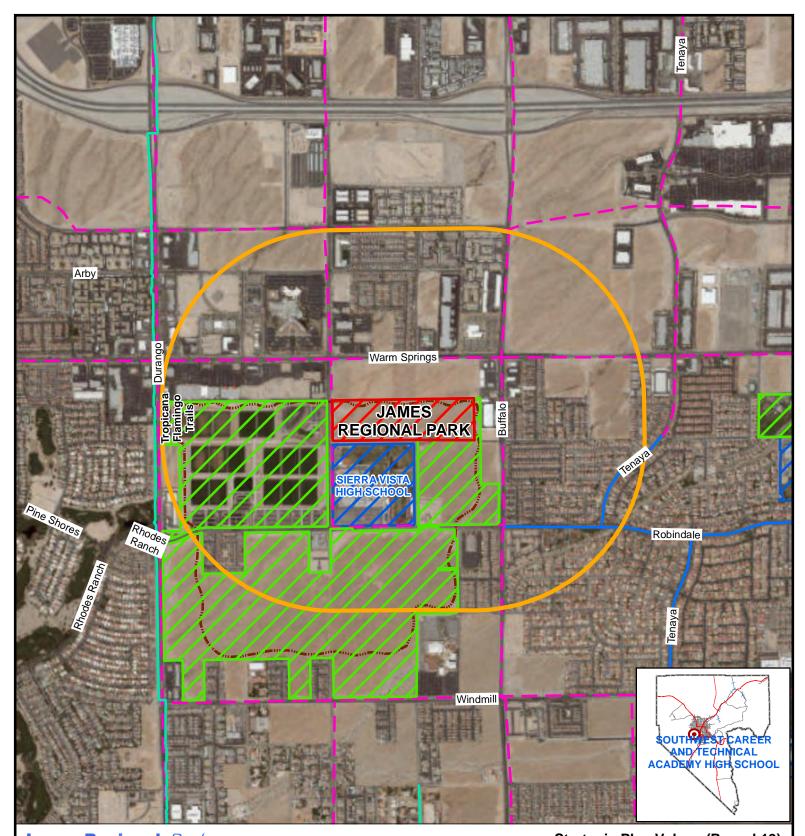


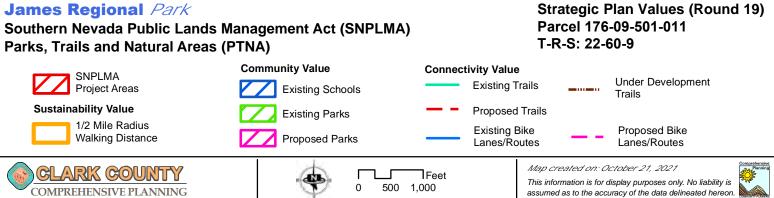




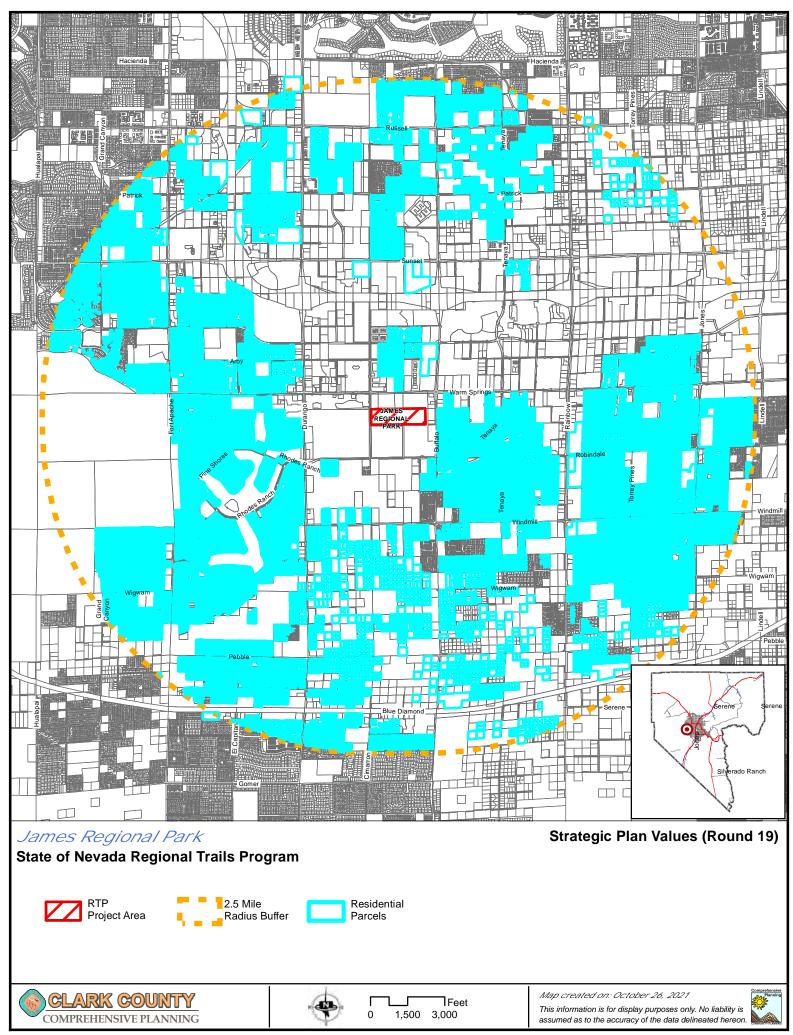




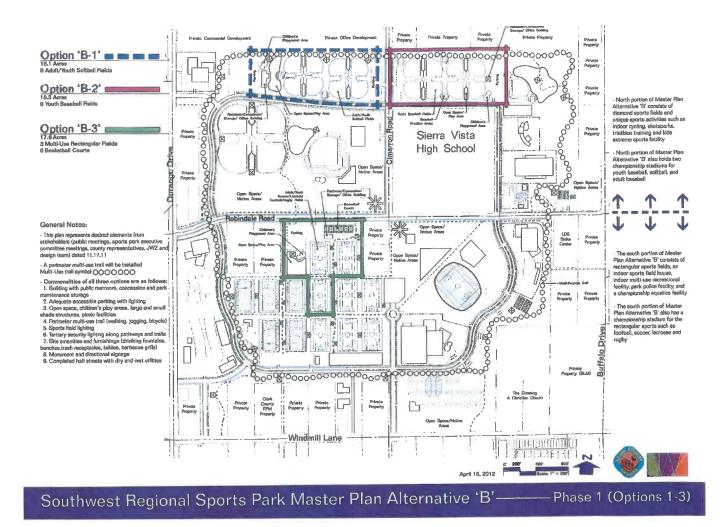




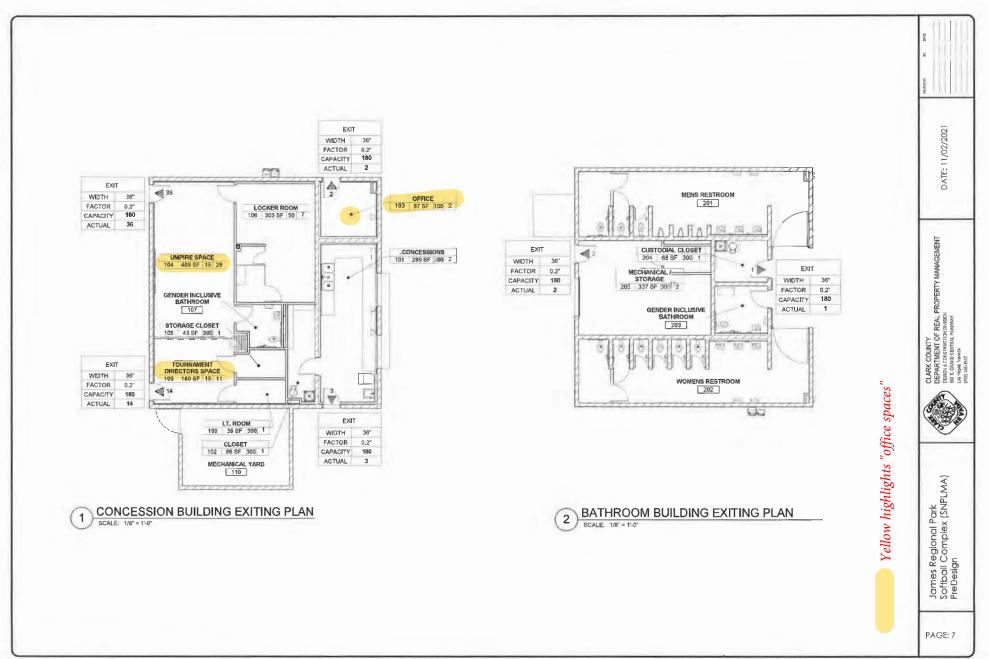
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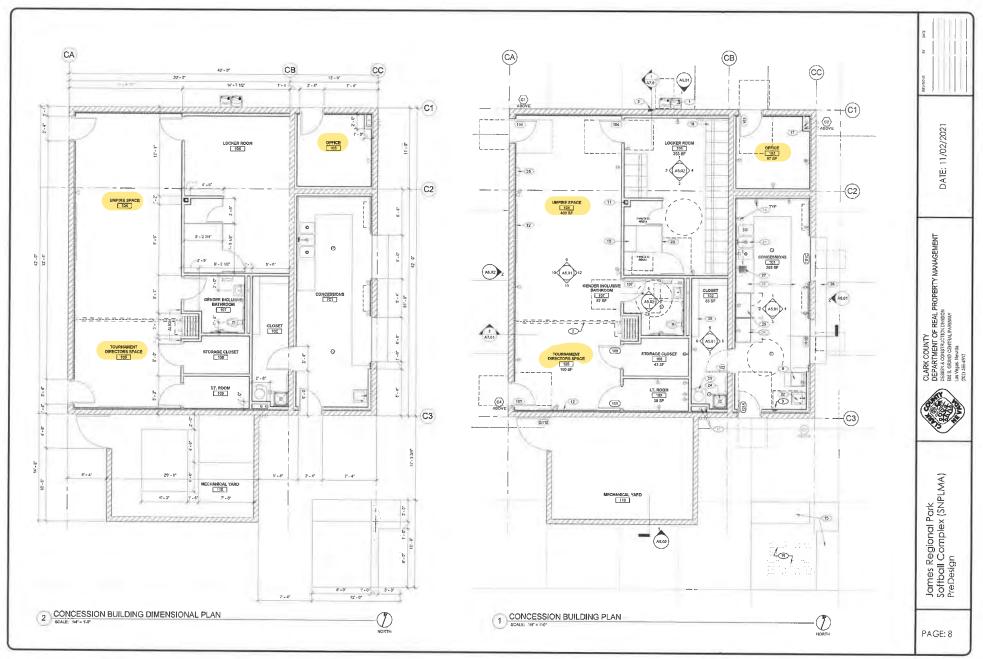


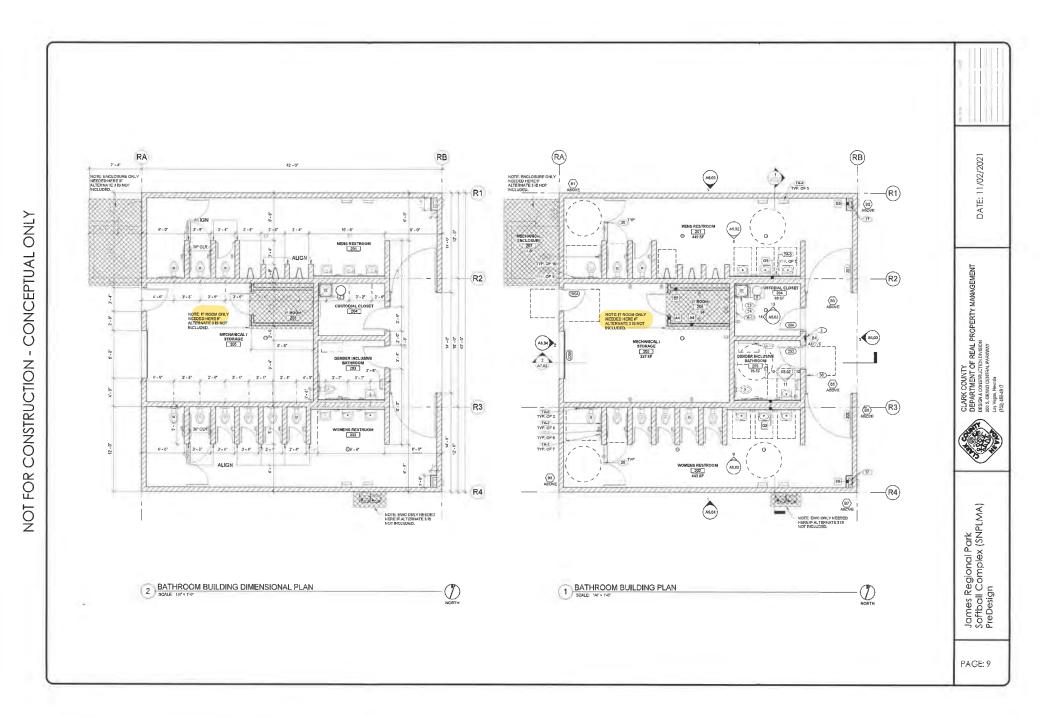
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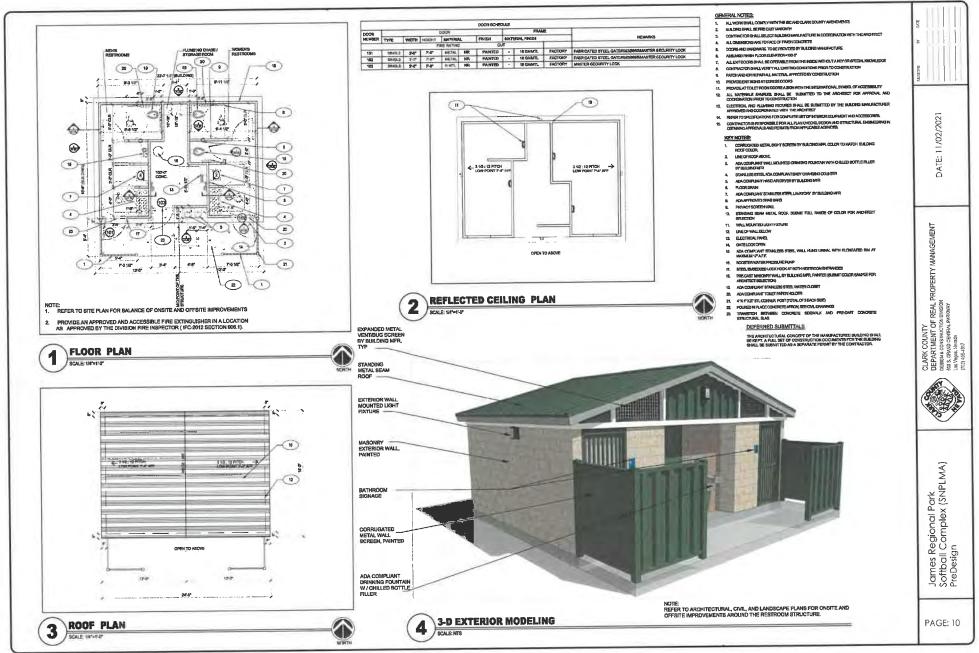


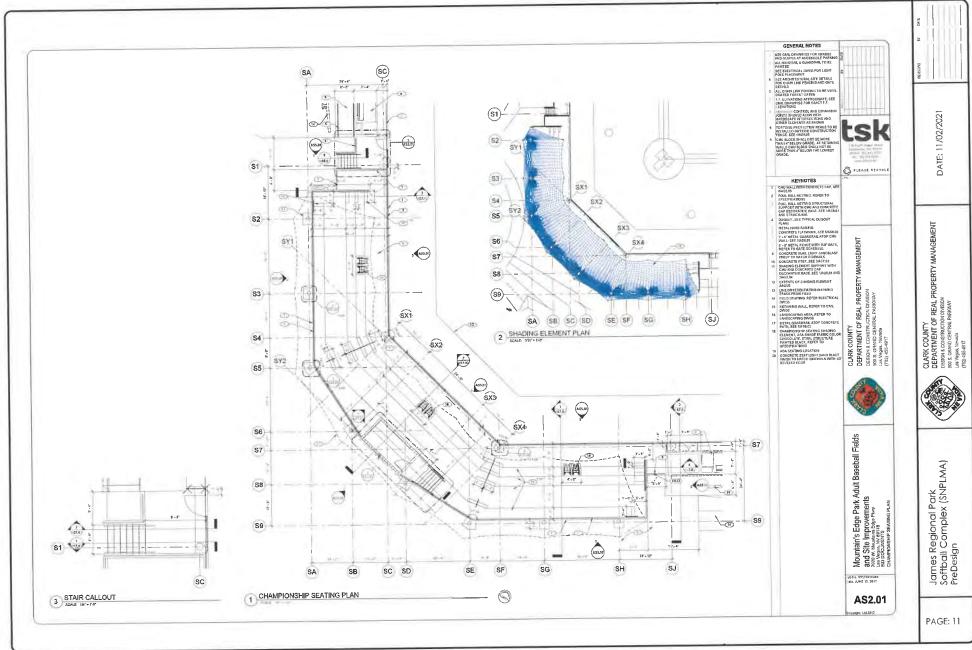












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### **SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION** Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas James Regional Park Softball Complex

#### **Performance Measures**

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational **Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment Performance Measures** for Recreation **Definition of Performance Measures** Quantity Management \*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural Softball Complex: R2 - Acres of New Parks or 8 new ballfields (7 standard and 1 areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or Natural Areas Constructed natural areas may be counted under this performance championship. or Improved measure if functional improvements are made as ~300 stall parking lot defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres playground, picnic area with pavilions, of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should food truck area with water hook ups, be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do central pavilion area, pedestrian paving, not report structures built, as this should be reported shade structures, site lighting, site under performance measure R3 or O2. \*Report to the furnishings, signage and on site nearest whole acre. drainage improvements. \*Report the number of new recreational buildings, **R3**- Number of New 2 standard prefabricated restrooms • structures, park amenities, or similar facilities Recreational Facilities / 1 concession sports building constructed or improved. Existing recreational 1 large main restroom building • Structures Constructed or facilities may be counted under this performance Improved measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. \*Report each facility or structure as one unit. **R4-** Miles of New \*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads Pedestrian signalization at Cimmaron Road and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration safe connectivity to new softball complex Recreational Roads / Trails of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under Constructed or Routes this performance measure if functional improvements Improved are made as defined in the project nomination. \*Report to the nearest whole mile. SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community **Other Performance Definition of Performance Measures** Quantity Measures \*Report the number of new interpretive or education 8 interpretive signs O6 - Number of New publications produced, signs produced and installed, Interpretive or Education public informational websites or other electronic Publications/Signs/ media presentations designed and implemented, and Kiosks/Displays/etc. informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced Produced and installed.\*Report each item produced as one unit. **O8** – Buildings or Facilities \*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint 2 standard prefabricated restrooms • accomplished through green design, water that Support Green 1 concession sports building conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Sustainable Design and • 1 large main restroom building Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if Construction applicable. \*Report each building or facility as one unit



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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Ms. Tamara Williams Senior Management Analyst Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning 500 S. Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89155 Email: TGW@ClarkCountyNV.gov

Dear Ms. Williams:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of Clark County (County) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. This correspondence also acknowledges additional information received October 20, 2021, from the County to finalize the three project proposals. I would like to thank the County for participating in Round 19.

The County has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Hollywood Regional Park Baseball/Softball Field Complex</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a new multi-use field complex consisting of four fields. The complex will be pedestrian friendly, walkable from parking lot to the sports fields to other developed areas in the park. Additionally, this proposal includes a prefabricated restroom building, lockable storage areas and a centralized plaza with shaded spectator area and player warm up area. The proposed project is in the northeast corner of Hollywood Park site within M.D.M., T. 21 S., R. 62 E., sec. 2. The project area is approximately 30 acres of open desert.

The proposal is on BLM-administered public land leased to the County through the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act, serialized N-62825. An amended Plan of Development with a complete design plan and updated management plan is to be submitted to the BLM Las Vegas Field Office and approved prior to initiating any changes or new construction. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. Any changes to the lease will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be

required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no issues with the proposed project so long as development and operation and maintenance of the proposed project remain in compliance with the R&PP lease.

<u>James Regional Sports Park Softball Complex</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a new softball complex with seven new softball fields. The proposed project is located on lands patented to the County on the corner of South Cimarron Road and West Eldorado Lane within M.D.M., T. 22 S., R. 60 E., sec. 9.

The proposal is located entirely on County property. There are no impacts to BLM managed land. Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is necessary because the proposed actions will create ground disturbance in an area that is not all previously covered by up-to-date surveys. The proposed budget and timeline should cover Section 106 compliance, which covers hiring contractors to complete the required cultural survey, summary of survey results in a report, and submission to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Generally, Section 106 compliance can take up to 6 months to complete but varies per project.

<u>Clark County Shooting Park Improvements</u> – This proposal is to provide improvements to the existing Clark County Shooting Complex and Archery Range consistent with the Shooting Complex Master Plan. The proposed project is located within the existing Clark County Shooting Park at North Decatur Boulevard and Moccasin Road within M.D.M., T. 18 S., R. 60 E., sec. 25.

The proposal is located entirely on County property. There are no impacts to BLM managed land. Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168.

Sincerely,

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Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District Office - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130

### CONTRIBUTING FUNDS FOR THE JAMES REGIONAL PARK SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Dear Ms. Leiber:

Clark County is committing \$15,000.00 in in-kind contributions for the James Regional Park Softball Complex.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamara Williams, Senior Management Analyst, at (702) 455-3121 or tgw@clarkcountynv.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tamara Williams

October 26, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager-Parks, Trails & Natural Areas, and Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan BLM Southern Nevada District Office-SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130

**RE: SNPLMA Funding for James Regional Park** 

Dear Ms. Leiber,

Please let this letter serve as my own personal support and not reflecting that of my SVTAB that I Chair, for the consideration of a Softball Complex at James Regional Park funded through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA). This location, which lies in the Spring Valley township of unincorporated Clark County is a prime spot for such a complex. James Regional in conveniently located in the southwest valley and is easily accessed by two exits off the 215 Beltway. The Park is on the border of the Enterprise township and will serve constituents in both areas as well as across the region. The rapidly growing area will be well-served by such amenities.

An 8-field softball complex, including a championship field, will serve as a great addition to the existing soccer complex at James Regional. When fully built out, the park will contain approximately 400 acres of sports amenities. Our hopes are that James Regional Park will serve as a premier sporting facility for the area and I wholeheartedly support any efforts towards this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yvette Williams

Yvette Williams Spring Valley Town Advisory Board Chair David Chestnut 8960 Lindell Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89139

October 30, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager-Parks, Trails & Natural Areas, and Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan BLM Southern Nevada District Office-SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130

**RE: SNPLMA Funding for James Regional Park** 

Dear Ms. Leiber,

I support the efforts to obtain Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) funding for a softball complex at James Regional Park.

As a longtime member of the Enterprise Town Advisory Board (TAB), I recognize the need for parks and sports facilities in the southwest area of Clark County. Enterprise is the fastest growing area of the valley, and such amenities are sorely needed. I have attached part of Enterprise TAB budget's request with the board's position on rapid growth in Enterprise. The funding for parks and trails has not kept up with the rapid growth that has occurred.

James Regional Park is on the border of Spring Valley and Enterprise towns with convenient access for residents of both areas. The existing 16-field soccer complex at James Regional Park has provided a remarkable sporting venue. The addition of an 8-field softball complex would further enhance the Regional Park. Any efforts to expand amenities adjacent to or in Enterprise are enthusiastically supported.

Thank you for your efforts and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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David D. Chestnut Sr. Chair of Enterprise Town Advisory Board

Attach 1: Enterprise's Need for Multiple County Facilities.

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### Enterprise's need for multiple County facilities

Enterprise requires multiple community centers, seniors' facilities, aquatic facilities, parks and trails due to rapidly increasing population, significant connectivity barriers and physical size.

### **Rapidly Increasing Population**

- There are 225,000+ citizens in Enterprise.
  - Enterprise population in 2000 was approximately 14,000
  - Enterprise population in 2010 was approximately 108,000
  - Enterprise ranks among the fastest growing cities in the country.
- Enterprise covers 67 sq. miles.
- Residential uses are increasing rapidly.
  - More higher density multifamily projects are being built or planned.
  - Lower density land use is being replaced with higher density land use.

### Significant connectivity barriers

- o Interstate 15 limits east/west access.
- 4 Major Projects, 3 are active (Southern Highlands, Mountain's Edge and Rhodes Ranch), one failed (Pinnacle Peaks).
  - Arterial and collector roads have been removed from the transportation grid.
  - Enclosed subdivisions have vacated local roads for more homes.
  - Major projects' plans have not added sufficient facilities to serve the public.
- South of CC 215, only three east/west arterials are available, two are not fully built out from I-15 to Fort Apache Rd.
  - UPRR tracks block or inhibit arterial and collector road development.
  - Geographic features, 12% or greater slopes block arterial and collector road development.
- Local roads are being vacated to build enclosed subdivisions.
- The connectivity barriers significantly increase travel time to county facilities currently planned for western Enterprise.
  - The planned regional park facilities in Mountain's Edge are not centrally located in Enterprise.
  - Individuals east of I-15 most likely will not use those facilities.

### **Other factors**

- If the BLM disposal boundary is expanded, Enterprise will have 4 to 5 additional square miles available for development.
- BLM reservations are being released and sold, significantly decreasing land available for needed county facilities.

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

### White Pine County



### **Marich Fields Upgrade**

Amount Requested: \$9,584,890

### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Marich Fields facility was constructed in 1982. The facility is located on approximately 14.5 acres owned by White Pine County (Assessor Parcel 01042093). The project will be located at the Marich Fields Facility near Fairview Lane. Project address is 78 North McGill Highway, Ely, White Pine County, Nevada.

The Marich Fields consists of 3 softball/baseball playing fields and a two-story structure (1330 sq. ft.) that serves as the announcer stand on the second level with a concession area and two gender specific bathroom (one on each side of the concession) underneath on level one. The site includes amenities such as a playground (+/- 450 sq. ft.) situated north of the existing +/- 1.6-acre parking lot and ball fields, 9 bleacher stands, and 15 field light poles. The facility has been used for nearly all leagues from little league to adult Co-ed softball over its lifespan. Volunteers and those who use the facility have donated countless hours toward improvements to the facility such as rebuilding dugouts, working infield dirt (to the best of their abilities) and more. Many if not all amenities have exceeded their useful lifespan and are outdated and in need of upgrading. These upgrades would provide enhanced recreational opportunities, better accessibility for the public, eliminate many safety hazards, optimize conservation and would reinstate the facilities reputation of being one of the best in the region.

## 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

The proposed project has no previous phases. This project is a stand- alone project in its entirety. The proposed project could be phased if necessary.

### 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases:

The County acknowledges that there is no guarantee or expectation that any future phases may be funded.

### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- Goal 2: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The proposed project will promote these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

- 1. <u>Sustainability:</u> The project will sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by upgrading a facility and amenities that require low maintenance and conserve energy. The facilities will include material that is durable to support sustainable, environmentally friendly outdoor recreational opportunities into the long term. Lighting systems will be very energy efficient and dark sky friendly. Additionally irrigation will be configured to conserve water.
- 2. <u>Connectivity</u>: The Marich Fields facility has been an important place within the county where people come to celebrate talents, traditions, and exhibits from the community. This project will provide up-to-date facilities linking people to nature and recreational opportunities, and unite others to this important place and traditions. The project will improve the quality of life for all by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment. Additionally it will link nearby residents to close by recreational opportunities.
- 3. <u>Community</u>: The construction of an automatic pay-to-use batting cage area, coupled with outdoor playing fields and other amenities will allow communities and others to connect with each other, natural landscapes and traditions. The project will also improve the quality of life for the community by providing safe facilities for public events. The park encourages healthy habits such as walking, getting fresh air, listening to music, interacting with others, enjoying family events, and the pleasure in nature with the trees and landscaping. All these opportunities will increase the mental and physical health of our residents and improve the overall quality of life. The facility will continue to encourage generational family engagement between children, parents and grandparents. Small children will be able to play t-ball or play at the playground, older children can be playing little league or high school baseball/softball, adults/ parents will engage in adult softball games, all while grandparents cheer from the stands.

### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

White Pine County will upgrade, replace or refurbish infrastructure at the Marich Fields facility in Ely, Nevada, providing a safer and more accessible environment for all age groups with increased ADA accessibility. Upgrades include replacement of outdated playground equipment, energy efficient utilities, improved ballfields and parking, and renovation of concession, bathroom and announcer stand.

### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. Primary Deliverables:
- a. Upgrade 3 ballfields to include:
  - 1. Level lawn/ Turf/ Grass
  - 2. Upgraded irrigation
  - 3. Approximately 1,600 LF of portable outfield fencing to change the size of fields when needed
  - 4. Correct material/sand

5. +/- 6,000 LF of fencing including infield, outfield, home run catch fencing, foul pole structures, etc.

- 6. Bases/base locations
- 7. 3 each Score Board Improvements
- a. Upgrade 6 dugouts to increase spaciousness and include wind blocks
- b. Upgrade playground to include:
  - o Play surfacing
  - o Modern play equipment such as play towers, swings, slides and more
  - o Lighting
  - o ADA access.
  - Construct fenced in ADA path from concession area to playground area (approximately 120 feet) and elimination of access to parking lot from playground area
  - Up to 3 benches as spacing allows
- c. Parking improvements to include:
  - Additional parking with ADA access
  - o Upgraded parking area
  - Solar LED lighting
- d. Replacement of approximately 15 large field light with LED pay to use lighting including power transformer to allow for all lighting upgrades throughout the site
- e. Upgraded Announcer's stand/concession building to increase, spaciousness, ease of use, LED and motion censored lighting based on engineering recommendations
  - Upgraded sound/speaker system.
  - Upgraded bathrooms to low maintenance and energy efficient utilities including upgraded septic system based on engineering recommendations
  - Remodel current concession/kitchen area based on engineering recommendations and available space to accommodate state regulations
- f. Upgraded spectator area to increase shade and safety based on engineering recommendations
  - Increase seating by up to 12 bleachers
  - Ad 3-6 shade structures
  - o Add 1-6 picnic tables near concession
- g. SNPLMA Signage
- h. 2 upgraded facility signs to provide information on amenities available at facility
- i. Security camera signage and system to deter vandalism.
- j. Upgraded drainage throughout entire facility based on engineering recommendations
- k. Construct a new pay-to-use batting cage area based on engineering recommendations to include:

- Automatic pitching machines
- o Storage shed
- o Hexagon pavilion w/ 1-6 picnic tables
- Up to 3 benches as spacing allows
- o Asphalt parking lot
- Motion censored and solar LED lighting.
- o Sidewalk path from batting cage area to main spectator/concession area
- o Up to18 trash receptacles throughout project site as needed
- o 1 Concrete Planter Box
- o Planter Area w/ Irrigation
- o Landscape Curb 500 LF

Anticipated Deliverables:

- Expansion of concession area to include beer garden- if final cost estimates allow inclusion within the amount requested to complete the project
- Adjustments to size and quantities of primary deliverables base on final engineering design and public input
- 2. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - Engineering design and technical reports
  - Development of contracts including bidding and negotiating
  - Construction management and oversight
  - Budget tracking/accounting and execution
  - Reporting
  - Administrative duties
  - Submitting and gaining commission approval of project documents
  - Public scoping/planning
  - Review of project documents and plans
  - National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) consultation
  - Required and necessary inspections
  - Mobilization & Demobilization
  - Project Sign
  - Traffic Control & Site Security
  - Temporary Controls (i.e. necessary controls for the project including safety requirements, first aid equipment, fire protection, security measures, etc.)
  - Construction Staking & Layout
  - Materials Sampling & Testing
  - Excavation

### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 39.266° / -114.853°

### Congressional District(s): NV-4

### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The project time frame is expected to take five years from receipt of the funding agreement to close-out with the SNPLMA Division. Engineering and planning will take nearly one year, and construction and implementation will take approximately four years.

### **G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\Box$  Yes -or-  $\boxtimes$  No

Engineering and contract award is expected to take approximately one year after receipt of funding. An initial assessment of the project during BLM consultation (see letter 10/28/21)— which confirmed that the proposed project would have no impacts to Federal lands; and that SHPO consultation is not required.

### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Because this project deals with an already currently maintained facility and White Pine County is committed to future operation and maintenance. The Park will be more sustainable because the cost of repair and maintenance would decrease as new, maintenance free material would be used as compared to current based on historical average. Utility and new amenity cost would be paid with the pay-per-use systems, and upgraded lighting to LED and an energy efficient irrigation system would decrease energy costs compared to current.

### I. PROJECT BUDGET

White Pine County is seeking \$9,584,890 to complete the proposed project. A summary of the project budget breakdown is outlined on the enclosed SF-424A budget information form.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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Budget Officer: Elanie Eldridge Phone Number: 775-293-6531; Email: <u>Eeldridge@whitepinecountynv.gov</u>

6. Object Class Categories		GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY							Total	
	(1)		(2	)	(3)		(4)			(5)
		SNPLMA PTNA R19:								
		Marich Fields Upgrade								
a. Personnel	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
b. Fringe Benefits										
							-			
c. Travel										
d. Equipment										
e. Supplies										
		9,487,000.00								
f. Contractual		9,487,000.00								9,487,000.00
g. Construction										
	_						-			
h. Other		97,890.00								97,890.00
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)		9,584,890.00							\$	9,584,890.00
j. Indirect Charges									\$	
	\$	9,584,890.00	\$		\$		\$		\$	9,584,890.00
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### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

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### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

The Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category. Nominating entities are not to include either the total point value or the point values by criteria in their responses. Nominations will be reviewed and scored by the PTNA subgroup.

- 1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.
  - A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: Yes, this project improves an existing park in Ely, NV. The Marich Ballpark is the County's main facility for co-ed, little league, and various other softball and baseball leagues. This park is vital to the community as it is the largest facility of its kind in the area. The upgrades to this park will improve the quality of life for the public, and encourage interaction with nature by offering amenities that encourage physical and mental wellness. The amenities at this facility are well past their useful life. The amenities to be improved will provide needed access to both improved and new recreational opportunities while improving safety all around. This project will make the facility a destination for both active and passive recreation.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: Yes. The Marich fields has served White Pine County for decades. However, the facility is limited in its ability to serve its users and lacks amenities that would greatly improve the public's experience and opportunity thus limiting the quality of life for the community. Added amenities such as pay-to-use automatic-refilling batting cages provide a service that is not provided for hundreds of miles. The addition of these new amenities and an overall improved facility will increase usage and bring more events such as tournaments to the facility thus increasing patrons to nearby restaurants and hotels. Pay-to-use utility upgrades will allow cost and time savings ultimately improving maintenance throughout the County in places where more attention may needed. The more facilities that can be better maintained and upgraded, the more economic development.

### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Answer: Yes. As mentioned previously, Marich field is the largest facility of its kind in White Pine County. It is also the most diverse and most used by all age groups. White Pine County does not currently have a facility for the public to utilize a batting cage. This project would provide White Pine County with its only opportunity to utilize a pay-touse, automatic refilling batting cage for recreation or practice. Residence must travel hours away for such a facility. Softball/baseball is one of White pine County's most popular league sports throughout all age groups in the County. Adult Co-ed softball leagues are arguably the most popular adult sport during the summer. The improvement to this facility would allow for more cost efficient, safe, convenience facility for the entire community. Aspects such as the playground and batting cage provide recreation for even those that do not play in leagues and create a more family oriented facility.

### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Answer: Yes, this project is focused on the health and safety of the public. In fact, every aspect of this project has the wellbeing of the community and facility users in mind. Providing a safer facility with utilities and amenities that have not exceeded their useful life is the main goal for this project. There has been an endless concern from families utilizing the facility. The current facility layout provides only one sole route from the seating/field/concession area to the playground and this goes through the parking lot. This forces children of all ages to make their way (usually running) through endless traffic hazards in order to reach the playground (located next to a busy highway access). This project includes a fenced in walkway to the playground which will be safer, more secure, and will give parents and those driving through the parking lot peace of mind knowing that these children are making their way to the playground in a safe manner that is out of the way of traffic and a busy highway. Aspects such as a playground, batting cages, and a user friendly facility as a whole promote recreation which in turn promotes physical, social and mental health.

## E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: Funding for infrastructure and park areas are limited in the White Pine County area. While the area is surrounded by public lands and recreational opportunities, this project will provide facilities that can host additional recreational events. The project meets a need for nearby residents that have faced the barrier of having to commute across town in order to enjoy similar recreation at a facility that is up to date. It meets the need of the whole County by broadening recreational opportunities. It provide amenities that any resident of White Pine must drive hundreds of miles to experience. This project will update a park that provides recreational opportunities not currently being provided not only in the area, but in the County.

2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.

## A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: Yes, This project is enhancing a current park/open space utilized by the community for cultural, educational and recreational purposes. This park has been used for this purpose for many years and will continue to be for many more. With the

proposed upgrades, this park will elevate the experience of its users. The upgrades to this facility will allow families to participate together in outdoor recreation. It will allow parents to teach children how to play the game no matter their skill level, as well as the importance of working together as a team, thus enhancing the educational aspect of this goal.

## B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: Yes. For this project, White Pine County is conserving a current recreational facility thus the current recreational opportunities while also enhancing this resource by providing new recreational opportunities (such as a batting cage area) for the benefit of those using the facility. This project will be conserving an area that includes over 5 acres of grass ballfield area.

## C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: Yes, a huge goal of this project is to make the facility as low maintenance and sustainable as possible. The project updates as much grass area as possible to other items such as playground surface without taking away the vital green spaces used for certain outdoor recreation thus lowering the need for water and resources such as gas to mow the grass. Upgrades such as LED, motion censored, pay-to-use, and solar powered lighting all allow for a cost and energy efficient facility. An irrigation system update will allow for a more energy and cost efficient system for watering grass. All upgrades of the facility will be done with as much low maintenance material as possible. This project includes an additional measure of conservation. Because the project includes the replacement of some grass with synthetic materials, The County will potentially utilize the grass that is pulled out at other County facilities such as the golf course, the fairground park, the little league fields or other facilities as found beneficial. This would not only upgrade the Marich fields but could also upgrade a second facility in the process.

## D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: Yes, The location of Marich fields is a great location for viewing the various surrounding mountain ranges that Ely has to offer. These amazing views, the green grass, and the fresh air that is experienced without the congestion of the City allows for users to appreciate such experiences that White Pine County is lucky enough to still have. Additionally, many adult leagues go on through the evenings. During this time, some of

Nevada's most amazing sunsets can be clearly viewed. As the sun goes down and the games are ending views of the incredible dark skies occur.

 <u>CONNECTIVITY</u>: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

## A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: Yes. In this plan, there will be a trail that accesses what is to soon be an allweather event center that is located at the adjacent fairgrounds. The trail will go around the outside of the park and connect to the lower end of the fairgrounds. The current trail is a gravel trail that leads to a nearby mobile home park. This trail allows easier access for kids and families walking from their homes to the fields or fairgrounds. With the upgrade of the Marich Fields Facility, these kids and families will now have access an updated but unique facility and playground in their area rather than having to commute across town to utilize a similar facility.

## B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

Answer: Yes. The White Pine County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Document, includes goals of creating a youth recreation center, adding parks to beautify the area, and continuing to develop current facilities. This plan will help complete aspects of each of these goals. Though the facility will not be a year round recreation center, it will increase youth recreation throughout warmer seasons. While doing so, it will touch on the goals of beautifying the area with parks and developing current facilities.

## C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: This project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks and trails for White Pine County. There is a need to improve Marich Fields to better serve the community functions such as sports tournaments. There is also a need to upgrade the park system in White Pine County to provide opportunities for group events in a recreational type setting. With leveled ballfields and increased ADA access throughout the facility, this could be the perfect area to put on such events. This facility will be centered in an area that encompasses a wide range of not only diverse recreation but diverse communities. Within a 1 mile radius of that park there is: a golf course, a fairground, the Northern Nevada Railway Museum, the BMX track, Steptoe Park and various multi-use trails. The White Pine County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Document outlines goals to build and expand trails which will ultimately interconnect all of these areas. Ultimately this project will be part of the effort

to connect a wide range of communities such as farming/ ranching property, low income apartments, and inner city to diverse recreational opportunities.

## D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: Yes. This park allows for the enjoyment of an outdoor recreational sport. Not only does the location provide for green spaces that include a large field of grass, the location of Marich fields is a great location for viewing the various surrounding mountain ranges that Ely has to offer and the fresh air that is experienced without the congestion of the City. Additionally, many adult leagues go on through the evenings. During this time, some of Nevada's most amazing sunsets can be clearly viewed. As the sun goes down and the games are ending views of the incredible dark skies occur. Use of this upgraded facility will enhance the public's awareness and respect for the environment and outdoors with treasured experiences and memories that will be made at the facility.

# E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: Yes. Many people tend to stray away from new sports or sports that they have never done for that exact reason. They never have. If someone has never played sports such as baseball or softball before high school, it is not likely that they will ever start to pay the sport as they grow older. Whether it is the fear of embarrassment or the lack of interest or the simple fact that they do not know how to participate, this project will help. The project includes amenities such as the batting cage to engage those that may not play in leagues but would like to hit a baseball for fun or want to learn the basics of the sport whether they are youth or adults just learning, without being in a league. It also engages people that would like to participate in activities such as softball or baseball practice but currently cannot without a willing partner. With a Pay-to-Use automaticrefilling batting cage area, anyone can take part in outdoor recreation alone if desired or if the situation is all that it allows. Solo recreation of this kind is not feasible currently at the facility but this project will include this type of recreation when complete. The facility would engage more youth by having safe playground equipment to play on at a safe facility. This is especially key for the families that live in the nearby mobile home parks who currently are underserved with playgrounds that are safe and nearby. This project will also recruit families from low-income apartments that are less than a mile away from the facility. Increased ADA access and ease-of-use amenities will reengage and retain the elderly communities that come to watch family play and enjoy themselves. An overall upgraded, leveled, and better maintained facility will retain those that are middle aged utilizing the facility.

 <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.

## A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: Yes. The project budget for the Marich Fields upgrade is \$9,584,890. Cost estimates were provided by an engineering firm with experience in the area, experience with similar project and who are familiar with local costs. Although not preferred, this project could be phased if necessary.

### B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: Yes. This facility will be centered in an area that encompasses a wide range of not only diverse recreation but diverse communities. This project reaches disadvantaged residents such as farming/ ranching property, low income apartments, and mobile home parks that lack recreation near these specific areas. The facility is also currently used by members of neighboring County's such as Eureka County and competitors from all over the state that come to play in leagues at the facility. Most importantly, this project will provide amenities and upgrades that no one in the County has access to without traveling hundreds of miles. A petition to upgrade the facility was created in the summer of 2021 to upgrade the facility with the amenities included in this application. This petition got over 200 support signatures in less than two weeks from residents that utilize the facility and feel the need for this project (see letters of support and copy of petition with signatures).

## C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: Yes. Aspects such as the pay-to-use batting cage would allow for revenues to be utilized to pay for maintenance and operation costs. Amenities such as irrigation system updates and asphalted areas eliminate current maintenance issues such as water usage, mowing, and more. Amenities such as energy efficient light upgrades will allow for cost efficient use as well as less maintenance. Many aspects are a huge maintenance relief as there will no longer be the issue of mowing and watering in certain hard to maintain areas where new amenities will be located. Outfield upgrades will decrease water usage and picking up rocks and other hidden hazards in an uneven terrain. Upgrade of amenities that have exceeded their useful life will lower the amount of continuous maintenance necessary as well. D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

Answer: Though no funds have been contributed to this project, the County has contributed administrative in-kind for preliminary cost estimates and planning for this project. Local engineers have also contributed cost estimates as a donation for this project.

E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: The intention of this project is to modernize existing infrastructure by upgrading facilities and structures to low maintenance material and incorporating technology for efficient use of utilities (e.g., lighting, pay-to-use amenities and energy efficient utilities and irrigation system). Installing modern material will reduce operation and maintenance costs of the existing facility.

### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

- A. Executive Orders (EO):
  - 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk

Answer: This EO is not applicable.

2. EO No. 14004: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

Answer: Previous projects have shown that approximately 80%-100% of materials used in similar or nearby project have come from within the United States. The County plans to work with engineers and contractors to try to increase this number not only to ensure that the future is made in America, but to attempt to avoid extensive material lead times caused by shipping from overseas or across borders.

### B. Secretarial Orders

### 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: This SO seeks to conserve an existing park while expanding outdoor recreational opportunities for current and future generations while managing habitat. This Project extends the life of an existing park while adding an abundance of new outdoor recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors to White Pine County.

### 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories.

Answer: This SO seeks to expand recreational opportunities on public lands. This project will upgrade a large public park with recreational opportunities of different types allowing for different skill levels. Opportunities for activities include baseball, softball, picnicking, a playground for children, walking and just generally enjoying the outdoors.

## 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors.

Answer: This EO is not applicable.

### 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior

Answer: This EO is not applicable.

## 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges.

Answer: This SO encourages assisting Americans to experience the outdoors within their local communities. Located in Ely, Marich Fields does and will continue to provide abundant outdoor opportunities to resident's right in our community. In addition, league teams, many of which bring visitors from large urban areas, will be able to experience the outdoors at the facility while also being able to view surrounding mountain range, amazing sunsets, and rare dark skies. Additionally, Locals will not have to travel hundreds of miles to utilize a batting cage and can use local recreation instead.

### 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management.

Answer: This EO is not applicable.

7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition).

Answer: This EO is not applicable.

8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act.

Answer: This EO is not applicable.

9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes.

Answer: This EO is not applicable.

- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
- 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: Upgrades such as LED, motion censored, pay-to-use, and solar powered lighting all allow for a cost and energy efficient facility. A modern irrigation system will allow for a more energy and cost efficient system for watering grass. White Pine County acknowledges that SNPLMA funding requires that this location be used as a recreational facility in perpetuity, which will allow it to be conserved as a green space forever. Providing for more green space allows for removal of carbon dioxide from the air, storage of carbon in the trees and soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere thus combatting climate change.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: The upgrade to Marich Fields is supported by the Ely Shoshone Tribe (see support letter) and will create a venue for potential tribal events for all to enjoy. The facility is not only used by local Tribal members regularly, but also Duckwater Tribal members. The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe is located outside of White Pine County. Their location is closer to White Pine County's City of Ely than any other City in Nye County thus forcing many to come to White Pine County for emergency medical services, jobs and recreation. A large number of Duckwater Tribal members spend a majority of their free time in White Pine County and more specifically, Marich Fields. Dozens of Duckwater locals participate in adult co-ed softball leagues, little league and many other forms of recreation at the facility. With Duckwater being such a small community, they lack such facilities. They consider White Pine County facilities as their own. This project and it's improvements to amenities all around the facility are just as important (if not more important) to this Tribal nation as it is to locals.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: With this project, proposed short term union jobs will be available during the construction process. Long term jobs will also be available for maintenance needs. These permanent parks maintenance positions are represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO. Seasonal parks maintenance positions will also support local families short term.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: The location for this project is upgrading current public recreational facility, therefore, conserving land for public use in perpetuity. With this facility upgrade, there will become connection to other nearby parks such as the White Pine County Golf Course and Fairground. Because of this there will be an increase in the use of all recreational parks in the area as they slowly become upgraded.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: This facility promotes the quality of being fair and impartial towards all individuals regardless of skill level, income, residential status, race and more. The project is centered in an area just outside of City congestion allowing for recreation in an area with next to no pollution. This project is located near disadvantaged residents such as farming/ ranching property, low income apartments, and mobile home parks that lack recreation near these specific areas. Because of this the project is pivotal in centering equity and environmental justice in White Pine County. The facility currently encourages tribal uses from not only local Tribes but neighboring tribal members and will continue to do so after this project is complete.

### D. Forest Service Priorities:

### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: This project provides spacious outdoor areas for solo and spaced out recreation to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, this project combats the after effects of COVID-19 such as depression due to isolation and other mental, physical and social illnesses onset by the pandemic by allowing social interaction and physical activity.

### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: Research shows a significant growth in physical and mental fitness and health throughout communities with increased parks and recreation. White Pine County needs this project to help promote health and fitness to ALL members of the community. This project is believed to bring more tourists in to the community through tournaments and other events at the facility. This project will also increase the quality of life for surrounding residents not to mention the entire county and residents of neighboring counties.

### 3. Tackling climate change

Answer: Providing for more green space allows for removal of carbon dioxide from the air, storage of carbon in the trees and soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere. The park encourages appreciation for our climate by installing a modern irrigation system that will use up to thirty percent (30%) less water and energy efficient lighting that will reduce the carbon footprint of the park. Additionally, it encourages nearby residents to walk or ride a bike to a nearby park rather than driving a car across town to find a safe park to recreate at thus reducing emissions

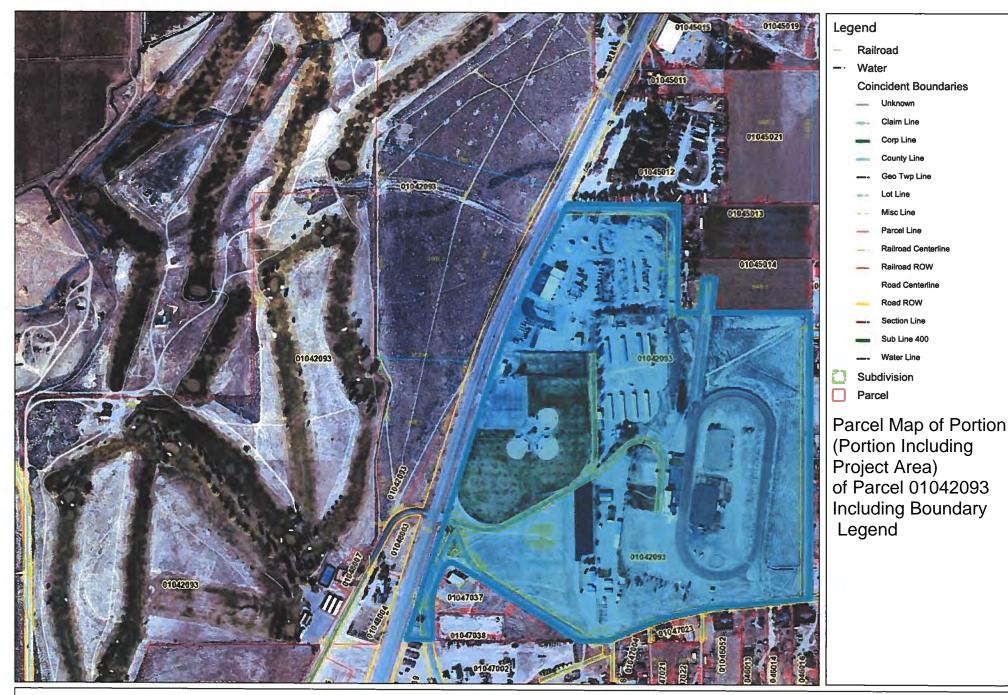
### 4. Advancing racial equity

Answer: White Pine County is an equal opportunity employer and provider. White Pine County as a whole is a very inclusive community in all regards. Sports, recreation and

physical activity is something that people of all ethnic backgrounds can and do enjoy. Whether users are local or travelers, they can feel at ease knowing that the community and more specifically this facility considers them as equals.

### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

Answer: Studies have shown that kids who are involved in sports are more likely to learn good ethics to bring into the workforce. This facility will provide opportunity to learn and teach a multitude of sports to youth who will soon join the workforce. This will result in young adults with preparedness for the future, higher GPA's, time management skills, more positivity, better health and wellness, teamwork , leadership and collaboration skills that they will be able to contribute to the workforce. This in turn will create a more collaborative work environment for all.



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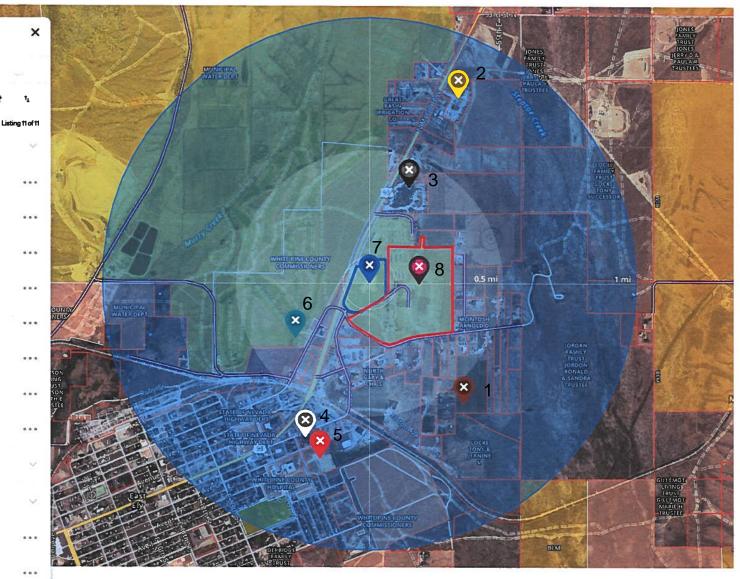
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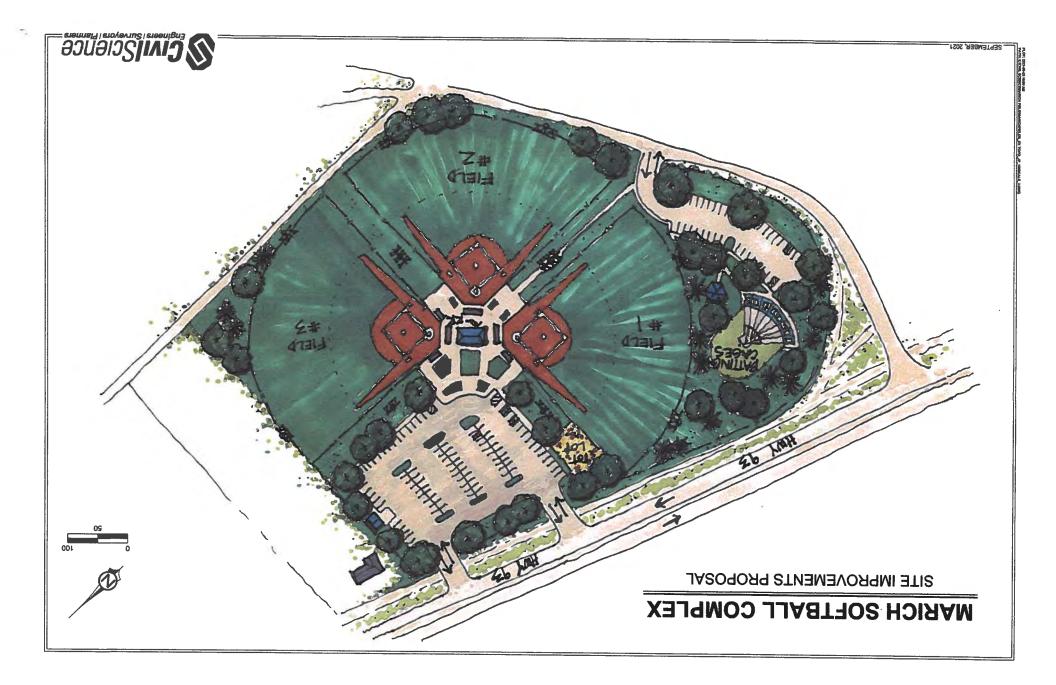


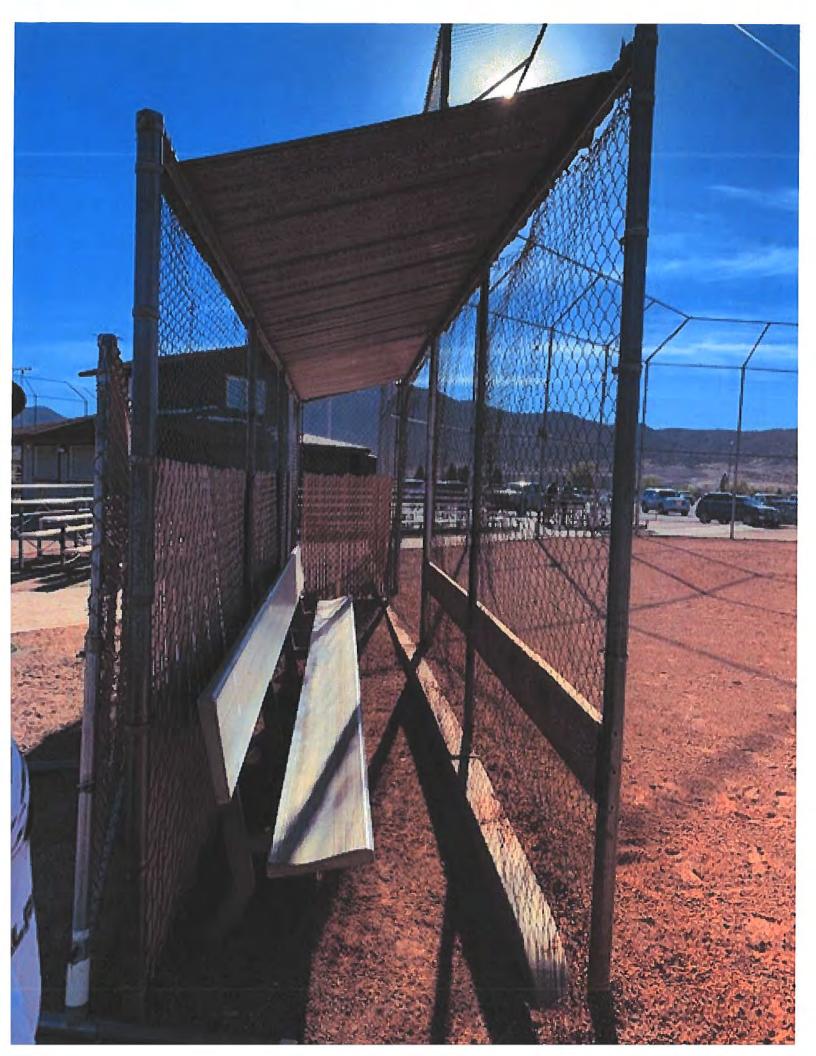


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### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Marich Fields Upgrade

### **Performance Measures**

### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity							
R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. * <i>Report to the nearest whole acre</i> .	14.5 acres of upgraded park/ outdoor recreational area							
R3- Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. *Report each facility or structure as one unit.	<ul> <li>Upgraded Playground,</li> <li>New Batting Cage structure with 3-5 batting cages based on final engineering design</li> <li>1 New Storage shed</li> <li>3 Upgraded Ballfields,</li> <li>1 Upgraded Crow's Nest/Concession and Bathroom building (all one building)</li> </ul>							
SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community									
Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity							
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.* <i>Report each item produced as one unit</i> .	New SNPLMA project sign; Upgraded Facility sign							
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	ort Greenaccomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if								

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### White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

October 27th, 2021

Michelle Leiber Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Mrs. Leiber,

Please find enclosed White Pine County's nominations for consideration of funding under Round 19 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act. Included within this submittal are three unique projects highlighting the depth and variety of projects that the County would like to embark on. These projects are listed below in the order of the County's prioritization of them.

- The first nomination is for the Marich Fields Upgrade Project. A project that will continue serving the community and visitors by providing safe, reliable, clean, low maintenance, ease-of-use facilities for traditional and future recreational opportunities, by constructing a pay to use batting cage area, and upgrade, replace or refurbish infrastructure at the Marich Fields facility in Ely, Nevada.
- 2. The second nomination is for the Broadbent Park Multi-Use Redesign Project. Broadbent Park Multi-use Park is and will continue to be located at the west end of Ely via US 50 and will be accessible to all residents of White Pine County and those coming to visit providing expansion of activities for the mental, physical, and social well-being of those individuals. The park redesign will provide a renewed excitement and positive impact for individuals that utilize the park and for generations to come.
- 3. The third nomination is for the White Pine County Fairgrounds Recreational Center Project. The County's goal is to provide the community with a variety of quality programs, activities and facilities. This will create positive experiences by providing both leisure activities and recreational programs that fulfill the needs of the community, no matter age, gender, or status and create lasting memories. The County will do this by developing an indoor recreational center as well as outdoor amenities surrounding the facility.

White Pine County would like to thank you for your time and consideration of these nominations.

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Richard Howe, Chairman



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### WHITE PINE COUNTY TOURISM AND RECREATION BOARD

Bristlecone Convention Center & Visitors Bureau

11/1/2021

Bureau of Land Management SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr Las Vegas, NV 89301

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kyle Horvath. I am the Director of Tourism for White Pine County, Nevada. I am writing you in support of a SNPLMA Round 19 project submitted by White Pine County to renovate and expand Marich Ball Field Complex.

Baseball has a rich legacy in White Pine County. Because of that youth sports are cherished and valued throughout the community. Marich Ball Field Complex is in a high visibility area in the community and is utilized by the local youth sports, adult leagues, and support our sports tourism opportunities by bringing regional tournaments and playoff games to the area. In a recent community survey, Marich Fields were identified as a top community asset but run down and in disrepair. Receiving funds for this proposal will fix a high visibility blighted area at the northern gateway into Ely. It will improve the experience for our youth and adult sports by enhancing safety, lighting, and modern amenities. It will also increase our capacity and ability to attract more tournaments and regional playoff and championship games thus enhancing our tourism economy.

My board, lodging properties, and local businesses all appreciate the past support for essential SNPLMA projects. They truly have had a huge impact on our community. Youth sports and particularly baseball have long been a part of the White Pine County culture for almost a century, and we hope it will be far into the future. Thank you for your consideration to fully fund this very important project.

Sincerely,

Kyle Horvath, Director

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### **ELY SHOSHONE TRIBE**

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June 29, 2021

White Pine County Tabatha Hamilton, Grant Writer **Department of Finance** 297 Nevada Northern Rail Way, Suite 1 Ely, Nevada 89301

RE: Letter of Support – WPC Marich Fields Upgrade Project

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

This letter is to support White Pine County with the White Pine County Marich Fields Upgrade Project under the SNPLMA project. Many of the White Pine County community members that include Ely Shoshone Tribe residence utilize the White Pine County Marich Field Softball Complex for co-ed tournaments and other leagues.

The Marich Field has benefited the residence of White Pine County for many years in the past and the Ely Shoshone Tribe would like to see the Marich Field benefit the community in the years to come.

Please feel free to call me at 775-289-5530 if your any questions.

Sincerely

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Diana Buckner Chairwoman

Ely Shoshone Tribe is an equal opportunity employer.

Date: Jun 30, 2021

Subject: Marich fields project

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I would like to extend my written support for the Marich fields improvement project. I believe this project would benefit so many White Pine Co. citizens. These fields are used by various different groups and have been neglected for several years due to the lack of funding available to the county.

I am the head coach for the White Pine High School Ladycat softball team as well as a Co-ed softball player/coach. I have personally put countless hours in rebuilding our home dugout as well as trying to get the fields/ infield ready and safe for games as well as practice.

On multiple occasions, I have had other out of town coaches complain about the hard dirt and outfield fence that should be a breakaway fence and not hammered in with metal bars. I have had several players injured attempting to slide on the rock hard dirt at practices as well as in co-ed games. The ball bounces off the concrete like dirt very fast and is dangerous for player of all ages. I have personally seen several people hit with foul balls due to not having safety netting above the crowds.

I have played on these fields for over 30 years and they were always admired by other teams but not now. My hopes are to obtain funding to make much needed improvement and get our reputation back as being one the best fields in the region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

**Coach Mike Romero** 

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July 1, 2021

White Pine County Board of Commissioners 801 Clark St, Ste 4 Ely, NV 89301

Good afternoon Commission,

As you know, for the past 4 years, the Elyte Cheer Booster Club has been running the concession stand at Marich Softball Field during the White Pine Co-Ed Softball League season. We are so thankful for this opportunity as it has provided much-needed fundraising opportunities for athletes who otherwise might not be able to afford the cost of being involved in a competition cheer team.

That being said, we would like to offer our support for the proposed SNPLMA funding request for upgrades to the softball fields. We feel that upgrading the fields would not only offer our local players a nicer, safer place to play, but would also attract many more teams to the annual tournament that we put on. This would bring visitors into the area for at least a day and possibly an entire weekend. Also, while the current concession stand is adequate in many ways, we certainly wouldn't be opposed to some upgrades there as well to increase productivity and functionality.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration to this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

K. Michelle Beecher

Michelle Beecher Elyte Cheer Booster Club

#### 6/20/2021

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Marich Fields Upgrades Project. My family and I believe that this project will improve not only the park but our way of living. It is important to note that I live in the nearby Valley View Mobile Home Park. This makes the Marich Field facility one of the closest to me. My Children have grown up utilizing the facility and even now as adults continue to participate in recreation at the facility including softball leagues and practice. Often times, I watch my grandchildren and like to take them to the playground since it is the closest playground to my house. We also utilize the playground when watching family members play during leagues. The facility is used and cherished by my family of all ages and for various types of recreation. I think that these upgrades would benefit us in many different ways. The playground upgrades would improve safety for my grandchildren and prevent them from running into an active parking lot during games. Field improvements would provide for safer and more efficient gameplay for my family members that play softball. The batting cage would provide a way for all of my family to practice regardless of skill level. It would provide a new activity at the park. I as a spectator, I will benefit from the improvements to nets, shade, concession and more.

Another reason that I support this project is because it is going to upgrade a facility that is already being maintained. The county would continue to maintain the park rather than sacrificing hours maintaining a new one. It also sounds like it would lower maintenance so that that time can be spent maintaining other areas of need for an overall better maintained park.

Please consider this park as one of the applications for round 19 SNPLMA.

Sincerely,

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Peggy Romero and Family, Nearby Residents

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

### White Pine County



### **Broadbent Park Multi-Use Redesign**

Amount Requested: \$6,195,290

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Broadbent Park is currently underused. The park's vast grassy area at one point was the open space that provided recreational opportunities for playing football, baseball, and many other hosted past activities such as the University of Las Vegas Nevada Football Camp, and home to the Annual Relay for Life Event. The park was originally used for White Pine High School football and baseball games along with high school track and field events. The plan is to redesign the site into a multi-use park and to be the starting and ending destination for bike trails and competition events. Broadbent Park is located on land owned by the City of Ely at 501 Mill Street, south of Highway 50 near the intersection of Mill Street and Clark Street in White Pine County, Nevada. The park encompasses nearly 5 acres of grassy open space situated within M.D.M., T.16 N., R. 63 E., sec. 16; and identified as assessor parcel 001-283-04.

The City of Ely spent \$3,400 from its Redevelopment Area fund for the conceptual design of Broadbent Parks revitalization. White Pine County contributed Tourism and Recreation personnel and platform resources to post survey requests for public input and the results received community wide. Requests included features such as a splash pad; increased picnic and shelter areas; horseshoe and cornhole pits; an amphitheater; walking paths American with Disabilities (ADA) compliant for all to enjoy including our senior citizens; modern restrooms; an updated concession building and a "Welcome to Ely" park sign/billboard to better direct visitors to other points of interest in our community. The park sign/billboard will recognize N.E. "Broadie" Broadbent who served 16 years as Ely's mayor, served on the Nevada Board of Regents and state pharmacy board and many other successes in Ely who Broadbent Park is named after. Youth sports are very important to our community so there will be areas set aside for youth sports such as middle school football and soccer, and with updated restroom facilities, kids' games will return to the park. Broadbent Park is also the starting point for the annual Fourth of July parades and walkathons so there will be an area for the popular "food truck" vendors and upgraded electrical outlets. Removal of the wooden pole mounted field lights will enhance safety. The field lights will be replaced with energy efficient LED lights and a power transformer and sprinklers with timers will be installed along with other electrical system improvements. The community asked for off street parking for folks wishing to use the picnic areas for family gatherings or competition events.

The rural community of Ely encourages where people have an opportunity to mingle and visit with friends, family, and neighbors; and this park is a great place to achieve these desirable opportunities. The redesign of the Broadbent Park into a multi-use fascinated park will bring excitement to our community, increase enjoyment and quality of life for residents and for those visiting our scenic and welcoming area.

1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

In August 2008, the Secretary of the Interior approved \$923,738 in SNPLMA Round 9 for White Pine County Regional Park Upgrades, Project WP03, Priority 9-3, which provided a new playground at Broadbent Park. Anticipated future community projects will connect Broadbent Park more with the community by having it be the central location for anticipated mountain bike trails and for those involved in events to gather and use the park to its full potential. 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: The proposed Broadbent Multi-Use Redesign project is a stand-alone project. Broadbent Park's new design will create an easier structure to maintain and include energy efficient aspects such as timer sprinkler systems and LED lighting. White Pine County and the City of Ely acknowledge that there is no guarantee or expectation that any future phases may be funded.

### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The proposed project will promote these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

#### 1. Sustainability:

Sustainability is most often defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs. Economically the redesign of the park will provide a place for events that will draw people from out of town to support our community financially and socially for years to come and will provide funding needed to maintain and sustain the project. Environmentally Broadbent Park's renovations will provide well thought-out aspects in energy saving lighting, automatic shut off for water sources, and durable material that will last for years; not end up in the landfill and be used by generations to come to conserve, preserve, and restore natural and cultural resources. Socially it will impact all the citizens of Ely and those that come to enjoy the White Pine area. There will be many activities geared towards all ages and interests to provide socialization of those in our community. Ely is remote, and for many people it is a hardship for them to travel to a bigger city to enjoy recreation such as concerts, sporting events, splash pads, etc.

#### 2. Connectivity:

There is currently a plan being put together by the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board to join several points of interest in a path. Increased signage directing visitors to the City are in place and more are being constructed to provide guidance and maps to direct people to other outdoor locations and events. The concept of Broadbent Park is to make it a multi-use park for a variety of activities to take place and be a connecting point for other activities within our community. Broadbent Park is planned to be the starting point for a comprehensive system of parks and trails.

#### 3. Community:

The improvements to Broadbent Park will draw people to visit Ely Main Street businesses as well as serve as a location for family members to gather for picnics and to stretch their legs after

traveling on the "Loneliest Highway in America." Broadbent Park will host a variety of events that cater to all tastes and provide affordable fun for all to enjoy with others in the community. Broadbent Park provides opportunities to get fresh air, exercise, socialization, and experience entertainment on different levels by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment. The park encourages healthy habits such as walking, getting fresh air, listening to music, interacting with others, enjoying family events, and the pleasure in nature with the trees and landscaping that will be planted. All these opportunities will increase the mental health and physical health of our residents and improve the overall quality of life.

### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

White Pine County will renovate the 5-acre Broadbent Park into a multi-use park with new and improved recreational amenities. The Park is located at the west end of Ely, Nevada, south of Highway 50 near Mill and Clark streets. Renovation and revitalization of the site into a multi-use park will include a splash pad and expanded play area, accessible walking loop trail, multi-use sports courts/game area, park pavilion, picnic tables, benches, BBQ grills, bike racks, horseshoe and cornhole pits, amphitheater, concession and restroom buildings, parking improvements and a new parking lot, LED lighting and signage. The Park redesign and renovation will enhance recreational opportunities and healthy well-being for the young and physically disadvantaged, encourage social interaction, healthy lifestyles, boost the local economy, and provide energy efficient features for a safe and sustainable park.

### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. <u>Primary Deliverables</u>: Actual size/configurations to be determined by engineering/design.
  - a. Park sign/billboard, 1ea (4-ft. x 6-ft.) recognizing Ely's honoree "Broadie" Broadbent; and SNPLMA Project Sign
  - b. Park surface expansion, ±14,000-SF of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA)
  - c. Walking park loop trail (1,450-LF), ADA compliant with off path stations for stretching/muscle strengthening, ±7,500-SF HMA
  - d. Pedestrian ramps with bases, ADA compliant 4ea
  - e. Sidewalk with bases,  $\pm 24,000$ -SF of concrete ADA compliant
  - f. Parking lot (existing) improvement, ±6,000-SF
  - g. Parking lot (new construction), 8,000-SF
  - h. Cross gutter with bases (Standard 18-inch) 2ea
  - i. Curb, gutter, and storm drainpipe as needed\*
  - j. Pavement marking (signing and striping)
  - k. Landscape curbing 500-LF and 10ea shade trees, plants and a new raised planter
  - 1. Turf and Irrigation Improvements (plus irrigation connection and controller, as needed)
  - m. Concession building with restrooms, storage and drinking fountains- 1ea (20-ft. x 20-ft.)
  - n. Restroom building with 2ea coed stalls and drinking fountain
  - o. Park utility infrastructure and connections (i.e., water, sewer, power)
  - p. Shade Structure off restroom building
  - q. Park pavilion, 1ea (80 ft. x 60 ft.)
  - r. Splash pad area (40 ft. x 100 ft.)
  - s. Multi-Use Sports Court and a game area (360 ft. x 160 ft.)
  - t. Playground (existing) expansion area (120 ft. x 80 ft.)

- u. Amphitheater (60-ft. x 100-ft.)
- v. Fencing 300-LF rod iron/metal (to match existing fence in good condition)
- w. Park Furniture: 10ea benches and 6ea picnic tables
- x. Park amenities: shade structures, BBQ grills, bike racks, ±20ea trash receptacles, 1ea horseshoe pit area
- y. Lighting, Musco LED system w/ 7ea light poles, power transformer, electric system improvements
- z. Planter Area with Irrigation, 7,500 SF
- 2. Anticipated Deliverables: None
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Mobilization & Demobilization
  - b. Traffic control/temporary controls and site security
  - c. Construction staking/layout, materials sampling/testing, Geotech report
  - d. Selective site demolition and excavation
  - e. PVC connection/inspections water and sewer lateral
  - f. Budget/Administrative Services
  - g. Environmental/Design Survey Services
  - h. Concept Planning, Public Scoping, and Bidding/Negotiating
  - i. Architectural and Engineering Design
  - j. Construction Administration and permitting/construction approvals
  - k. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - 1. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - m. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - n. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 39.2471° N, -114.8954° W

Congressional District(s): NV-4

### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion will be within the standard 5-year period of performance for PTNA projects.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\Box$  Yes -or-  $\boxtimes$  No

SNPLMA funds will provide the means to move forward with the proposed Broadbent Park Multi-Use Redesign project from conceptual to planning, design and construction/improvements.

### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

There will be some increase in long-term maintenance due to the addition of a walking trail and restrooms, but the City of Ely is prepared for the additional work with current staffing. During Broadbent Park's higher use period (i.e., summer months) the City hires seasonal temps to assist.

### I. PROJECT BUDGET

White Pine County is seeking (6,195,290) in SNPLMA funds to complete the project. The estimated costs by budget category are summarized on the SF-424A enclosed below.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

### J. KEY CONTACTS

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#### GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY Total 6. Object Class Categories (4) (1) (2) (3) (5) SNPLMA PTNA R19 Broadbent Park Multi-Use Redesign \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ a. Personnel b. Fringe Benefits c. Travel d. Equipment e. Supplies f. Contractual 6,097,400.00 6,097,400.00 g. Construction h. Other 97,890.00 97,890.00 \$ i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h) 6,195,290.00 6,195,290.00 j. Indirect Charges \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 6,195,290.00 \$ 6,195,290.00 k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j) \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 7. Program Income

#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

- 1. <u>**DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO:**</u> Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.
- A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: Yes, Broadbent Park is an existing park that strategically placed in Downtown Ely to access current motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities that connect from downtown. Broadbent Park serves as an event headquarters for recreation events in Ely and the Park was included as a hub in the City of Ely's approved in-town OHV route. Although not specific to the proposed park redesign project but because of the strategic placement of parks and trails in the area through partnerships of the Ely, White Pine County Tourism, White Pine Main Street, USDA Forest Service, and BLM, there are plans to develop and expand hiking and biking opportunities in the area with construction of 50 more miles of non-motorized single-track trails for hiking and mountain biking. This will bring the total of miles of trail that radiate out of Broadbent Park to 100 miles. The revitalization of Broadbent Park ties into the overall recreational goals of White Pine County and the City of Ely.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: Yes, Broadbent Park Renovation project will improve community prosperity and economic development by drawing public interests in a variety of sporting, entertainment, competition, and family gatherings. The Broadbent Park renovation will bring additional visitors into the community, economically boosting the community and helping to support all local industries. The proposed project will provide better facilities for outdoor recreational activities improving the quality of life for the community and provide durable facilities to continue these benefits in the long term. Adjacent properties will increase in value simply by being near a modern park. Nearby businesses will benefit from increased activity in the area as people enjoying that park are likely to want to enjoy local history such as downtown businesses that are within walking distance.

C. *The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.* Answer: Yes, this Broadbent Park revitalization will create the only park of its kind nearby that will offer outdoor concerts with seating, a multi-sport court, a splash pad, walking paths for all levels of exercise, and a fully landscaped environment with decorative lighting capability. Broadbent Park is significant due to its proximity to the historical downtown Ely area. The revitalization of Broadbent Park will create a tremendous impact on White Pine County's quality of life by providing activities that encourage exercise for all levels of people and entertainment to unwind and connect with others in the community. There will be opportunity for expanded activities such as sitting benches for social interaction; amphitheater for entertainment; sporting events; play areas for youngsters; walking path for all levels of fitness; Horseshoe pits; BBQ grills; a splash pad; bike racks to encourage exercise to and from the park; and plenty of space to have community events and family gatherings in an area that will be well landscaped with trees to provide shade. Trees remove pollution from the atmosphere, improving air quality and human health. The Broadbent Park Revitalization project will significantly affect the physical and mental health in a positive way for the residents of Ely and all visitors attracted to our community because of it.

#### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Answer: Yes, Broadbent Park will provide ADA access to and on the walking trail for all levels of physical fitness which is the key to good health and improved frame of mind. The project improves public health and safety by encouraging interaction with nature while encouraging physical and mental wellness. The area is fenced and has a wide-open view for parents to keep track of their kids. The park will have water fountains to encourage staying hydrated. The lighting around the perimeter of the park will deter vandalism in and around the park making the surrounding neighborhood of the park safer. The park will be maintained by City crews to provide clean bathrooms and a clean, healthy environment for all to enjoy. Driver fatigue is addressed by providing a park for travelers to stop at, stretch their legs, get a bite to eat and refresh themselves before continuing a long journey over two-lane highways.

E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: Yes, the City of Ely is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Renovations of Broadbent Park will provide for all citizens to enjoy activities and events and entice different backgrounds to connect. Ely is very remote, and many residents do not have the means to travel to enjoy many activities that this park redesign will provide such as concerts, a splash pad, maintained walking paths, area for family gatherings, and so much more. The project will address the need for a multi-use community park to provide unique recreation without the having to travel distances.

2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.

### A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: Yes, the historic City of Ely is 114 years old, located in White Pine County, renowned for its crystal clean air, rich mining and ranching history, along with the Historical Nevada Railway Foundation and Museum. The Ely City Hall and Fire Station at 501 Mill Street was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2018. It was recognized for its role as the seat of the City of Ely's government from its construction in 1929 to present, as well as its role as the headquarters for Ely's Fire Department from 1929 to 1999. The historic environment is the cultural landscape of our community as it is a historical representation of the incremental evolution of our society and neighborhoods. Many residents and businesses are drawn to historic buildings and neighborhoods because the quality and richness of design, construction, craftsmanship and materials, are typically very high. The revitalization of the Park will enhance the restoration of this masterpiece within our community as it will be the backdrop for Broadbent Park that many people will view. Broadbent Multi-use Redesign project will offer members of the Ely Shoshone Tribe another potential venue to host their heritage events. The Ely Shoshone Tribe has contributed to our community in outstanding ways. The revitalization of the Park improves access to many recreational and educational opportunities near downtown Ely, which in turn helps support local businesses, and the scope of the project will keep many people working in family-supporting jobs during construction. The Broadbent Park Revitalization project is crucial to strengthening equity for our rural community, so our public amenities favorably compare to more populated areas.

### B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: Yes, Broadbent Park revitalization will conserve a current park as green space for now and future use. Increased recreational opportunities will be in a central locations, with signage directing hikers and bike riders to approved trails and paths, avoiding abuse on vital landscape that could be damaged. The modern LED lighting will help in pursuing dark sky preservation and restoration by shielding the light to go just where it is needed during evening events and can be monitored by an offsite electronic device to be shut off when the event is over. The night skies in the City of Ely are beautiful, and well thought out lighting is necessary to support protection of human health, nocturnal habitats, public enjoyment of the night sky and its heritage.

### C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: Yes, the installation of modern one-piece restrooms that are almost indestructible and easier to maintain than stick-built buildings. LED lighting has been proven to last for years, conserve energy, and provide better light. The initial investment of LED lighting will significantly reduce the frequency of changing outdoor bulbs, which must be hired out. Staff time will be saved with a new sprinkler system; currently, the sprinkler heads need to be manually set around the whole park. Installation of a sprinkler system allows for timed watering at night during the summertime and will work to conserve at least thirty percent of our water, which is especially important during the extreme drought our area is experiencing. Personnel costs will remain unchanged, but the removal of labor-intensive components in the existing park will provide time for other projects.

## D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: Yes, the Broadbent Park Multi-use Redesign project will create an environment for residents to enjoy the outdoors in wide open spaces and the benefits of well thought out landscaping including trees and other plants. Among minor crimes, there is less graffiti, vandalism and littering in outdoor spaces with trees as part of the natural landscape than in comparable plantless spaces. Every dollar spent on planting and caring for a community tree yield benefits that are two to five times that investment: cleaner air, lower energy costs, improved water quality, storm water control and increased property values. Trees absorb carbon dioxide (CO<sup>2</sup>), removing and storing the carbon while releasing the oxygen back into the air. The natural environment will create healthier residents to be able to enjoy all the activities the park will offer.

3. **<u>CONNECTIVITY</u>**: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

### A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: Yes, there is currently a plan being put together by the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board to join several points of interest in a path. Increased signage directing visitors to various locations within the City are in place and more are being constructed. Broadbent Park will be a starting point and ending point for many events to connect parks and trails to a centralized location for gatherings.

### B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

Answer: Yes. The following link to the comprehensive *Economic Development* plan displays the strengths, weaknesses, and goals of White Pine County in the upcoming years. https://www.whitepinecounty.net/358/Community-Economic-Development. Several strengths have been identified in White Pine County such as the rural lifestyle, outdoor activities, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing, tourism, clean air and water, dark skies, heritage, diverse cultures, and historical resources. Some of the goals listed are to develop a regionalized trail head and mapping system which will have trailheads that lead right into Broadbent Park. Another goal is to make White Pine County a place where families want to have a permanent home. The City of Ely approved this redesign concept of Broadbent Park as a huge piece affecting the economic development. The first steps were acquiring surveyed results from residents in the community to see what people wanted to improve their quality of life and revitalize the downtown area with Broadbent Park being the hub for many activities. Once the surveys were collected the City of Ely consulted with a design company to conceptualize the requests from Whit Pine County residents. If SNPLMA funding is granted the project would move forward with request for proposals and then be awarded to the most appropriate bid for completion.

### C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: Yes, Broadbent Park is strategically placed in Downtown Ely to access the current motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities that connect from the downtown. Broadbent Park serves as an event headquarters for a number of recreation events in Ely and the park was included as a hub in the City of Ely's approved in-town OHV route. Because of the collaborative strategic placement of future trails and trailheads to lead trails to/from Broadbent Park, the City of Ely, White Pine County Tourism, White Pine Main Street, US Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have partnered to develop and expand on these recreational opportunities with the construction of fifty more miles of non-motorized single-track trails for hiking and mountain biking; this will bring the total miles of trails that radiate out of Broadbent Park to one-hundred miles.

### D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: All events at Broadbent Park connect people to the outdoors by providing entertainment in natural spaces, outdoor sporting events, outdoor places for people to sit under a shade tree, an expanded outdoor area for kids to recreate on an improved playground, and outdoor areas for people to walk, which connect all cultural backgrounds by the variety of outdoor events. Broadbent Park is conveniently located for people to have quick access to other outdoor events. Signage throughout the park will provide guidance and maps to direct people to other outdoor locations and events.

# E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The City of Ely has an active Tree Board that dedicates time to retaining trees and creating an atmosphere in the area to help reduce stress and improve overall public health. Trees and landscaping are a necessary part of the revitalization of Broadbent Park to create a healthy environment and encourage people to conserve and provide resources for generations to come. The youth of our area have a rich outdoor environment they live in to play and explore. Several of the park features this conceptually planned is to provide toddlers a safe place to play and parents/guardians nearby place to relax. The walking paths will be ADA designed for wheelchair/disability access, gradual increase in grades for seniors to walk and simple stations off the paths for stretching and muscle strengthening. We consider all our residents equally and are an equal opportunity provider. Last 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Vietnam Memorial Wall was in Broadbent Park which brought a lot of veterans out to view it. The Broadbent Park renovation project will improve the space for future events to remember our veterans. Newly designed Broadbent Park will offer a broad, affordable spectrum of activities and will be open for suggestions of different entertainment and activities that people would like to see to draw all people and re-engage groups that may traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.

### A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: Yes, projected costs of the project is \$6,195,290 which will take five years, more or less, for completion. A concept of the Engineer's Opinion of Cost has been completed by a professional engineering firm with experience in the area and familiar with local costs.

### B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: Yes, the residents of White Pine County have spoken up, responding to a survey of what they would like to see in Broadbent Park to meet the needs of the community and improve the quality of life. We believe the investment in the redesign of Broadbent Park will draw groups of people that may not normally come to the area or engage in public activities to be more involved and provide outlets for families, veterans, students, seniors, and travelers to our area. The park will be an asset with COVID-19 restrictions as people will be able to enjoy activities and socialize, but socially distance and remain healthy. The Project will serve all communities in White Pine County, especially those within a 35-mile radius including McGill, Ruth, Ely, and Lund. The revitalization will create a recreational opportunity near the downtown area, as at this time there is a lack of outdoor venues that will provide the quality-of-life benefits that the proposed Broadbent Park will offer.

### C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: Yes, the City does not see much of an increase in long-term maintenance as the park is already part of the City's budget for maintaining the park. There will be some walkway clearing during winter months and upkeep on the new restrooms depending upon activities at the park. The upgrades to the sprinkler system will save labor time and the loss of unused water. The upgrades to Broadbent Park's lighting system will save funds and maintenance as the replacement of bulbs will be less often. A huge savings is the fact the location is covered with a proven lawn and completely fenced, saving thousands of dollars.

### D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

Answer: Yes, Broadbent Park is an existing park on property owned by the City of Ely and water access is currently in place. The park site is nearly 5 acres situated within M.D.M., T.16 N., R. 63 E., sec. 16; and identified as assessor parcel 001-283-04. White Pine County Tourism and Recreation also previously contributed personnel and platform resources to post the survey requests, as well as summarize the results. The City of Ely completed conceptual plans through an engineering firm in the amount of \$3,400 from its Redevelopment Area fund. Through the course of the project, the City will also contribute in-kind as well as labor from its public works department.

# E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: Yes, the redesign of Broadbent Park will include electrical system improvements, a power transformer, and LED sports field lighting. LED lighting conserves energy and the initial investment of LED lighting will significantly reduce the frequency of changing outdoor bulbs, which at this time must be hired out. LED lighting has been proven to last for years and provide better light. There will also be a Control-Link system for the sports fields which monitors and manages the lights so that the lights can be efficiently controlled to reduce energy waste. This system also includes light shield which focuses the light exactly where you want it so there is less light spilling into areas where you don't want or need it. The installation of a modern sprinkler system incorporates technology and engineering for timed watering which will conserve 30% percent more water that will result in a more sustainable park maintenance due to the extreme drought the County has been experiencing. The modern one-piece restrooms are almost indestructible and easier to maintain than stickbuilt buildings. Personnel costs will remain unchanged, but the removal of labor-intensive components in the existing park will provide time for other projects.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Responses to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities are as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

#### A. Executive Orders (EO):

1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to

#### Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk

Answer: Broadbent Park will provide a controlled environment for people to have BBQ's and outdoor activities reducing the footprint in our forests and range lands to reduce the risk of wildfire. The Park will also have managed landscaping that will be maintained by selectively thinning shrubs and trees from around structures to reduce vegetative fuels as thick areas of vegetation are highly susceptible to fire. Routine maintenance such as mowing, pruning, limbing, weeding, raking, and removing dead vegetation will be maintained on a regular schedule to prevent wildfire.

### 2. EO No. 14004: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

Answer: Based on other projects completed in the area, materials made in America range between 80% to 100% based on the amenities and improvements being constructed.

B. Secretarial Orders

#### 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: Broadbent Multi-Use Park will encourage outdoor recreation and be great venue for hosting events related to the rich culture of hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, and trail walking. These events will improve the overall physical and mental health of the residents of Ely. The new sprinkler system that will be installed will conserve up to 30% of water by having timed watering during the night during the summertime and the installation of LED lighting to host evening events which will use less energy than the current lighting.

### 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories.

Answer: The revitalization of Broadbent park will create a space for all to enjoy when they are in the area doing other activities such as hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, outdoor recreation and be a meeting place for those activities. The revitalization of Broadbent Park will create greater collaboration with Nevada agencies and the Ely Shoshone Tribe to utilize the new facilities.

- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: N/A
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Answer: N/A
- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: N/A
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: N/A
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: N/A

### 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act.

Answer: The redesign of Broadbent Park will honor the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act by conserving land and water with upgraded redesign efforts and creating a place for people to enjoy the outdoors and recreation the area has to offer. Broadbent Park's revitalization will connect trails and wildlife areas, while protecting the natural beauty and encouraging local mines to reduce their footprints in outdoor recreation areas.

### 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through use of Electric Bikes.

Answer: The redesign of the Park will include bike racks and areas for people to park Electric bikes while enjoying other activities going on. Electric Bikes can be used on many surrounding trails that are anticipated to connect to Broadbent Park, providing exercise and fresh air to different levels of riders. Climate change and global warming are serious issues, and we all need to play our part. We might be facing our last stand to save our dying earth, and we can contribute to this. E-bikes emit lower pollution per kilometer than motorcycles and cars. Electric bikes are a great alternative as they use energy with an average rate of 100-150 watts compared to 15,000 or so for a car; as a result, this can help improve air quality. The Nevada Department of Transportation recently increased bike lanes within the City to make commuting safer and easier.

### C. <u>Department of the Interior Priorities:</u>

1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: The redesign of Broadbent Multi Use Park is a responsible development of renewable energy because it will use LED lighting which conserves energy. LED lighting has been proven to last for years creating less trash in landfills with burned out bulbs. Installation of a modern sprinkler system allows for timed watering at night during the summertime, which will conserve at least 30% more water, which is especially important during the extreme drought our area is experiencing.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: The revitalization of Broadbent Park is supported by the Ely Shoshone Tribe and will create a venue for tribe events for all to enjoy, which will increase cultural experiences for all residents and visitors of Ely. Ely Shoshone Tribe events share their values and appreciation to take care of our land.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of familysupporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: There will be an increase of family-supporting and union jobs in our area during construction and maintenance of the park while deliverables are being completed. The added activities for the area will bring people to the area increasing hotel reservations, restaurant reservations, grocery store purchases, etc. keeping those that are local to the area employed with job security throughout the years.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: The installation of a modern sprinkler system allows for timed watering at night during the summertime, which will use thirty percent (30%) less water, which is especially important during the extreme drought our area is experiencing. The opportunity for residents and visitors to have a place for outdoor activities will also help to decrease the disruption of the natural climate on public lands to slow extinction rates and conserve the natural state of the land by not leaving a footprint. White Pine County and the City of Ely acknowledge that SNPLMA funding requires that this location be used as a park for its entirety, which will allow it to be conserved as a green space forever.

5. **Centering equity and environmental justice.** The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: The proposed SNPLMA funding will provide opportunity to increase cultural experiences by having a variety of different events, including ones by the Ely Shoshone Tribe, for residents in the area and provide an area that has clean air and outdoor activities that are affordable and ADA accessible for all to enjoy. The landscaped area will include trees that help to remove pollution for them atmosphere, improving air quality and human health. Office workers with a view of trees report significantly less stress and more satisfaction. The nearby offices and businesses could use the natural area for lunch breaks and such thus improving mental and physical wellness.

### D. Forest Service Priorities:

### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: The redesign of Broadbent Park will provide great opportunities in controlling the COVID-19 pandemic by creating open spaces that people can socially distance and be out in fresh air. It is proven that the pandemic has created many people to isolate and become depressed. The park will provide an area where people can socialize safely, which will bring joy to people and uplift their spirits by the activities that will be provided. The Park revitalization will create many spaces for people to have human interaction with each other to create a more normal environment like the one we once knew.

#### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: Broadbent Park is the hub for the fifteen-year-old Fears, Tears, and Beers Race – America's oldest endurance bike race. The revitalization of Broadbent Park will continue to bring year around activities to the area that will drive tourism and bring people to eat at our restaurants, stay at our hotels, and shop. White Pine County recently received an Economic Development Administration grant to establish the Toyaibe Trails Institute in our area, which will make the construction of more trails, which tie into Broadbent Park easier.

#### 3. Tackling climate change

Answer: The redesign of Broadbent Park will help with climate change by planting trees and maintaining grown trees which help to absorb carbon dioxide (CO2), removing and storing the carbon while releasing the oxygen back into the air. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the amount of CO2 produced by a car driven 26,000 miles. Broadbent Park's location provides the opportunity for many people to walk to the park or ride their bicycles creates less car use and reduces emissions. The park encourages appreciation for our climate by installing a modern sprinkler system that will use up to 30% less water by having timed watering during the night during the summertime and the installation of LED lighting to host evening events, which will use less energy than the current lighting.

#### 4. Advancing racial equity

Answer: Broadbent Multi-Use Park will be open to everyone in our community as well as travelers that are going through our community. The Broadbent Park revitalization will offer a variety of cultural activities to broaden residents' experiences.

#### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

Answer: The Park redesign will provide a place to unwind and enjoy conversation with friends, family, and neighbors. The benefits of a landscaped park can provide improved memory. A University of Michigan study published in 2008 found that more time spent outside near plants can increase memory retention by up to 20%. Studies have also shown that time spent in and around plants can increase an employee's attention span and improve concentration and productivity. Sometimes visual stimulation from a professionally designed commercial landscape is enough to reduce stress and anxiety. This project will provide an area for office workers and surrounding businesses such as City staff, Ely Volunteer Fire Department, KRM Auto Repair, Sew Krazy, salons as well as Creative Touch, A Cut Above, and Mountain Vista Chapel to take a break for some physical exercise. Exterior spaces that welcome physical activity can become part of workplace wellness programs, which can reduce employer's health care costs. All the benefits help to balance work/life balance and create healthier, happier employees.

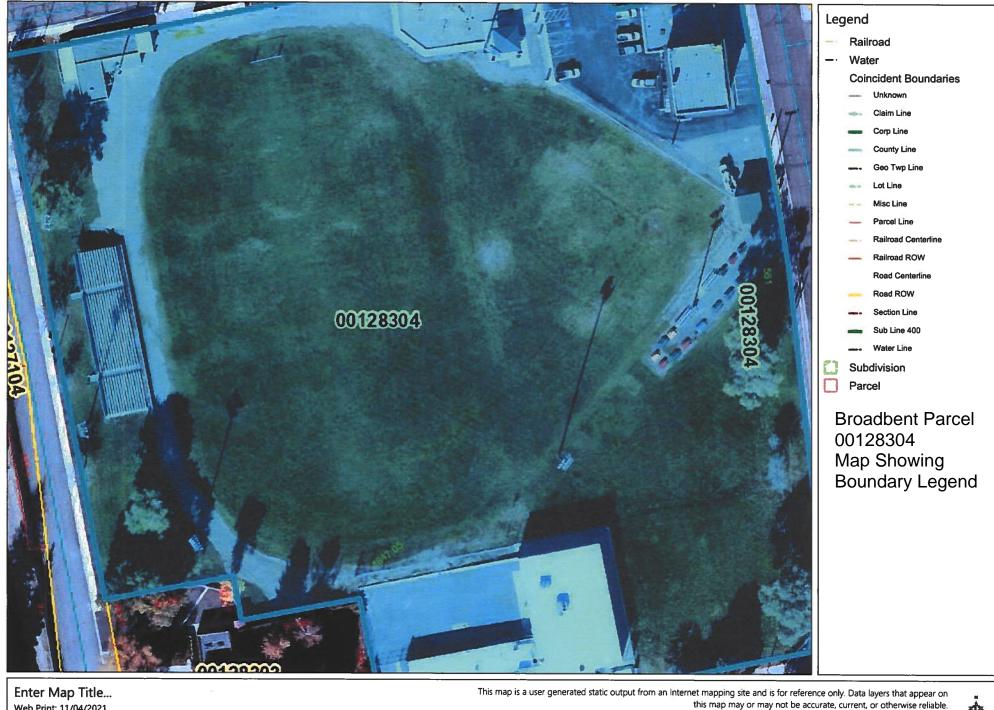
### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Broadbent Park Multi-Use Redesign

### **Performance Measures**

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
<ul> <li>R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved</li> <li>R3- Number of New Recreational</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. *Report to the nearest whole acre.</li> <li>*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>6 Acres of Park Improvements</li> <li>1. Improved 6,000-SF parking area</li> <li>2. A new 8,000-SF parking area</li> <li>2. 7 500 SF parking area</li> </ol>
Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	<ul> <li>constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6.</li> <li>*Report each facility or structure as one unit.</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>7,500-SF new walking trail</li> <li>24,000-SF new sidewalk</li> <li>4ea new pedestrian ramps</li> <li>1ea raised planter</li> <li>1ea concession building 20' X 20' with restroom, storage &amp; drinking fountain(s)</li> <li>New small coed 2-stall restroom with drinking fountain</li> <li>1ea new park pavilion</li> <li>1ea new splash pad</li> <li>1ea new multi-use sports court and 1ea new game area</li> <li>Expansion existing playground</li> <li>1ea new amphitheater</li> <li>300-LF new metal fencing</li> <li>New sports field lighting and one new lighting system, one power transformer, and electrical system improvements</li> <li>One new 4' by 6' park sign</li> <li>Ten new shade trees</li> </ol>
R4- Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. *Report to the nearest whole mile.	1,450-LF x 4-ft wide walking path around interior park for continuous loop.

SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community					
Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity			
<b>O1</b> - Number of Hazardous Sites Remediated	*Report the number of hazardous sites where remediation actions are completed. Actions to be included are: removal of safety hazards, clean-up operations, restoration actions, and water quality remediation actions. Do not report temporary remediation measures. *Report each site as one unit. When applicable, also report total weight of trash removed during clean-up operations.	0			
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.* <i>Report each item produced as one unit.</i>	1 new park sign in honor of N.E. "Broadie" Broadbent, and 1 SNPLMA sign			
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Lead certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable. *Report each building or facility as one unit	<ul> <li>30% - 50% reduction in the carbon footprint in 5 facilities including:</li> <li>1. turf grass area with water saving irrigation,</li> <li>2. planter area with water saving irrigation,</li> <li>3. Concession building w/ restroom, storage and drinking fountain;</li> <li>4. small coed 2-stall restroom</li> <li>Structures will be constructed with materials that will last for years, and with water and light saving features, sports field lighting with LED bulbs and energy saving functions.</li> </ul>			
O12 – Number of Management Plans/Handbooks/Manuals/ Guides for Activity on Public Lands Completed	*Report the number of new or revised ecosystem restoration, hazardous fuels reduction, recreation, cultural, resource management, or other activity plans when the decision document for the plan is signed. Revisions include modification of a significant portion of the decisions in the activity plan. Do not report minor amendments or changes in these plans. *Report each plan as one unit.	0			



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### Broadbent Parcel Map Including Parcel Details

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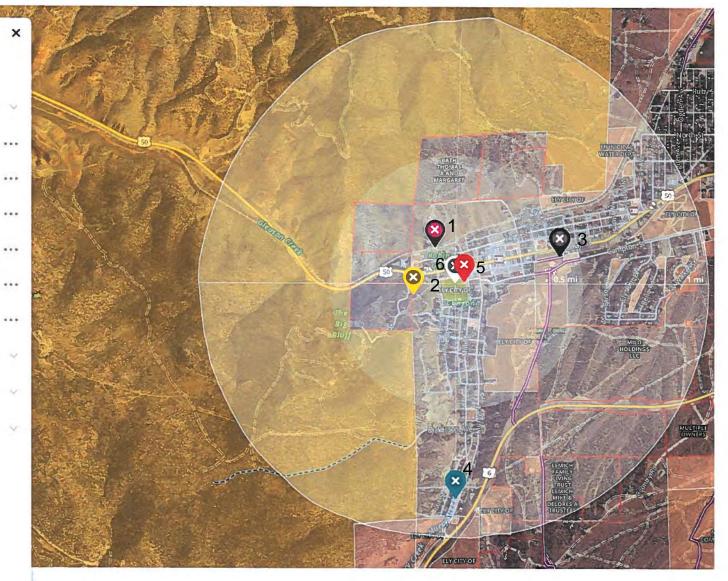
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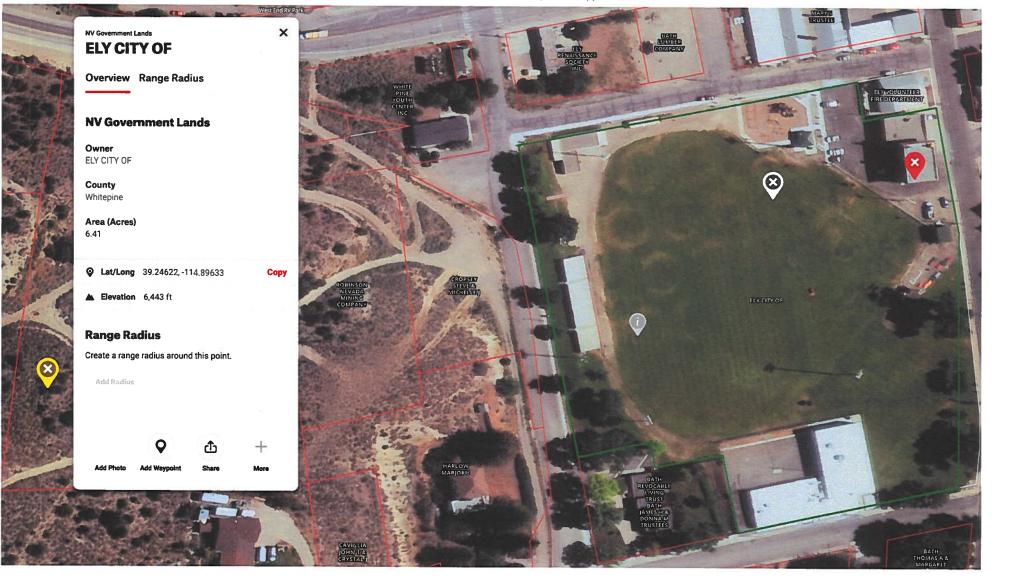
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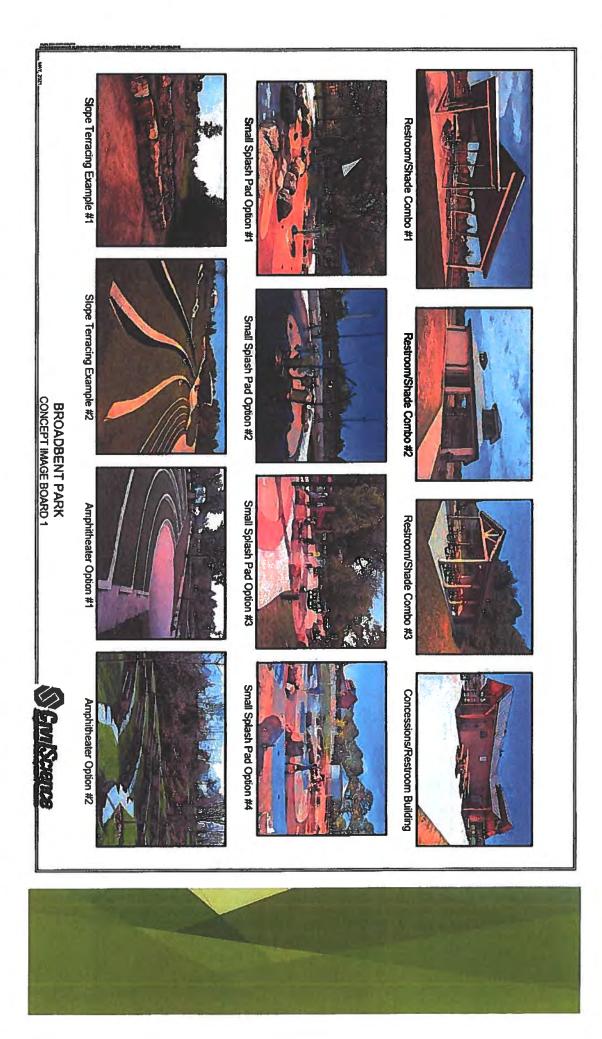
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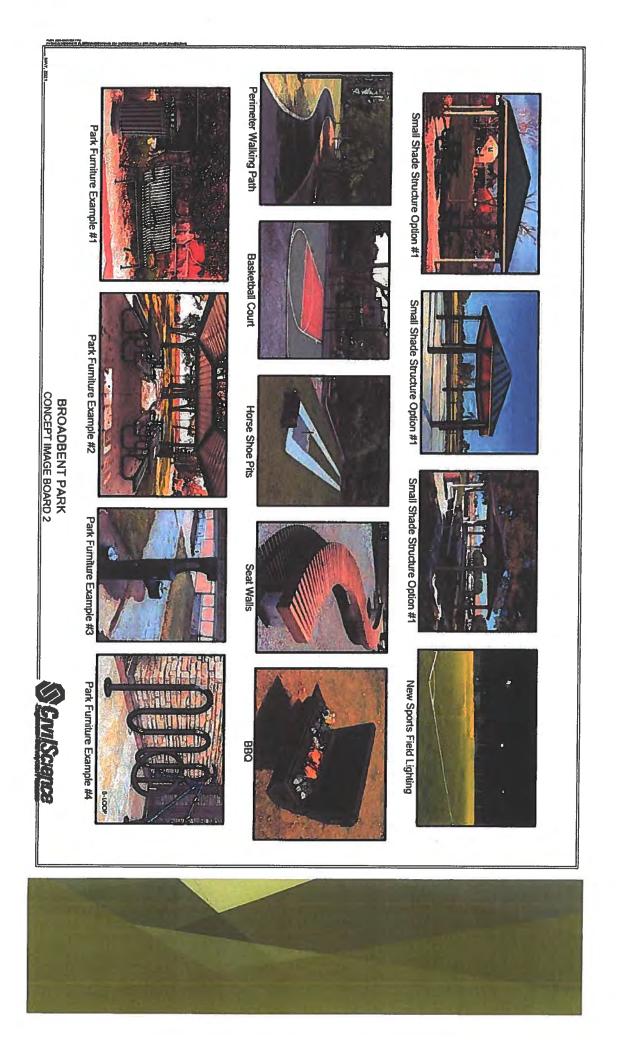
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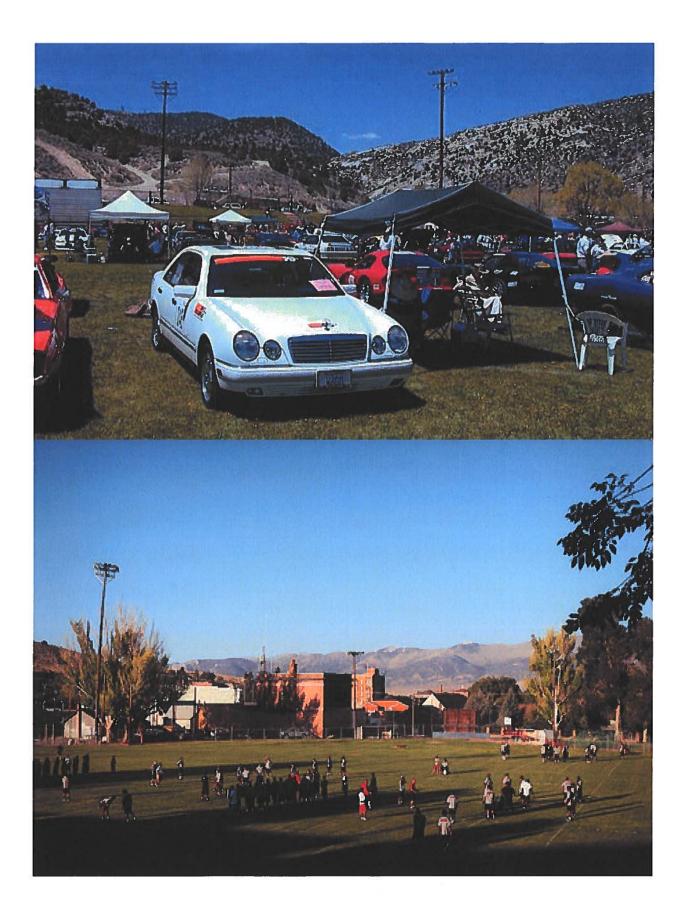


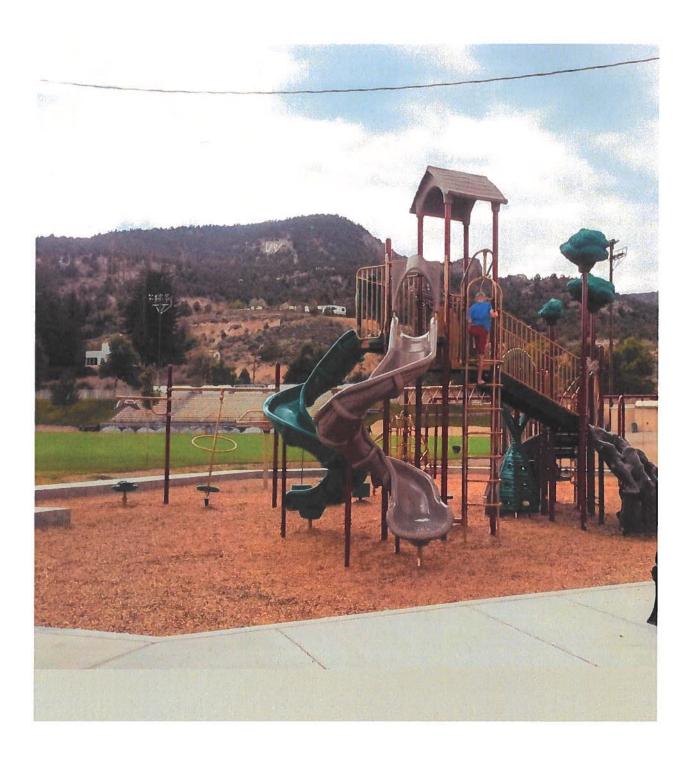
### Broadbent Park Close Up Project Area Map













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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVL000)

Commissioner Chair, Richard Howe 801 Clark Street, Suite 4 Ely, NV 89301

Dear Chairman Howe,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ely District is providing this letter to White Pine County in response to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Park, Trail and Natural Areas (PTNA) Round 19 Federal consultation requirements. The BLM would like to extend support for White Pine County Round 19 SNPLMA nomination for:

<u>Broadbent Park Renovation</u>: There are no impacts to Federal lands; this project has previously been through the National Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and requires no further assistance from the BLM.

<u>Marich Fields Upgrade</u>: There are no impacts to Federal lands; after review of this project, it will not require National Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and requires no further assistance from the BLM.

If White Pine County requires any assistance or support before or after approval of these projects, please feel free to contact Jared Bybee, Bristlecone Field Manager at (775) 289-1847.

Sincerely,

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## White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

October 27th, 2021

Michelle Leiber Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Mrs. Leiber,

Please find enclosed White Pine County's nominations for consideration of funding under Round 19 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act. Included within this submittal are three unique projects highlighting the depth and variety of projects that the County would like to embark on. These projects are listed below in the order of the County's prioritization of them.

- The first nomination is for the Marich Fields Upgrade Project. A project that will continue serving the community and visitors by providing safe, reliable, clean, low maintenance, ease-of-use facilities for traditional and future recreational opportunities, by constructing a pay to use batting cage area, and upgrade, replace or refurbish infrastructure at the Marich Fields facility in Ely, Nevada.
- 2. The second nomination is for the Broadbent Park Multi-Use Redesign Project. Broadbent Park Multi-use Park is and will continue to be located at the west end of Ely via US 50 and will be accessible to all residents of White Pine County and those coming to visit providing expansion of activities for the mental, physical, and social well-being of those individuals. The park redesign will provide a renewed excitement and positive impact for individuals that utilize the park and for generations to come.
- 3. The third nomination is for the White Pine County Fairgrounds Recreational Center Project. The County's goal is to provide the community with a variety of quality programs, activities and facilities. This will create positive experiences by providing both leisure activities and recreational programs that fulfill the needs of the community, no matter age, gender, or status and create lasting memories. The County will do this by developing an indoor recreational center as well as outdoor amenities surrounding the facility.

White Pine County would like to thank you for your time and consideration of these nominations.

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Richard Howe, Chairman



## WHITE PINE COUNTY TOURISM AND RECREATION BOARD

Bristlecone Convention Center & Visitors Bureau

11/1/2021

Bureau of Land Management SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr Las Vegas, NV 89301

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kyle Horvath. I am the Director of Tourism for White Pine County. I am writing you in support of the SNPLMA proposal for essential renovations at Broadbent Park in Downtown Ely, Nevada. Broadbent Park is a highprofile facility located in the economic center of our town and is surrounded by residents. Even in its current state, Broadbent Park plays a major role in our downtown's identity as a community gathering place and our economic prosperity through events. In partnership with White Pine County Tourism, the City of Ely engaged the community through a survey for what they wanted to see as the future of Broadbent Park. The community overwhelmingly agreed that the park was underutilized, in disrepair, and could play a more significant role as a multi-use park that addressed the event and entertainment needs of the community while not leaving out youth sports.

Broadbent Park is home to established events that are well known throughout the nation. Events like Fears, Tears, and Beers, the first and oldest mountain bike enduro race in the country, the Silver State Classic Car Show and Fire and Ice Winter Festival bring huge economic gains. The park is also utilized daily by the youth in our community through organized sports. This essential renovation will allow us to incubate many new events that we currently cannot do and it will add modern infrastructure to better serve our events and our community's current and future needs.

Tourism can account for over 530,000 overnight visitors, not including those who stay at State and National Parks, and has an economic impact of \$60 Million of new money coming into the community. In support of the City of Ely and White Pine Main Street's efforts, White Pine County Tourism has identified Broadbent Park as the main downtown trailhead for our extensive and growing non-motorized and motorized trail systems. With outdoor recreation playing a vital role in Ely's marketing and rebranding efforts, identifying Broadbent Park as a trailhead will bring hundreds of thousands of people to this park and downtown businesses in the future.

My board, lodging properties, and local businesses all appreciate the past support for essential SNPLMA projects. They truly have had a huge impact on our community. The renovations of Broadbent Park will produce exponential returns for the community and that is why I encourage you to consider fully funding Broadbent Park and restoring this community asset to a cornerstone destination.

Sincerely

Kyle Horvath, Director

150 6th Street • Ely, Nevada 89301 775 289-3720 • 800 496-9350 • Fax 775 289-6757

June 30, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

For your consideration to secure funding for the revitalization of Broadbent Park in Ely, Nevada through SNPLMA Round 19 funding.

Broadbent Park was not being utilized to the full potential after both high school football and baseball sports were being played at other locations. Several individuals starting working between themselves on how to use the Park to benefit the many different organizations and the groups promoting youth sports. As discussions ensued, it became apparent there was a need to get the community involved in what would be the best use of the facility.

It was approved by the Ely City Council to have a survey prepared and made available to the public for their thoughts and ideas. Through the efforts of Kyle Horvath, White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Director, and others, questions and ideas were reviewed over and over until a final list was put into survey form and submitted to the public.

The response from the public was amazing! 287 individuals responded with answers and suggestions of their own for turning Broadbent Park into a multi-use facility. The survey was presented to the Ely City Council, which gave the 'go ahead' to proceed with changes the public was requesting.

The revitalization of Broadbent Park will become a central gathering spot for not only locals, but the thousands of visitors to our fine City.

Thank you for your consideration as you review our project.

Sincerely,

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Jim Alworth Ely City Council Member

2021

To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider this letter in support of the attempt to secure funding for the revitalization of Broadbent Park in Ely, Nevada through SNPLMA Round 19 funding.

The Ely City Council has unanimously approved a Broadbent Park concept design, created by *Civil Science Engineers* which encompasses ideas from a public survey. The renovation of Broadbent Park will enhance the lives of White Pine County residents, as well as those that visit the area. The re-design shows a walking path that creates a safe place for all levels of exercise and age ranges to benefit from; a splashpad near the children's play area enhances their experience; playing fields preserve a venue where local youth sports teams can practice; an amphitheater provides entertainment for a variety of events; electrical system improvements make it easier to have community events with food trucks, sound systems and Holiday lighting, encouraging family interaction and connection with those in the community. Broadbent Park's revitalization includes basketball courts, horseshoe pits and areas for people to sit and enjoy visiting with friends and family. Upon completion of the renovation, Broadbent Park will become a place for Veterans, athletes, families, and all people of the community to enjoy. The renovation of Broadbent Park gives people living in our rural community a positive outlet for activities and will improve the quality of life for White Pine County residents.

*Civil Science Engineers*' cost opinion for a renovation of Broadbent Park is \$5,670,320.00. The quality of materials used, and the design of the park will create less maintenance in the long run by providing such things as LED lighting that will last longer and conserve energy. The design creates ease to maneuver mowers and maintenance equipment around for upkeep and maintenance. The City of Ely, with its proven track record of excellent park management, will be responsible for the maintenance on Broadbent Park.

We look forward to the opportunities and possibilities an award of SNPLMA Round 19 funding for the revitalization of Broadbent Park will bring to our rural community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

White Pine County



## Heritage Park Phase II - Recreation Center

Amount Requested: \$27,204,529

### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

White Pine County does not have a much indoor recreation (especially year round) available for residents and tourists. There is a need for indoor recreation as we do not have the warmest climate in Nevada - at times we can experience cold weather for eight months of the year. Being able to run, walk and exercise indoors during inclement weather is beneficial as it assists people in maintaining healthy lifestyles while promoting safety. With White Pine County as a tourist destination, it is also important for tourists to have entertainment alternatives should they arrive in our County and find that the weather is not cooperating with their outdoor activity plans.

This Round 19 Heritage Park Phase II – Recreation Center project is for the construction of a recreation center facility which supports Comprehensive Economic Development Goal No. 1 found within *White Pine County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) dated July 2020* where it reads "Foster a county-wide awareness of strategic thinking and planning in order to secure federal, state, and private funding for priority economic development projects that benefit the entire County." Further in the CEDS document there is discussion of the importance of and the need to develop recreational opportunities for both citizens and to promote tourism.

This proposed project is seeking SNPLMA funding for construction of a new recreation center building to expand recreational opportunities within the County benefiting both citizens and tourism. Go online at whitepinecounty.net/358/Community-Economic-Development to view or download the County's CEDS document.

Support for this project can be found through a recent online survey taken in June and July of 2021 (support letters are enclosed). In that survey 207 out of 209 residents were somewhat interested, very interested or extremely interested in the idea of having an indoor recreation facility voicing things such as "A great place for kids to focus their energy on, because there is not much in town for kids or family's to do in town year round" and "Keeping our community fit, healthy, and creating opportunities for many recreational activities available in all seasons is what excites me most about this center."

# 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

This Round 19 project for construction of a recreation facility is Phase 2 of the Round 18 White Pine County Heritage Park Acquisition and Construction (Project WP15, Priority 18-9) approved in October 2021. The Secretary approved \$24,606,829 to acquire three parcels for development of Heritage Park:

- ±3 acres (portion of APN 001-491-61) White Pine County parcel
- ±23 acres (APN 001-491-67) Lemich Family Trust offered for purchase
- ±24 acres (portion of APN 001-491-59) White Pine School District offered by donation

Round 18 funding will also fund the park design and construction. Because Phase 1 of this project requires the land acquisitions, the County may be able to combine the construction aspects of Phase 1 and this proposed Phase 2 that would potentially generate cost savings through economies of scale.

The Heritage Park parcels are located near the intersections of State Route (SR) 6 and Great Basin Boulevard (SR-50) in Ely, Nevada.

2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: This Round 19 project for the construction of the Heritage Park Recreation Center is a standalone project. White Pine County acknowledges that there is no guarantee or expectation that any future phases may be funded.

### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

This Round 19 proposed project will promote these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

- 1. <u>Sustainability:</u> Socially, the project will provide diverse programs and promote an inclusive atmosphere. Economically, the project will develop and expand recreation networks within the County attracting more visitors to the indoor and outdoor opportunities at Heritage Park. It will help increase tourism, attracting overnight visitors and new businesses and foster use by residents. The project will utilize energy efficient designs that will conserve energy and water, divert waste, and increase use of the vacant land Heritage Park was built on to attain environmental sustainability.
- 2. <u>Connectivity:</u> The Heritage Park project created a connectivity plan to address the need identified by the citizens for more recreational options in White Pine County. The location of the property in a generous neighborhood connects the County's Aquatic Center to the Ely Shoshone tribal land to the White Pine County High School Campus and Phase II will further promote this connectivity through increased utilization of the property. The County hopes in the future to connect this park and recreation center with other parks and schools in the area (the Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park, Ice Plant Canyon, Ely Broadbent Park and the future White Pine County grade school/middle school campus).
- 3. <u>Community:</u> This project will assist with tourism by providing visitors indoor options in the event of inclement weather during their stay. In doing this it will lead to developing marketing strategies and partnerships within the community as well as attracting visitors and promoting local amenities and public lands for both visitors and residents. The county looks to offer inclusion services and conduct assessments with persons with disabilities to ensure necessary accessibility for participation in recreation programs.

### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

White Pine County will design and construct a 35,000 square-foot recreation facility at Heritage Park located near the intersections of State Route (SR) 6 and Great Basin Highway (SR-50) in Ely, Nevada. This facility will provide an indoor gymnasium with 3 sports courts, 2 racquetball courts, weight room, gymnastic area, batting cages, 2 locker rooms, a suspended running track, and a multi-purpose recreational and social activity space. The Heritage Park Recreation Center project will provide year-round recreational opportunities that are currently not available in Ely.

### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. PRIMARY DELIVERABLES:
  - a. Parking Improvements
    - 1. Hot Mix Asphalt w/ Base (Parking)- 95,000 SF
    - 2. Concrete Sidewalk w/ Base- 4,000 SF
    - 3. Up to 10 Pedestrian Ramps w/ Bases
    - 4. Parking Curb & Gutter- 6,000 LF
    - 5. Cross Gutter w/ Base
    - 6. Raised Planter Box
    - 7. Parking Lot Lighting
  - b. Sewer Connection & Improvements
  - c. Water Connection & Improvements
  - d. Storm Drain System Improvements
  - e. Electrical Connection & Improvements Including Power Transformer
  - f. Irrigation Connection & Controller
  - g. ±10,000-SF Turf Grass Area w/ Irrigation
  - h. ±85,000-SF High Density Planter Area w/ Irrigation
  - i. New 35,000-SF Recreation Center Facility to include:
    - 1. ±6,000-SF Indoor Gym (3 Basketball/Multi-Purpose Courts)
    - 2. ±4,000-SF Indoor Suspended 3-Lane Running Track
    - 3.  $\pm 1,000$ -SF Gym Storage Area
    - 4. 2ea, ±2,000-SF Indoor Racquetball Courts (Yoga/Zumba Rooms)
    - 5. ±2,000-SF Indoor Weight Room
    - 6. ±4,000-SF Indoor Gym Area (Foam Pit/ Trampoline)
    - 7. ±4,000-SF Indoor Batting Cages/ Batting Area
    - 8. 2ea, ±1,500-SF Gender Specific Locker Rooms
    - 9. ±2,000-SF Indoor multi-purpose recreational space (i.e., pool billiard, socializing)
    - 10. ±4,000-SF Various spaces (i.e., mechanical, electrical, fire suppression)
  - j. 1ea Entry Sign & Monument
  - k. 1ea SNPLMA Project signage
- 2. <u>ANTICIPATED DELIVERABLES</u>: None.

- 3. <u>STANDARD DELIVERABLES</u>:
  - a. National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) consultation
  - Engineering design and technical reports; development of contracts, bidding and negotiating; construction management/oversight; budget/accounting; reporting; Commission approval process; public scoping/planning; inspections; mobilization & demobilization; traffic control & site security; construction staking & layout; materials sampling & testing; excavation; selective site demolition; signing & striping
  - c. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - d. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - e. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - f. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 39.142° / -114.521°

Congressional District(s): NV-4

### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The project will be completed within the standard 5 years for PTNA projects.

### **G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\Box$  Yes or- $\boxtimes$  No

Engineering contract award is expected to take approximately one year after receipt of funding. An initial assessment of the Heritage Park Phase I project during the SNPLMA Round 18 BLM consultation (as attached)—confirmed that the proposed project would have no impact to federal lands; this project would need BLM assistance to the County for National Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultation Section 106 under the National Historic Preservation Act. In addition, during Round 19 BLM consultation (see letter received before location change) the Local BLM office confirmed that the proposed project would have no impact to federal lands; this project would need BLM assistance to the County for National Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultation Section 106 under the National Historic Preservation

### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

If this project is funded, it is estimated that the operational costs would be approximately \$300,000 annually. This includes staffing, utilities, and operating supplies/expense. Estimates are based on the costs of other county facilities adjusting for size and purpose. There would be additional startup costs of \$85,000 for various pieces of exercise equipment not included in the costs of the construction. Replacement equipment over the life of the project would be included in annual budgets based on a replacement cycle appropriate to the types of equipment, utilization, and life cycles. The County, in submitting this application, has committed to funding ongoing operations and maintenance of the facility.

### I. PROJECT BUDGET

Clark County is seeking <u>\$27,204,529</u> in SNPLMA funds to complete the project. A breakdown of the estimated costs is enclosed below on the SF-424A budget category form.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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6. Object Class Categories		GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY								Total
	(1)		(2)	)	(3)		(4)			(5)
		SNPLMA Round								
		19 "Heritage								
		Park Phase II								
		- Recreation								
		Center"								
		Center								
		[]				<b></b>				
a. Personnel	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
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b. Fringe Benefits										
c. Travel										
		[]		[]						
d. Equipment										
	-									
e. Supplies										
				[						1
f. Contractual		27,117,050.00								27,117,050.00
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g. Construction										
h. Other		87,479.00								87,479.00
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i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)		27,204,529.00							\$	27,204,529.00
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j. Indirect Charges									\$	
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k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$	27,204,529.00	\$		\$		\$		\$	27,204,529.00
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7. Program Income	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
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#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

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### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

- 1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.
- A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: This project constructs new recreational amenities and athletic facilities that can benefit the community at a park approved in round 18 SNPLMA. The facility and its amenities will be inclusive to all individuals. This project also allows indoor recreation in the winter months when it is too cold outside which in some cases can be majority of the year in White Pine County. This project will add energy to areas of the community in need while improving the quality of life for the public, encourage physical and mental wellness and interaction with nature by being adjacent to open green spaces and multi-use trails. The Heritage Park Phase II will also provide the following specific benefits to:

- High school students by providing a safe recreational facility for students to walk to/ recreate in while staying near the school. This project also provides various sports/ recreation venues that will greatly benefit the students as they are adjacent to the school itself.
- The Ely Shoshone Tribe- The recreational facility will be located in Heritage Park adjacent to Ely Shoshone Tribe lands. Trails will connect tribal land to the recreational facility promoting connectivity between County and Tribal lands.
- Nearby Housing Developments- the 1-mile radius map shows that the new recreation facility will be in close proximity to low-income housing developments, tribal housing and other neighborhoods.

### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: Community recreation centers and parks have been drivers of positive outcomes within the public. Recreation centers support both a healthy lifestyle and community engagement through their fitness centers and active programming. A world without recreation is one that loses those benefits. White Pine County needs this project to help promote health and fitness to ALL members of the community. This project is believed to bring more tourist in to the community whether it be through events put on by the facility or just for recreation in the area they happen to be visiting, also generating revenue. This project will also increase the value of the vacant parcels and may also increase worth of other properties in the area.

### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Answer: Yes, White Pine County is a rural community and sports have a great impact on the youth and their families. Ely is very isolated, and for anyone to experience a facility as such, they would have to travel hours and get minimal participation. White Pine County is proud of the recreational parks and the outdoor opportunities that already exist; however, this project will take it a step further and allow both outdoor and indoor recreation to the public year-round.

D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Answer: For youth the objective is to provide young individuals with healthy options to spend their time which covers social, physical, and mental health. There is always a general sense of providing more for the youth to do in the community and this facility would be able to provide those opportunities to the community. Adults will now have more accessible and convenient options for exercise. Seniors' health can benefit from this project given the opportunity to be indoors and be active when the weather is not pleasant. Amenities such as indoor basketball/ volleyball courts, weight room/ machines, racquetball courts/ yoga and Zumba classes, indoor track, and much more will provide activities for the entire community all year round. This project more specifically would address safety concerns with the elderly and youth by allowing recreation out of freezing temperatures and hazardous weather conditions that can often occur at any time of year here in White Pine County.

E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: One barrier White Pine County faces when it comes to recreation is the adverse weather conditions throughout our winter months that quite frequently interfere with our fall and spring months. The community could use indoor recreation during these cold weather conditions when individuals would rather not participate in outdoor recreation. Another barrier in the community is the limited access to gymnasiums for recreational use, if any. All gymnasiums are utilized for the school districts and their sports teams.

- 2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
  - A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: This project is enhancing current recreational activities at Heritage Park that was approved in SNPLMA round 18. The recreation center will be utilized by the community for cultural, educational, and recreational purposes. There is plenty square footage available for amenities that can improve the community in many ways, not to mention the trail system out its front door that will provide connectivity to nearby parks in the future. White Pine County sees this project as one of many steps to achieving what the County is calling a recreational and cultural corridor. The goal is to eventually create legitimate trails systems allowing for the connection of the Broadbent Park, the Railroad Museum and Jack Caylor Park as well as potential other areas.

B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: Yes, this new recreation center will advance recreation opportunities by providing the public with a year-round, safe facility to recreate in. Clean, energy efficient design and materials will be utilized throughout the facility in order to enhance conservation stewardship within the County.

C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: The goal in this project is to be as sustainable as possible. White Pine County will work with engineers to create a modern, state-of-the-art recreational facility. Materials will be utilized that are durable and long-lasting. Efforts will be made to minimize the energy needed to operate the facilities and will utilize low flow plumbing fixtures in order to conserve water. Solar power and other alternative energy sources will be utilized when possible.

- D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment. Answer: Yes, a new, modern, user friendly, and safe facility will enhance the recreation experience. The project will provide more opportunities for the public to enjoy indoor experiences safely. Additionally, constructing this facility in Heritage Park will allow the public to enjoy the natural environment and open space that's around it. Ely has some of the most spectacular views which will be visible from this facility and surrounding Heritage Park. This project will allow opportunities to be indoor when the weather is too cold and permit recreation outdoors in Heritage Park when the weather is appropriate.
- 3. **<u>CONNECTIVITY</u>**: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

# A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: The objective for this project is to increase opportunities for the community by encouraging individuals to get out and be active with the numerous opportunities given by the Recreation Center. The location of this project in Heritage Park provides connection to nearby parks and schools in the future while using the indoor amenities when the weather is averse to using the outdoor amenities and recreational trails when the weather is pleasant. The project will be part of the cultural and recreational corridor that connects distinct components of the community and brings them together including the Ely Shoshone Tribal Lands with the County Aquatic Center and the White Pine High School Campus.

# A. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

Answer: Enhancing recreational opportunities and tourism is specifically addressed in the White Pine County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This Document can be found here:

### https://www.whitepinecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/6656/CEDS-JULY-2020-FINAL-DOCUMENT?bidId=

One of the priority economic development projects is: Investments in attractions and tourism generating facilities can be appropriate if the project has realistic potential to attract visitors from outside the County/region (see page 60). Although the recreational center is not likely

to be the sole reason for tourists to visit White Pine County, it provides for recreation in the event that outdoor activities are cancelled due to weather.

- <u>Goal 4</u>: Work with economic development agencies to identify and recruit new businesses. Use of renewable energy resources that create economic development and jobs in manufacturing, installation, and more.
- <u>Goal 8</u>: Develop a workforce plan to include partnerships with local industry, colleges and local high schools. This project could highly benefit our newer generations specifically in the workforce. It is possible to coordinate with the White Pine County High School that has a work study program. This would help with needed workforce through senior achievement community service hours.
- <u>Goal 10</u>: Enhance utilization of our already successful partnerships with federal and state agencies. This project has the potential to create economic growth and strengthen relationships with many of our federal and state agencies. One agency that this facility could coordinate with is The Nevada Division of Aging, and the Nevada Division of Emergency Management Partnering with SNPLMA and having a successful project such as this could really strengthened our already significant relationship with SNPLMA.

# B. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: This facility will bring opportunities such as tournaments and leagues for different sports all year long for the community. It will allow seasonal sports leagues for all sports; basketball, softball, gymnastics, volleyball, etc. Indoor track will be available all year round as well as a weight room facility. Heritage Park and the White Pine County Recreation Center will serve this particular area in the community and allow growth to an up and coming comprehensive cultural and recreational corridor at the southern end of Ely.

# C. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: The facility will be within close proximity to other recreational opportunities and schools not to mention a part of the County's largest outdoor recreational areas known as Heritage Park. Just walking distance for the community to enjoy more of what White Pine County has to offer. These parks and facilities are also surrounded by the White Pine County High School, Ely Shoshone Tribal Land, Great Basin College and more. An ideal area to encourage and teach the community to take part in outdoor activity including health and fitness.

D. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: This project would promote the importance of health and fitness in all ages and abilities. A recreation center will create opportunities for the underserved through events such as sport clinics/camps that have been funded by donations and community groups within the community. The youth and elderly are more likely to participate in recreation when having more options that include indoor and outdoor amenities and an inclusive diverse environment. This project more specifically would retain the elderly and youth by allowing

recreation out of freezing temperatures and hazardous weather conditions that can often occur at any time of year here in White Pine County.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
- A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: Yes. The project budget for the indoor recreation center project is \$27,204,529. Cost estimates were provided by an engineering firm with experience in the area, experience with similar project and who are familiar with local costs.

B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: This project will be useful to all communities and is not closed off to any particular demographic. Each person that resides in White Pine County would have the opportunity to utilize the recreation center, better yet, non-residents would likely utilize the amenities also. In an online survey taken in June and July of 2021, 207 out of 209 residents were somewhat interested, very interested or extremely interested in the idea of having an indoor recreation facility voicing things such as "A great place for kids to focus their energy on, because there is not much in town for kids or family's to do in town year round" and "Keeping our community fit, healthy, and creating opportunities for many recreational activities available in all seasons is what excites me most about this center". This project would also benefit residents of the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe who often utilize White Pine County facilities due to lack of facilities near them.

C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: One of the purposes for the project is to create a facility with material that minimize maintenance costs and energy. Structures and utilities will utilize material that can withstand the elements with minimal maintenance requirements when where possible (metal, turf, concrete, etc.). Revenue sources include locker rentals, pool table access, memberships, league team fees, and much more

- D. *Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).* Answer: White Pine County has already contributed \$7,500 toward planning and engineering costs for this project as well as hundreds of hours of County professional staff time.
- E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: White Pine County will work with our engineers on this project to incorporate value engineering to create the most modern and attractive facility possible with low maintenance material (e.g., concrete, metal, turf, natural vegetation, energy efficient lighting, etc.) and

incorporating technology for efficient use of utilities, to include solar lighting, motion censored lighting and more.

### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

- A. Executive Orders (EO):
  - 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. Answer: This EO is not applicable.
  - 2. EO No. 14004: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. Answer: Previous projects have shown that approximately 80%-100% of materials used in similar or nearby project have come from within the United States. The County plans to work with engineers and contractors to try to increase this number not only to ensure that the future is made in America, but to attempt to avoid extensive material lead times caused by shipping from overseas or across borders.
- B. Secretarial Orders
  - 1. *SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.* Answer: This SO seeks to expand outdoor recreational opportunities for current and future generations while managing habitat. This project will provide an abundance of new indoor recreational opportunities in Heritage Park for both residents and visitors to White Pine County. It will draw more people to the park, increasing traffic and encouraging additional interaction in the green spaces.
  - 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Answer: This SO seeks to expand recreational opportunities on public lands. This project will create a large public facility with recreational opportunities of different types allowing for different skill levels. Opportunities for activities include weightlifting, running, basketball, yoga, gymnastics, and generally enjoying physical fitness.
  - 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: This EO is not applicable.
  - 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Answer: This EO is not applicable.
  - 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: This SO encourages assisting Americans to experience the outdoors within their local communities. The recreation center at Heritage Park will draw more people to an area that provides abundant outdoor and indoor opportunities to resident's

right in our community. In addition, league teams, many of which bring visitors from large urban areas, will be able to enjoy the facility as well as Heritage Park where they will be able to view surrounding mountain range, amazing sunsets, and rare dark skies. Additionally, locals will not have to travel hundreds of miles to utilize a similar facility and can use local recreation instead.

- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: This EO is not applicable. Enter text response here
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: This EO is not applicable.
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and *Recreation Act*. Answer: This EO is not applicable.
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: This EO is not applicable.
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
- 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: This project proposes to utilize solar powered dark sky compliant lighting around the exterior of the facility to reduce energy costs and impact to the environment. In locker rooms and bathrooms, water-saving devices on sinks and shower heads can be used. Automatic shutoffs on sinks will also save water. Waterless urinals and dual flush toilets will also cut down on water usage.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: An important objective of this project is to bring the community together using resources, training, and other forms of support to create strong working relationships with the tribal nations. Because of the nearby Native American Land, The project may also include interpretative and informational signage. This will inform the users of the history and culture of the immediate area surrounding the recreational center and park.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of familysupporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: With a project as significant as the one proposed short term union jobs will be available during the construction process. Long term jobs will also be available for maintenance and staffing needs for the facility. These permanent positions are represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO. Seasonal staffing positions will also support local families' short term. New Generations in the workforce will have opportunity through the White Pine County School District work study program.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: The location for this project is upgrading a current recreational facility thus conserving land for public use in perpetuity. In addition, the new facility will utilize water-saving devices on sinks and shower heads, automatic shutoffs on sinks, waterless urinals and dual flush toilets to cut down on water usage. This will conserve water in the Great Basin for future generations.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: This facility promotes the quality of being fair and impartial towards individuals who are vulnerable, diverse, or have experienced health disparities. For all kids in low-income communities to have access to sports, programs will be designed with the needs of all kids in mind. This includes females, differently abled people, and people who suffer from prevalent health concerns such as obesity. In addition, this facility will be near low housing development projects and Native American Tribal Housing.

D. Forest Service Priorities:

### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: This project provides an inside running track and other activities for solo and distanced recreation to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Preventative measures can be

incorporated in the design of the indoor recreation facility such as antimicrobial hardware and paint throughout the facility will also address COVID-19 mitigation. As with any Gym type facility, sanitation stations, wipes and restrooms will allow for sanitation of individuals and equipment. State of the art HVAC systems will also be incorporated into the design. Additionally, this project combats the aftereffects of COVID-19 such as depression due to isolation and other mental and physical illnesses onset by the pandemic by allowing social interaction and physical activity.

#### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: This project is believed to bring more tourists in to the community whether it be through events put on by the facility or just for recreation in the area they happen to be visiting, also, generating revenue. This project will also increase the value of the vacant parcels and may also increase worth of other properties in the area.

#### 3. Tackling climate change

Answer: The park encourages appreciation for our climate by including energy efficient irrigation system that will use up to thirty percent (30%) less water and energy efficient lighting that will reduce the carbon footprint of the facility. The new facility will utilize water-saving devices on sinks and shower heads, automatic shutoffs on sinks, waterless urinals and dual flush toilets to cut down on water usage. This will conserve water in the Great Basin for future generations. Additionally, it encourages nearby residents to walk or ride a bike to a nearby park rather than driving a car across town to find a safe park to recreate at thus reducing emissions.

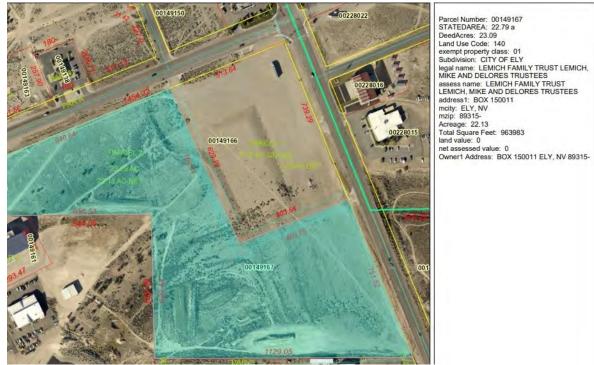
### 4. Advancing racial equity

Answer: White Pine County is an equal opportunity employer and provider. Not only does this mean that there will be no discrimination against those utilizing the facility, but those that staff the facility will not be discriminated against as well. White Pine County as a whole is a very inclusive community in all regards. Sports, recreation and physical activity is something that people of all ethnic backgrounds can and do enjoy. Whether users are local or travelers, they can feel at ease knowing that the community and more specifically this facility will see them as equals.

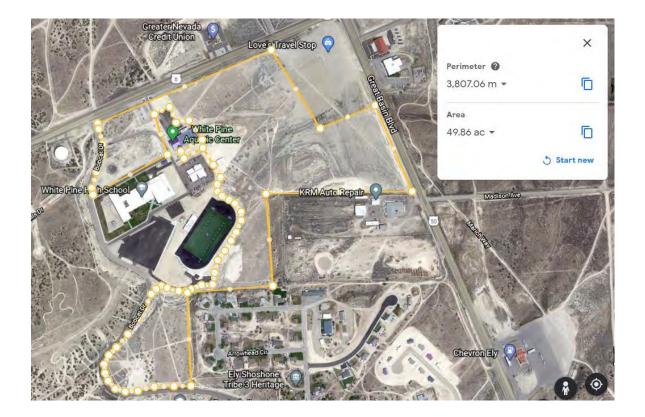
#### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

Answer: White Pine County needs this project to help promote health and fitness to ALL members of the community. Having strong, healthy employees is essential to a stable workforce. Studies have shown that kids who are involved in sports are more likely to learn good ethics to bring into the workforce. This facility will provide opportunity to learn and teach a multitude of sports to youth who will soon join the workforce. This will result in young adults with preparedness for the future, higher GPA's, time management skills, more positivity, better health and wellness, teamwork , leadership and collaboration skills that they will be able to contribute to the workforce. This in turn will create a more collaborative work environment for all.

### **Aerial Location Map - 23-acre Parcel**



SNPLMA Round 18 approved acquisition parcel (in progress) ±23 acres (APN 001-491-67) - Lemich Family Trust offered for purchase



Aerial Overview - Site Location Heritage Park Recreation Center



• +/- 23 acre (APN 001-491-67) - Lemich Family Trust offered for purchase (see above)

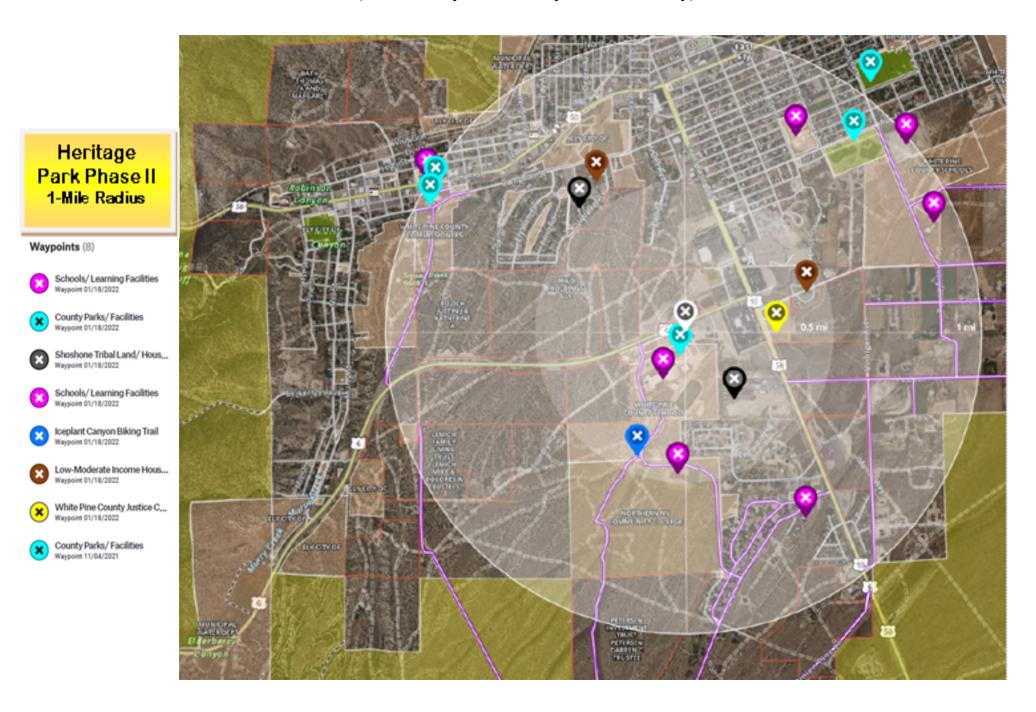
• +/- 24 acres (APN 001-491-59 portion of) - White Pine School District offered by donation (see above)





### **SNPLMA Strategic Plan Values Map**

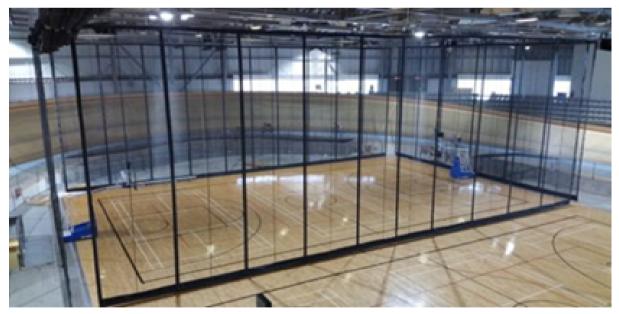
(sustainability, connectivity, and community)



### **Exhibit 1: Samples of Recreational Facility Spaces**



xample 1: Suspended 3-Lane unning Track over an indoor multi-use courts



*xample* : *Indoor multi-use courts* 



Example 3: Indoor Gymnastic/Trampoline Area



xample 4: Indoor ym Area (Foam/Trampoline)



xample 5: Batting Cages

### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Heritage Park Phase II - Recreation Center

### **Performance Measures**

### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	* <b>Report the number of acres</b> of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. * <i>Report to the nearest whole acre</i> .	35 acres of new park/ recreational area constructed
<b>R3</b> - Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. *Report each facility or structure as one unit.	<ul> <li>21 total new recreational facilities/structures constructed</li> <li>4 basketball Courts</li> <li>Running track</li> <li>2 racquetball courts</li> <li>Weight room</li> <li>Gymnastics room</li> <li>Batting cage area</li> <li>Multi-purpose space</li> </ul>
R4- Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. *Report to the nearest whole mile.	0
<ul><li><b>R5</b> - PTNA Land Acquired</li><li><b>R6</b> – PTNA Rights of Way or</li></ul>	<ul> <li>*Report acres of land acquired in fee for development of a park, trail, or natural area. Do not report acres of easements or rights of way that encumbered the property when acquired.</li> <li>*Report to the nearest whole acre.</li> <li>*Report the acres of rights of way or easements</li> </ul>	0
Easements	<b>acquired</b> for a PTNA project.* <i>Report to the nearest</i> whole acre.	U

SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community								
Other Performance Measures	<b>Definition of Performance Measures</b>	Quantity						
<ul> <li>O6 - Number of New</li> <li>Interpretive or Education</li> <li>Publications/Signs/</li> <li>Kiosks/Displays/etc.</li> <li>Produced</li> <li>O8 - Buildings or Facilities</li> <li>that Support Green</li> <li>Sustainable Design and</li> <li>Construction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed. *<i>Report each item produced as one unit</i>.</li> <li>*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable. *<i>Report each building or facility as one unit</i></li> </ul>	Approximately 5 new: 1 SNPLMA project sign 1 Facility sign 3 interpretative/educational signs 21 %						
O12 – Number of Management Plans/Handbooks/Manuals/ Guides for Activity on Public Lands Completed	<ul> <li>*Report the number of new or revised ecosystem restoration, hazardous fuels reduction, recreation, cultural, resource management, or other activity plans when the decision document for the plan is signed. Revisions include modification of a significant portion of the decisions in the activity plan. Do not report minor amendments or changes in these plans.</li> <li>*Report each plan as one unit.</li> </ul>	0						

### **BLM Consultation Letter**



### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Ely District Office 702 North Industrial Way Ely, Nevada 89301 https://www.blm.gov/nevada

In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVL000) SEP 0 3 2020

Commissioner Chair Richard Howe 801 Clark Street, Suite 4 Ely, NV 89301

Dear Chairman Howe:

The Bureau of Land Management, Ely District is providing this letter to White Pine County in response to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Park, Trail and Natural Areas (PTNA) Round 18 federal consultation requirements.

Based on our consultation meeting on August 18, 2020 and the follow up documents you provided on August 24, 2020, the District has made an initial evaluation of the three projects impacts on Federal land and determined the following for each project:

- <u>NNRY McGill Depot Track Restoration</u>: no impacts to Federal land; this project will need National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) process. The Ely District can assist with this process and coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
- <u>Heritage Park</u>: no impacts to Federal land; this project will need National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) process. The Ely District can assist with this process and coordination with SHPO.
- <u>White Pine County Fairgrounds Upgrade</u>: no impacts to Federal land; this project will need National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) process. The Ely District can assist with this process and coordination with SHPO.

When you are approved for funding, please contact Ely District Special Legislation Program Manager Mindy Seal at (775) 293-2503 or <u>mseal@blm.gov</u> to coordinate support in implementing your project(s).

Best wishes on your nominations and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Robbie J. McAboy Ely District Manager

Richard Howe, Chairman Travis Godon, Vice Chairman Shane Bybee, Commissioner Ian Bullis, Commissioner Laurie L. Carson, Commissioner

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## White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

October 27th, 2021

Michelle Leiber Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Mrs. Leiber,

Please find enclosed White Pine County's nominations for consideration of funding under Round 19 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act. Included within this submittal are three unique projects highlighting the depth and variety of projects that the County would like to embark on. These projects are listed below in the order of the County's prioritization of them.

- The first nomination is for the Marich Fields Upgrade Project. A project that will continue serving the community and visitors by providing safe, reliable, clean, low maintenance, ease-of-use facilities for traditional and future recreational opportunities, by constructing a pay to use batting cage area, and upgrade, replace or refurbish infrastructure at the Marich Fields facility in Ely, Nevada.
- 2. The second nomination is for the Broadbent Park Multi-Use Redesign Project. Broadbent Park Multi-use Park is and will continue to be located at the west end of Ely via US 50 and will be accessible to all residents of White Pine County and those coming to visit providing expansion of activities for the mental, physical, and social well-being of those individuals. The park redesign will provide a renewed excitement and positive impact for individuals that utilize the park and for generations to come.
- 3. The third nomination is for the White Pine County Fairgrounds Recreational Center Project. The County's goal is to provide the community with a variety of quality programs, activities and facilities. This will create positive experiences by providing both leisure activities and recreational programs that fulfill the needs of the community, no matter age, gender, or status and create lasting memories. The County will do this by developing an indoor recreational center as well as outdoor amenities surrounding the facility.

White Pine County would like to thank you for your time and consideration of these nominations.

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Richard Howe, Chairman



## WHITE PINE COUNTY TOURISM AND RECREATION BOARD

Bristlecone Convention Center & Visitors Bureau

11/1/2021

Bureau of Land Management SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr Las Vegas, NV 89301

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kyle Horvath. I am the Director of Tourism for White Pine County, Nevada. I am writing you in support of a SNPLMA Round 19 project submitted by White Pine County to build an Indoor Community/Recreation Center.

Winters are long, cold, and dark in Ely, Nevada. Physical and social activities are limited during those winter months. Staying active and social has a direct effect on a person's physical and mental health. A community recreation center is a missing component to our goal of a healthy community. A modern facility like this will help develop youth sports and provide opportunities for activities for seniors. In addition, having an indoor recreation center will support our economy by allowing us to pursue sports tourism opportunities by hosting regional tournaments for sports like volleyball, basketball, and wrestling. Ely is needing population growth and a quality of life asset like this becomes a draw for families looking to relocate to the area.

My board, lodging properties, and local businesses all appreciate the past support for essential SNPLMA projects. They truly have had a huge impact on our community. A healthy, active, and engaged community is a valuable goal for any community. A space that the community can gather during the long winter months is essential for physical and mental health. Thank you for your consideration to fully fund this very important project.

Sincerely,

Kyle Horvath, Director

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### ELY RECREATIONAL CENTER

Hello,

I am in favor of the purposed recreational center, I have children that would us this weekly and will be another source for them to stay busy.

Thank you

Tyler Robinson

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the proposed Rec Center in White Pine County.

As a volunteer of many youth sport programs and active in adult sports in our community and as a father of 5 children I see a need for a facility for all residents in our community. Over the years coaching I have seen a need for more facilities do to not having enough facilities for our youth sporting programs. Due to the weather we struggle to conduct out door programs in the winter and spring months and don't have many options for indoor facilities during inclement weather to train or practice. Offseason sports training during these months is hard due to not have enough indoor facilities.

I am a coach for the White Pine Jr Wrestling team this sport is a winter sport and we practiced at the old armory. When we were no longer able to use this facility we struggled to find a place to practice and this caused us to limit the number of youth in our community that could participate due to space limitations. On a normal year we would have 40-50 youth participate during this time we had to cut it down to 25 max this was a disservice to the youth of our community.

I believe that the more things we have available for people of all ages to do the better the community will be. Building a rec center will help in facilitating that.

Kind Regards,

November 3, 2021

SNPLMA Round 19 - Letter of Support - White Pine Athletic Recreation Center Proposal

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter supporting the proposal for the White Pine Athletic Recreation Center being submitted to SNOLMA by Heather Hamilton and Nick Lopez.

Being a resident of White Pine County for the last four years, I can confidently say that this proposal would positively affect Ely, Ruth, and McGill's combined communities. This impact would be the greatest on the community of various youth due to increased athletic and social events, but would greatly benefit all residents with the potential for year round activities. Having lived in diverse communities around the United States, I have seen many prosperous cities and small towns use a community-provided recreation center to great success. Investing in communities with a long history and a bright future is always an excellent thing for government funding, and I hope you will put the needed consideration into this proposal.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Heather Hamilton and Nick Lopez as they seek funding to accomplish the recreation center that can positively affect White Pine County's resident's daily lives significantly.

Sincerely,

an Gunn White Pine County Resident

To whom it may concern:

Your approval and support of building a Recreational center would be greatly appreciated. I think a recreational center would be very useful for white pine county residents and people passing through.

The recreational center would be very useful and accommodating for the community to give them activities year round. The recreational center would benefit the athletes at all levels and give them the opportunity to practice in and out of the season. The recreational center would help out huge with all sports including little league baseball/softball, cheer, gymnastics, baseball, wrestling basketball, dance, and track at all levels. It would also motivate members that want to participate in activities to start becoming healthier. We all know how the weather of White Pine County participates in the winter/ spring months with youth and high school sports. The recreational center would also benefit the public by giving the community another location for party's and extracurricular activities. I also feel that the recreational center would help the youth be more active and want to participate in sports instead of hanging out on the streets of down town getting involved in illegal activities such as narcotics, drinking alcohol and vandalism.

I fully support this recreational center.

I would appreciate you give consideration to the youth, and adults of white pine county by building a recreational center for White Pine County.

Thank you,

Nick Lopez

1/3/21

To whom it may concern

I Thomas Edwards would love to see a recreation center in Ely or White Pine County I have been a resident here for all of 40 years and in the forty years I have witnessed a lot of Young residents get into life changing trouble with drugs and alcohol including myself We need to give them something to do and help them build structure and somewhere to go And be a part of get them off the streets and out of the house let them be kids again The youth is our future let's build on that

Sincerely

**Tom Edwards** 

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To whom it may concern:

As a lifelong resident of Ely, born and raised, I am in favor of the proposed recreational facility for the community. There are so many benefits to having access to a facility of this caliber in our community, there are benefits for all.

Ely has long winters with unpredictable weather and it can be difficult to get outside during these months. This facility would provide all residents of all age's additional options to get out and get active during the colder months. Although there are some options to get out, not all enjoy being in inclement weather. This facility would open the door to so many more options and for so many more residents.

Being involved with USA Wrestling, we have struggled every year to find a location for the kids to practice. In the past we have found locations some attached to businesses with no heat using space heaters that barely heat the room and power kicking out during practice. Other locations, we have had to work around High School and Middle School practices including, Basketball, wrestling, cheerleading and baseball. Because of this, we have had to schedule practices after theirs, keeping these young kids (some as young as 4), out till 8:00pm on school nights. This recreational facility would benefit all active sports programs, providing several options to accommodate all and would encourage more participation from kids.

Growing up in Ely, we did not have this facility and now being an adult with three kids, this facility would benefit the community for generations to come. This facility would be a place for kids to go for friendship, family's to go to stay close and in developing a healthy active lifestyle to all.

I support this recreational facility fully.

Russell Reed Alph 11-3-2021

#### **Ely Recreation center**

I am in favor of the proposed recreation center. I have lived in small towns that are isolated from bigger cities. These small mining towns are lacking after school activities that keep kids or young adults busy. A recreation center will keep a lot of kids off the streets and out of trouble.

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To Whom it May Concern:

Your approval and support of building a Recreation Center in Ely is greatly appreciated. I think it would be great to have a place like that to go to.

I was born and raised in Ely, my kids were born and raised in Ely and it would have been great to have a Rec center for them to use and appreciate while growing up. Thank God they were in sports from the time they were toddlers and were able to use the minimal facilities available during their school years.

Fast forward a few years and they of course have shifted into their own lives but even so...when they come back to Ely for a visit, they like to catch up with old friends and go play basketball, soccer, volleyball, etc. and this would allow them to be able to do that.

I saw a draft of what the Rec Center would entail and it is ideal. To include a playground for children is masterful beings this would allow parents to bring their children with them if they should want to lift weights, run laps, play tennis, or indulge in a yoga or aerobics session. The capabilities are endless and can only be a win, win situation for our community.

I support the construction of the Recreation Center 150% and will help with whatever is needed if I can. This addition to our community is long overdue and will only enhance the value and growth of our town and county.

Sincerely,

Angie (DiCianno) Holloway Resident of Ely and White Pine County

November 4, 2021

#### **RE: White Pine County Recreation Center**

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to provide my strong support and endorsement for the *White Pine County Recreation Center*, a dedicated, 40,000 sq ft facility. I believe that the Rec Center will have a positive effect on our community by providing exciting new recreational opportunities that promote positive, healthy, and active outdoor and indoor lifestyles, for our local youth, parents, and families in addition to providing a significant economic impact to our community.

Ely is unique in that the average temperature in winter months is 40 degrees for the high and 11 degrees for the low. In fact, our low temperatures are only above freezing for five months of the year. To say an indoor recreation center would be vastly used, is an understatement, when seven months of the year, it is too cold to be outside. However, most people are drawn to Ely for the recreational aspect of it: hiking, fishing, biking, etc.; but what if these people could remain active year around, not just from May-September? Besides a bowling league in town, there are no other league opportunities for adults during those winter months. A Rec Center would be ideal for adults of all ages to come together for various league activities or tournaments, as well as just wanting to stay active.

WPC Rec Center will not only be a much-needed reprieve for community members of all ages during those cold days, but also serve a great need in our community for more gym space. As a former White Pine County School District Board Member, I know firsthand the toll of having limited places for athletics to practice takes on not only our coaching staff, but more importantly, on the student athletes. From wrestling to cheerleading, basketball to volleyball, these students work tirelessly all day long at school then have a late practice to accommodate all the practice time needs, then go home and do homework, just to start it all over again the next day. This Rec Center will help give those student athletes a much better schedule that is important for their physical health and mental health as well.

Lastly, Ely's size is also a double-edged sword in that it's a strong factor that draws people here to raise their families, but it lacks in amenities for those kids to do. A Rec Center would be a great place for kids to play, hang out with friends, and keep occupied, rather than sitting idly at home. It would also be the perfect spot for families to have their children's birthday parties as it is large enough with plenty of various, fun activities.

In closing, I strongly support this project and feel that it could greatly benefit our community and become a model for rural towns across the nation. Our community is one that enjoys being active and engaged and having a Rec Center would be the perfect outlet for that.

Sincerely,

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposal for a recreation center in White Pine County. I am the director of Magic Carpet Preschool. We would absolutely love to be able to take our three, four, and five-year-old students on field trips to the rec center. We would be happy to promote the rec center for after school activities that families could do with their children. Physical activity promotes healthy grow and development. Being able to use such facilities could help our young learners develop an early love and appreciation for physical health and wellbeing. Children under six are still learning how to use and control their motor skills. Allowing them time outside on the playground and riding bikes is great, but cannot compare to an entire facility promoting movement.

I played four years of colligate basketball at Western New Mexico University. I have coached basketball camps for four to six year olds. I was also a middle school basketball coach for two years. I am extremely interested in volunteer coaching. Personally, I would use the facility three to five times a week. I enjoy running indoors, playing sports, swimming, and weightlifting.

The benefits for a recreation center in White Pine County are immeasurable. It will allow people to create social bonds, it will build a strong, safe and inclusive community; but even more so, it will give our youth a place to freely express and provide them safe entertainment. It will give people a place to socially interact, volunteer, endure civic pride and intentionally live better lives.

It is of great pleasure to write in support of a recreation center in White Pine County. I would love to help in any way I can.

Kind Regards,

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Amanda Tucker Director of Magic Carpet Preschool <u>MCPamandatucker@gmail.com</u> (575) 640-8242

#### To Whom It May Concern,

I, Lexie Brown, owner of Elyte Tumbling and Cheer would like to formally support the proposal for an athletic recreation center in White Pine County. I have been an athlete, coach, and owner associated with Elyte Tumbling and Cheer for over ten years. Our program has and continues to create well rounded and strong athletes with very limited resources and equipment. We have been extremely fortunate to find facilities to rent to keep our program moving forward, but unfortunately the spaces we have rented have not always been ideal.

As an athlete I traveled out of town multiple times to work in other facilities that offer trampolines, foam pits, and other equipment needed to further my tumbling, in a way I could not have done with our equipment and facilities at the time. As a coach and owner we have traveled out of town with our teams for camps as well as performance practices, as our currently facility doesn't provide enough room for a full size competitive floor. Our current facility also doesn't have the ceiling space to safely perform many of the stunts that we need for our competitive routines. This requires moving mats outside or to the upstairs portion of the building so that we can safely practice certain stunts. We are currently scheduling a camp out of town to a trampoline park that would benefit my athletes in teaching air awareness on more difficult skills.

As the owner of Elyte Tumbling and Cheer we would utilize the facilities presented in the athletic recreation center proposal in many ways. Firstly, the trampoline and foam pit proposal would provide a wonderful benefit that we would utilize often. Second, the weight room is an area my older athletes could continue to progress and would be excited to use. Third, we would definitely be interested in the possibility of renting square footage from the building as our permanent location if that was a possibility. The space and ceiling height would be perfect for the sport of cheer and tumbling as a full size competitive floor is 42x54 ft.

I hope you will take our program into consideration in the proposal for this amazing facility. It would be an asset to every sports group, club, youth group, etc. in our community for years to come.

Thank you,

Lexie Brown

**Elyte Tumbling and Cheer LLC** 

775-293-1328

In June 2017, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving White Pine County opened its first location serving approximately 50 members. Since then, the Club has grown to five sites housed in local schools and now serves over 550 members annually ranging in age from 5-18. The Club is open 5 days a week, 51 weeks a year to inspire and enable youth, especially those who need us most, to become responsible, productive, and caring citizens. At every Club site, we offer after school and school break programming where youth will find quality programs and caring mentors to help them improve academically, build character and establish healthy habits.

While our Club continues to grow, in number of youth served and locations served, we remain committed to our core mission of serving those who need us most. This means keeping program fees low, offering an aggressive scholarship program, and *never turning a child away due to the inability to pay. Ever.* 

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows understands that talent is something that is present in all communities; opportunity may not be. The Club strives to give their members a world class experience by exposing them to programs that fall under our five core areas: Education & Career Development; Character & Leadership Development; Sports, Fitness & Recreation; Health & Life Skills; and the Arts, where we introduce youth to various art mediums including pastels, clay, watercolors, various drawing styles, and photography. The Club encourages healthy eating and exercise by providing fresh fruits and veggies daily and keeping our members active playing various recreation sports, yoga, and outdoor excursions. The Club also provides STEM projects, and programs that include giving back to the community and encourage teamwork and foster higher level thinking.

The Club supports youth and teens in a multi-faceted way including providing members with nutritious meals to battle the food insecurities in our area. We also help members acquire backpacks, supplies and clothes year round and offer the Strengthening Families program multiple times a year to aid parents and guardians. With a safe, fun and affordable place to send their children, parents and caregivers can head back to work and make our community better.

The Club would benefit from and athletic recreation center in many ways. This avenue would directly support a key tier in our priority outcome initiative – healthy lifestyles. The various activities like indoor basketball, running track, and batting cages are all incredible additions to the community. The foam pit/trampoline portion is the most intriguing to our group as we have seen this be a top field trip destination at our sister sites located in Reno, NV.

The Boys & Girls Club completely supports this project and would frequently use it should it come to fruition.

# Support Petition for an Athletic Recreation Center in White Pine County

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### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**Clark County** 



### Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields

Amount Requested: \$28,289,290

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Hollywood Regional Park is located on the northeast corner of Sahara Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, at 1650 S. Hollywood Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada, within T-R-S: 21-62-2, APN: 161-02-301-004 in the town of Sunrise Manor. The site is BLM-administered public land leased to Clark County (NVN-66293) pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act. Clark County submitted an amended Plan of Development (POD) to the BLM upon renewal of this lease with an updated design and management plan. However, the County will submit any other changes to the POD prior to initiating any additional changes or new construction. Further, Clark County will not use invasive plant species for the proposed park landscaping.

This project is an expansion of a current Hollywood Regional Park site improvements project, which includes a previously funded SNPLMA trail approved with Round 17. We do not anticipate any aspects of the deliverable will be impacted by the final design, engineering studies or public scoping.

- 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases: The proposed multi-use four-plex is an additional phase of the current design and construction project of Hollywood Park Site Improvements, which includes the previously funded SNPLMA project for a 1.25-mile walking trail (approved with Round 17). The multi-use four-plex will connect directly to SNPLMA trails to expand the trail and walking path network in Hollywood Regional Park.
- 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future **phases**: This project is a stand-alone project and Clark County acknowledges no guarantee for funding future phases.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

This Round 19 proposed project will promote these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

1. <u>Sustainability</u>: This project will foster sustainability through an interaction with the natural environment by connecting area residents to the outdoors, thereby improving the quality of their lives, opportunities, and life experiences. The project will also utilize sustainable materials such as LED lighting that will lower energy and maintenance costs.

- 2. <u>Connectivity:</u> The Multi-Use Fields Four Plex will connect directly to paved paths & trails within the park, including the SNPLMA-awarded 1.25 Hollywood Regional Park Walking Trail.
- 3. <u>Community</u>: This project focuses on providing community recreational opportunities in an underserved area within a mostly undeveloped urban park setting. The multi-use fields will encourage healthy lifestyles by providing a formal facility for exercise and physical activity.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Clark County will design and construct a  $\pm 23$ -acre multi-use field complex at the Hollywood Regional Park, located along the easterly edge of the Las Vegas Valley, east of Hollywood Boulevard and north of Sahara Avenue in Clark County, Nevada. The complex will include multi-use turf fields (baseball as basis of design), covered dug outs, a remote-controlled digital scoreboard, bleachers with shade covers, restrooms, parking lot, LED lighting and open turf areas for park patron gatherings with multiple picnic pavilions among other park amenities. The multi-use fields will enhance recreational opportunities for an underserved area and encourage healthy lifestyles by providing a formal facility for exercise and physical activity.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. Primary Deliverables:
  - a. Construct a multi-use field complex consisting of 4 turf fields (baseball as basis of design with 60-, 70- & 80-ft. base lines and home plate to back stop distance of 25 ft.).
  - b. Two (2) covered dug outs for each field that are enclosed at each end and the rear, and with protective fencing on the front facing the field.
  - c. One (1) set of infields base stops (1) pitching rubber and (1) home plate.
  - d. Two (2) bull pens for pitcher warm-up, incorporated safely into the sideline fencing.
  - e. One (1) remote controlled, digital scoreboard
  - f. 6 ft. high outfield fence with wind screen, a yellow top rail coverings and a solid batter's eye at the center of the outfield fence.
  - g. 8 ft. high green vinyl chain-link fencing for sideline fence with 12-foot-wide maintenance access gates at both sides of the field.
  - h. Eight (8) metal foul poles (Two (2) for each field) that extend vertically upward a minimum of 10 feet from the top of the outfield fence where the foul line intersects the home run fence.
  - i. Two (2) sets of 6-row bleachers for spectators for each field.
  - j. (2) shade structures to cover bleachers for each field.
  - k. Minimum three (3) foot solid block at the base of the backstops.
  - 1. Four (4) warning tracks (dirt areas between the grass and outfield fence) in front of the outfield and sideline fences, a minimum of 16 feet in width.
  - m. LED sport lighting and light levels consistent with 50-ft-candles (infield) and 30-ftcandles (outfield), specifics to be determined during design (typically 5 to 6 light poles per field).
  - n. Additional Roadway extension to complete interior park road loop (42,000-SF)

- o. Prefabricated 525-SF concrete restroom building with four (4) stalls with flush toilets and two (2) sinks on each side and one (1) lockable storage room, one (1) roll-up door and one (1) regular door and one (1) lockable pipe chase space down the middle.
- p. 8,500-SF separate fenced materials yard located outside the four-plex.
- q. Two (2) separate and protected players warm up areas.
- r. Landscaping with appropriate trees and shrub materials; and shaded centralized tree plaza and turf areas for spectators within the complex.
- s. ±185,000-SF parking lot to accommodate traffic for four fields on game days, with LED lighting and landscaping including wide planters to break up the expansive asphalt, quantity of lighting & wide planters to be determined with design.
- t. One (1) dedicated pick-up and drop-off zone.
- u. One (1) dedicated area for food trucks or vendors.
- v. Up to three (3) on-site pedestrian signalization and crosswalks.
- w. 300-LF x 10-ft-wide concrete walkways that connect to the parking lot, existing baseball complex to the north and to the previously funded SNPLMA trail with direct pedestrian routes and ADA accessibility.
- x. LED pathway and security lighting throughout complex and under shade structures.
- y. Two (2) open turf areas for park patron gatherings with multiple picnic pavilions.
- z. Standard park identification and rules signage
- aa. Eight (8) educational or interpretive signage to inform park patrons of the natural surroundings (to be determined with design).
- bb. Four (4) trash receptacles.
- 2. <u>Anticipated Deliverables (to be based on final planning/design)</u>:
  - a. Additional two (2) trash receptacles.
  - b. Additional two (2) educational or interpretive signs.
  - c. Four (4) picnic tables.
  - d. Eight (8) benches.
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Design, engineering, surveying, construction drawings, technical reports, cultural review, field inspections, drainage, utilities, soil or other analysis, grading, permits, site improvements, costs to repair irrigation system or landscaping damaged during new amenity construction, public input meetings, staff and management reviews, professional service fees, contract administration, and other necessary expenses.
  - b. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - c. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - d. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - e. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.56959915° / -115.67900085°

Congressional District(s): NV-4

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The project will be completed within the standard 5 years for PTNA projects.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\square$  Yes -or-  $\square$  No

A NEPA Review/Environmental Assessment for R&PP leased lands (N-66293) where the project is located was completed in 2001 and Section 106 compliance was approved BLM Archeologists on June 22, 2021, as part of the previously funded Round 17 SNPLMA trail project.

Additionally, the application was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on November 2, 2021. Clark County has set up a design and construction process to implement multiple park and trail projects funded by SNPLMA. This process will allow the County to quickly respond to the Special Account Funds Notice and submit the paperwork necessary to obtain the Financial Assistance Agreement from the BLM. We would also be able to immediately start the project once the Financial Assistance Agreement is executed and easily begin the project within one year of receipt of the Special Account Funds Notice and complete the project within 6 years.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Standard maintenance costs for the project as well as other County facilities include site inspections, litter cleanup, repair or replacement of all project components, when necessary, graffiti mitigation, etc. County staff prepared the cost estimates for O&M for the project and related amenities. These costs are based on industry trends and the County's historical data. Clark County addresses operation and maintenance costs for all projects on an annual basis. Once completed, operation and maintenance costs for this project will be incorporated into the annual budget for all park and recreational facilities. Maintenance of the facility will be accomplished by the Clark County Department of Real Property Management. Estimated annual O&M costs for this project is approximately \$10,061 per acre annually.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

Clark County is seeking \$28,289,900 in SNPLMA funds to complete the project. A breakdown of the estimated costs is enclosed below on the SF-424A budget category form.

<u>Partnership and/or Contributed Funds:</u> Clark County will provide a minimum of \$15,000 of inkind expenditures in the form of staff labor from salaried employees. The amount is based on 242 hours (over a 5-year period) at an average salary/benefits rate of \$62.18. At least 4 meetings a month, available for site visits and time to complete administrative support.

#### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories		GRANT PROGRAM, F	FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY		Total
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	SNPLMA-Round 19 Nomination-Hollywood Regional Park Multi- Use Fields				
a. Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
b. Fringe Benefits					
c. Travel					
d. Equipment					
e. Supplies					
f. Contractual	28,134,900.00				28,134,900.00
g. Construction					
h. Other					
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	28,134,900.00				\$ 28,134,900.00
j. Indirect Charges	155,000.00				\$ 155,000.00
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 28,289,900.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 28,289,900.00
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

The Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

### A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: With the increased development of single and multi-housing units in the immediate neighborhood, this area is vastly underserved with park and recreational facilities. According to a recent GIS analysis, there are over 23,000 residential parcels within a 2.5-mile radius of Hollywood Park. The proposed Multi-Use Fields Four-Plex will add a new amenity to the park and connect to the trail loop system within the park, helping to create a more family-friendly atmosphere and a greater sense of community.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: According to the National Recreation Park Association, "Park and recreation areas are economic engines that improve the quality of life and make communities livable and desirable for businesses and homeowners." As one of the few regional parks in Clark County, this project will provide new Multi-Use fields for community based organized sports teams to hold tournaments and special events. There will be an area reserved for food trucks to sell food & beverages during the games and will add to the local economy by patrons visiting businesses in the surrounding area.

C. *The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.* Answer: This project is unique and significant because it would be the only Multi-Use Fields in the area near the park (the only other 2 ball fields in the area is the one Clark County shares with Harney Middle School, and a field at Las Vegas High School that isn't reservable). This project would be in Commission District E in the town of Sunrise Manor, which despite being approximately 40 square miles with a population estimate of 205,000 residents, only has 10 County-owned community or neighborhood parks that offer softball. As the only regional park in the area, it provides services to three (3) bordering Commission Districts: B, D, & G so Multi-Use Fields are greatly needed.

# D. *The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).* Answer: Baseball/softball has several health benefits, players of the sport get total body conditioning, overall body strengthening and increased flexibility. Youth participation in the sport provides health benefits such as decreased obesity and increased self-esteem and improved mental health. Kids also learn about teamwork and softball helps develop their leadership skills. This project will provide players to experience the health benefits and enjoy the outdoors in a safe and secure facility.

# E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: The target audience for the proposed project includes many citizens in the service area, including households that occupy duplexes, apartments, or mobile homes. Families that occupy these types of homes usually do not have a private backyard. This facility would provide a safe environment to walk or run to while avoiding the dangers of street traffic.

2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.

## A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: In 2017, Hollywood Regional Park was only fifteen percent developed in accordance with its Master Plan, prior to receiving SNPLMA funding in Round 17 and a parks bond that will fund the expansion of additional paths, trails and amenities. This project will help develop the park further, enhancing the community, open space and recreational resources. Public recreation facilities offer an opportunity for community members to interact, develop cross-cultural exchanges, educate and promote community pride.

# B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: According to the National Recreation and Association of Park Association (NRPA), parks and trails should provide education and interpretation of the value of conservation to the public and coordinate environmental stewardship with other public and non-profit entities (nrpa.org). This project will benefit the surrounding community by connecting residents to a Regional Park and large open space environment. The ball fields are just a piece of the larger regional park that will encourage community patrons to get outside and enjoy the rewards of social, physical, and environmental recreational opportunities. Additionally, this project fosters a sustainable interaction with the natural environment and conservation stewardship by connecting area residents to the outdoors, as well as educating them about their natural surroundings through interpretive and educational signage.

C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: Clark County Department of Environment & Sustainability adopted the "All-In Clark County" plan with the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA). The County utilizes best management practices and standards when designing parks and amenities to create sustainable facilities, such as awareness of energy by utilizing LED lighting, resource conservation using touchless bathroom fixtures and desert landscaping architecture.

D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: As stated by the National Recreation and Park Association, "Parks provide a meeting place where community members can develop social ties, and where healthy behavior is modeled and admired. People gather to share experiences, socialize and to build community bonds in common green spaces." The main goals of this project are to encourage children and adults to experience the outdoor natural environment, connect to trails in Hollywood Regional Park. Educational and interpretive displays throughout the project will educate park users of the features of the natural surroundings.

- 3. <u>CONNECTIVITY</u>: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.
  - A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

The Multi-Use Fields Four Plex will connect directly to paved paths & trails within the park, including the SNPLMA-awarded 1.25 Hollywood Regional Park Walking Trail.

- B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)
   Answer: After a months-long survey of residents of Sunrise Manor, preferred amenities were rated with multi-use fields earning a high score. This project is part of the Hollywood Regional Park Master Plan, updated in August 2019.
- C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: The Park/Recreation level of Service for the Hollywood Regional Park is only 1.7 acres/1000 population, which is significantly underserved area based on existing park and recreational facilities. The proposed project includes walkways that connect to the parking lot, existing baseball complex to the north and the previously funded SNPLMA 1.25-mile trail, thus extending the walkable pathway network interconnections throughout the park and will create a more comprehensive system of parks, trails and outdoor recreational amenities needed by residents.

D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: As part of the project, educational/interpretive signage would be provided along the pathways to inform park patrons of the historical and environmental features of the natural surroundings as well as Sunrise Mountain and Frenchman Mountain.

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The Hollywood Regional Park is located in the town of Sunrise Manor, which according the 2010 Census data, Hispanic or Latino of any race were 48.5% of the population and African Americans made up 12.6% (census.gov). This project would engage youth and minorities in an underserved community that do not have the access for recreational activities. The multi-purpose sports complex project will facilitate social interactions for children and their families, providing open recreational space to share experiences, compete, socialize, and build community bonds. Additionally, this project fosters a sustainable interaction with the natural environment by connecting area residents to the outdoors, as well as educating them about their natural surroundings with interpretive and educational signage.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: The deliverables and cost estimates were based on similar park projects in the County that have been constructed. The costs were determined using professional estimating techniques by County staff who are subject matter experts.

B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: Considering the deficiency of park and open space facilities and the everincreasing residential densities in the service area, the value and positive impact of this investment is substantial.

C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: The proposed project will be constructed using sustainable design and construction techniques to minimize future maintenance costs. Project design and engineering will require that construction techniques and materials will enhance the durability of the Multi-Use Fields.

- D. *Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).* Answer: Clark County has committed to provide a minimum of \$15,000.00 of in-kind expenditures in the form of staff time from various departments associated with the project (see attached commitment letter).
- E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: This proposal for the Multi-Use Fields includes LED lighting, which will incorporate technology, engineering efficiency and sustainability. LED lighting has an exceptionally longer lifespan than traditional lights and have significantly lower energy consumption and reduced maintenance costs. The long lifetime of LEDs will drastically

reduce operation and maintenance costs and lower long-term operating costs compared to traditional lighting.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

#### A. Executive Orders (EO):

1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk

Answer: Yes. Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields will be maintained by Clark County Department of Real Property Management.

2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

Answer: The Clark County Office of Community and Economic Development serves as the primary point of contact for companies looking to develop a new business, expand an existing business or relocate a business the Las Vegas area; therefore, Clark County supports EO No. 14005.

- B. Secretarial Orders
  - SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation. Answer: This project would increase outdoor recreational opportunities in the Las Vegas Valley
  - 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Answer: N/A
  - 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: N/A
  - 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior Answer: Yes. The Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Field project will increase recreational opportunities.
  - 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: N/A
  - 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: Yes Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields will reduce wildfire risks by

Answer: Yes. Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields will reduce wildfire risks by being actively maintained by Clark County Department of Real Property Management.

- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: N/A
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. Answer: N/A
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: N/A
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
- 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields project does not accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters; however, as part of Clark County's Transform Clark County Master Plan, Clark County actively participates in federal resource allocation and use discussions for public lands to ensure that management plans continue to allow existing and future renewable energy resource development and industry expansion. Key resources associated with federal lands in the County include energy production and transmission, which occur primarily on federally administered land within the County.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: The Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields project does not strengthen government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations; however, on April 20, 2021, Clark County BCC adopted a resolution as a governmental entity to support federal, state, and local agencies be engaged in efforts to support and expand the protection of land and waters to honor tribal jurisdictions and the rights of indigenous tribes through consultation and tribal governments.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of familysupporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: Although Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields project would not create millions of jobs, Clark County supports the nationwide effort; therefore, on April 20, 2021 Clark County BCC adopted a resolution that supports protected and private lands, which are the drivers of the State and County's outdoor recreation industry, which generates \$12.6 billion of annual consumer spending, supports 87,000 jobs and provides more than \$1 billion in tax revenue to the State.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: On April 20, 2021, Clark County BCC adopted a resolution in support of the protection of Nevada's and the United States' lands and waters by 2030, and Clark County has already achieved that goal.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields project would engage youth minorities and low-income families in an underserved community that do not have the access for recreational activities. On April 20, 2021, Clark County BCC passed a resolution urging federal, state and local agencies provide fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes and natural origins by soliciting, accounting for and responding to the voices, needs and priorities of communities of color, indigenous communities and economically disadvantaged communities.

#### D. Forest Service Priorities:

#### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: The Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields project will follow all mandates and protocols administered the Southern Nevada Health District. Clark County, the SNHD and community partners have supported the "Back to Life" outreach campaign to increase Covid-19 vaccination rates within the African American community. The multi-media campaign has included community events, grassroots outreach and social media efforts. Clark County continues to host several community events and wellness fairs all over the Las Vegas valley offering free Covid-19 vaccinations and will continue to do so.

#### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields project will create design and construction jobs as well as employment for park staff, maintenance, and operations. Clark County as a governmental entity has provided several programs aimed at economic relief through the Social Services Department, including rental assistance for eligible indigent members of the Clark County Community as well as transportation for the disabled, seniors and people with children who lack finances, vehicle resources or access to public transportation.

County taxpayers directly provide approximately \$39 million annually to support programs and services for the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless. To bolster efforts to address homelessness, County Commissioners decided to provide up to \$12 million in annual revenue from marijuana business license fees for homeless programs and services.

The BCC has also supported funding plans for new affordable housing developments, have designated land for future affordable housing developments, have directed County staff to establish several programs that will create incentives for new affordable housing developments and preserve existing affordable housing for very low-income neighborhoods

#### 3. Tackling climate change

Answer: Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields will follow Clark County's recently adopted 'All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan,' which focuses on taking action to address climate change and create a more sustainable future for Clark County. The project will install Maxicom software LED lighting control systems to help the County automate when and for how long lighting is required, eliminating unnecessary lighting. Also low-flow and low-flush water fixtures will be installed with this project, and flow sensors that regulate irrigation needs alongside weather conditions

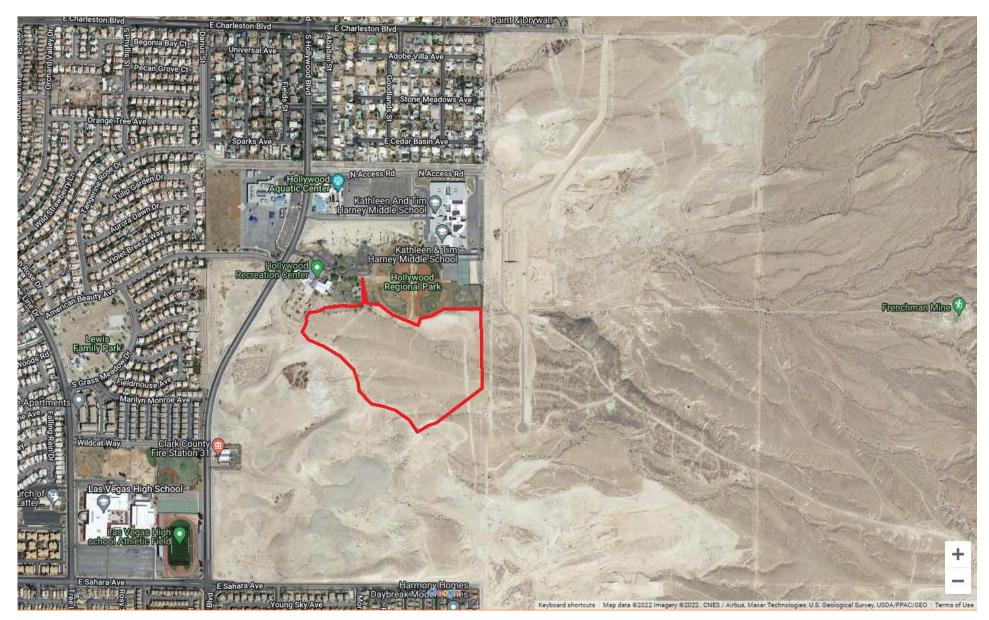
#### 4. Advancing racial equity

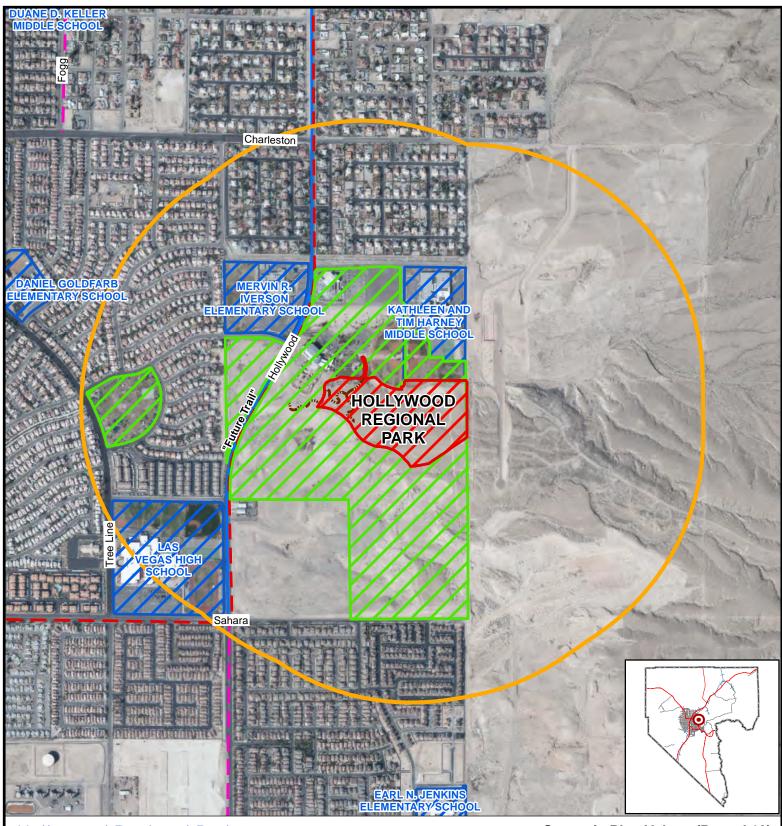
Answer: Clark County strives to reflect the diversity of the County in membership of volunteer boards and commissions, including but not limited to people of different races, ethnicities, income levels and occupational experience.

#### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

Answer: Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields will add to the workforce with jobs in design and construction of the park and County staff to maintain the multi-use fields. As a governmental entity, Clark County improves our workforce and work environment by collaborating with non-profit organizations such as Workforce Connections and Southern Nevada's Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB), which has become the largest County in the nation to become a certified ACT\* Work Ready Community. They developed the Work Ready Community initiative, which provides individuals the opportunity to assess job readiness skills and earn a nationally recognized certificate reflecting their skill levels. The effort was a collaboration by Workforce Connection in partnership with other stakeholders including Commission Chair Marilyn Kirkpatrick, College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and the Clark County School District. Clark County achieved the official Work Ready Community certification in May 2019.

### Location Map - Google Aerial (2022) "Hollywood Park Multi-Use Fields" (SNPLMA Round 19)

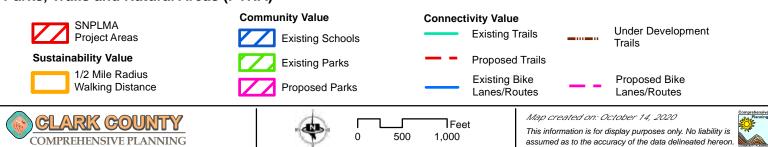




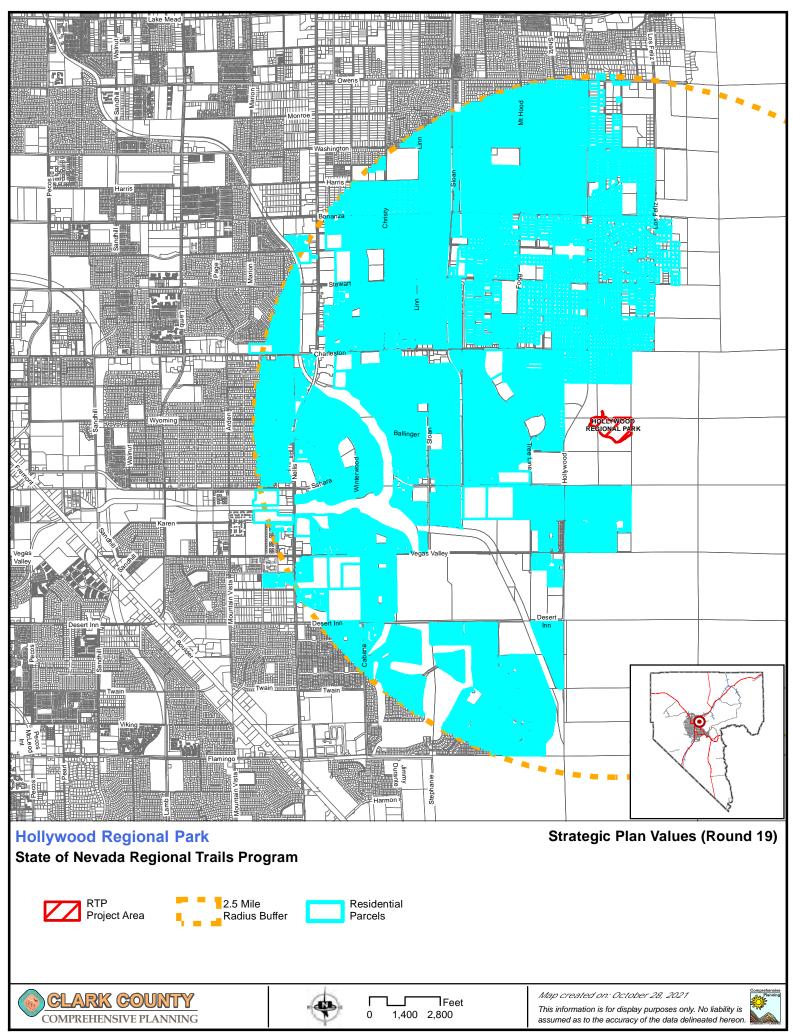
#### Hollywood Regional Park

#### Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (PTNA) Community Value

#### Strategic Plan Values (Round 19) Parcel: 161-02-301-004 T-R-S: 21-62-2



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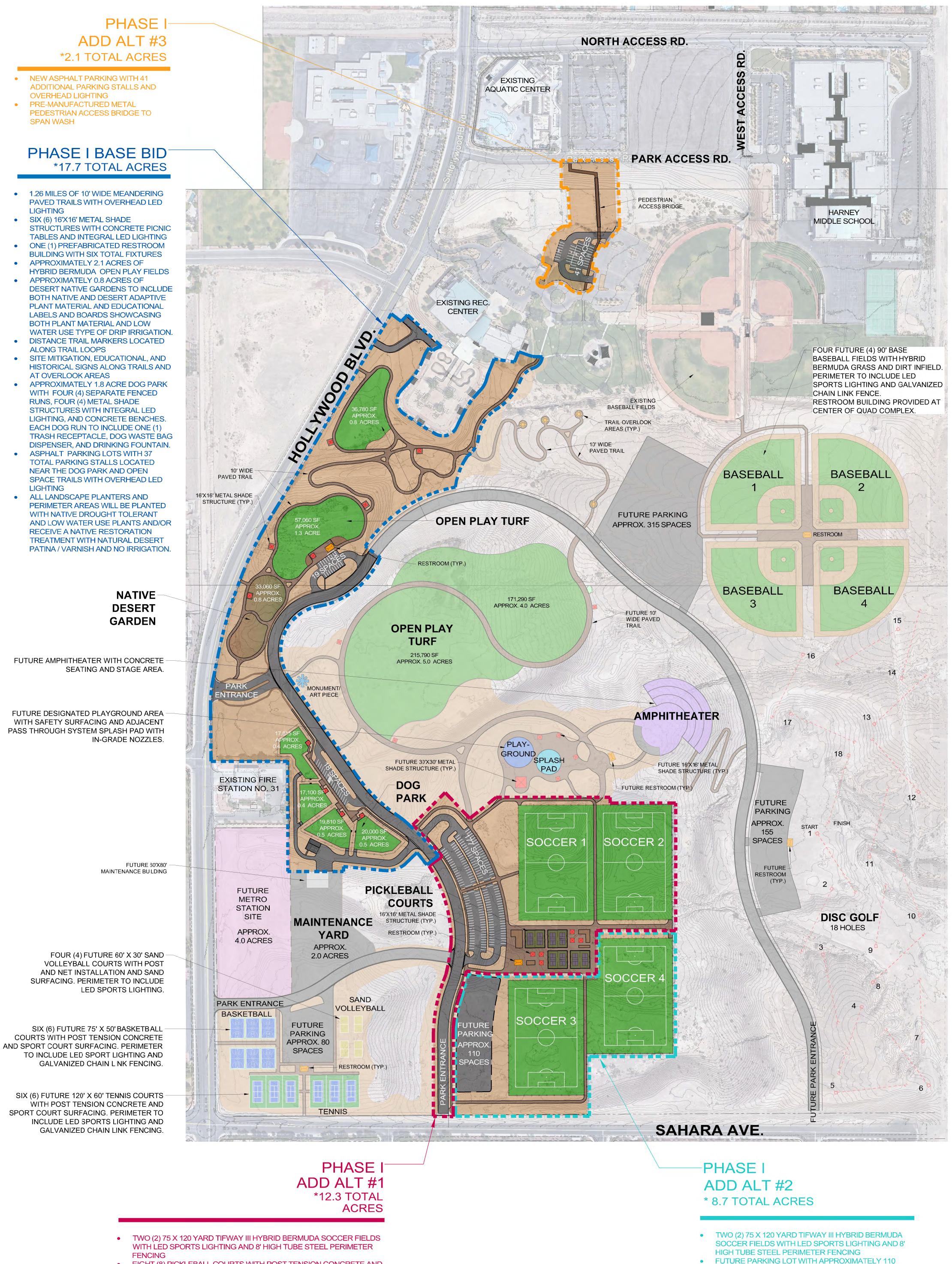




- **NEW ASPHALT PARKING WITH 41** ADDITIONAL PARKING STALLS AND **OVERHEAD LIGHTING**
- SPAN WASH

\*17.7 TOTAL ACRES

- 1.26 MILES OF 10' WIDE MEANDERING PAVED TRAILS WITH OVERHEAD LED LIGHTING
- TABLES AND INTEGRAL LED LIGHTING
- **BUILDING WITH SIX TOTAL FIXTURES**
- DESERT NATIVE GARDENS TO INCLUDE BOTH NATIVE AND DESERT ADAPTIVE PLANT MATERIAL AND EDUCATIONAL LABELS AND BOARDS SHOWCASING BOTH PLANT MATERIAL AND LOW WATER USE TYPE OF DRIP IRRIGATION.
- DISTANCE TRAIL MARKERS LOCATED ALONG TRAIL LOOPS
- HISTORICAL SIGNS ALONG TRAILS AND AT OVERLOOK AREAS
- APPROXIMATELY 1.8 ACRE DOG PARK WITH FOUR (4) SEPARATE FENCED RUNS, FOUR (4) METAL SHADE STRUCTURES WITH INTEGRAL LED LIGHTING, AND CONCRETE BENCHES. EACH DOG RUN TO INCLUDE ONE (1) TRASH RECEPTACLE, DOG WASTE BAG DISPENSER, AND DRINKING FOUNTAIN.
- ASPHALT PARKING LOTS WITH 37 TOTAL PARKING STALLS LOCATED NEAR THE DOG PARK AND OPEN SPACE TRAILS WITH OVERHEAD LED LIGHTING



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# HOLLYWOOD REGIONAL PARK

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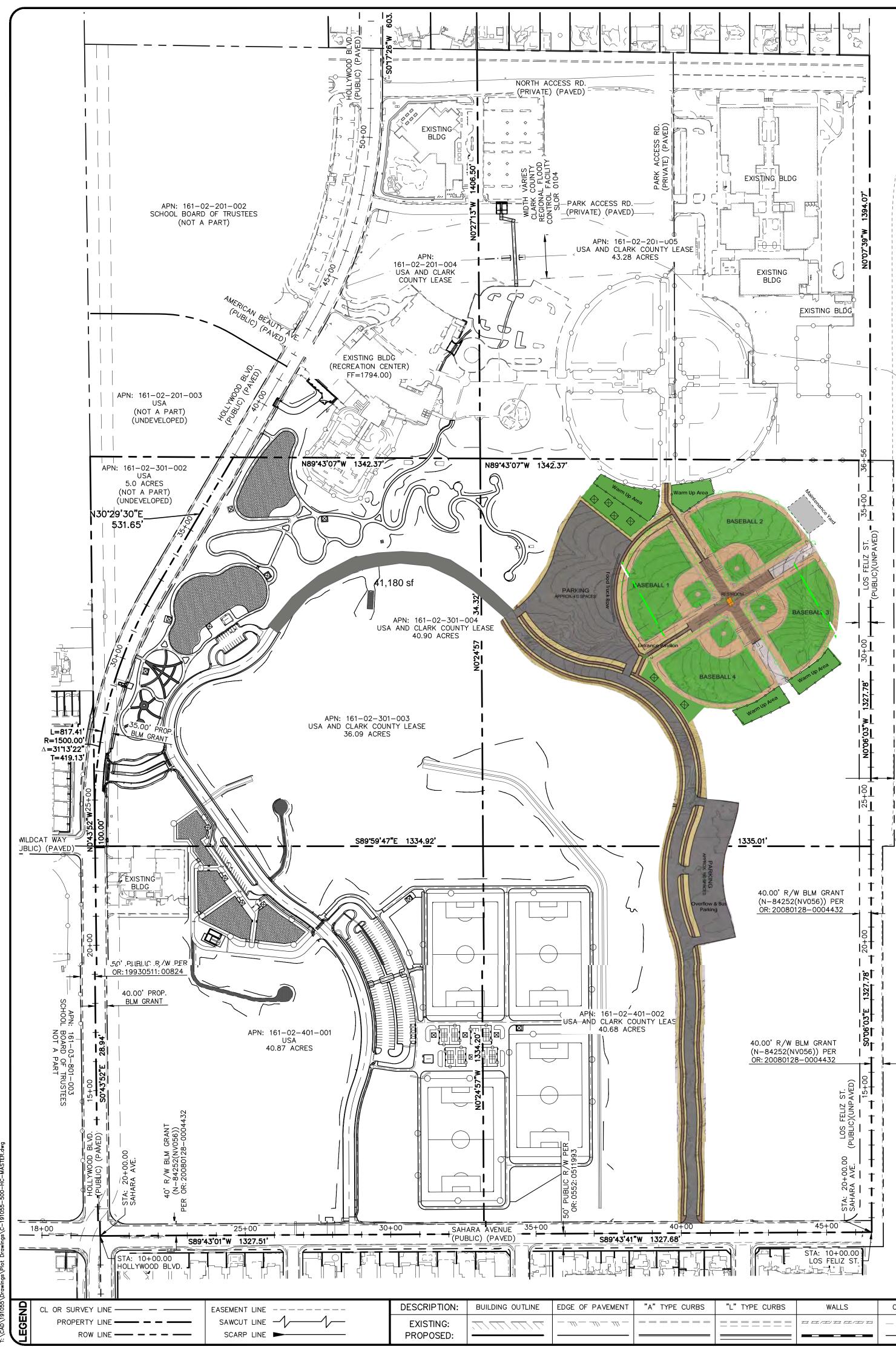
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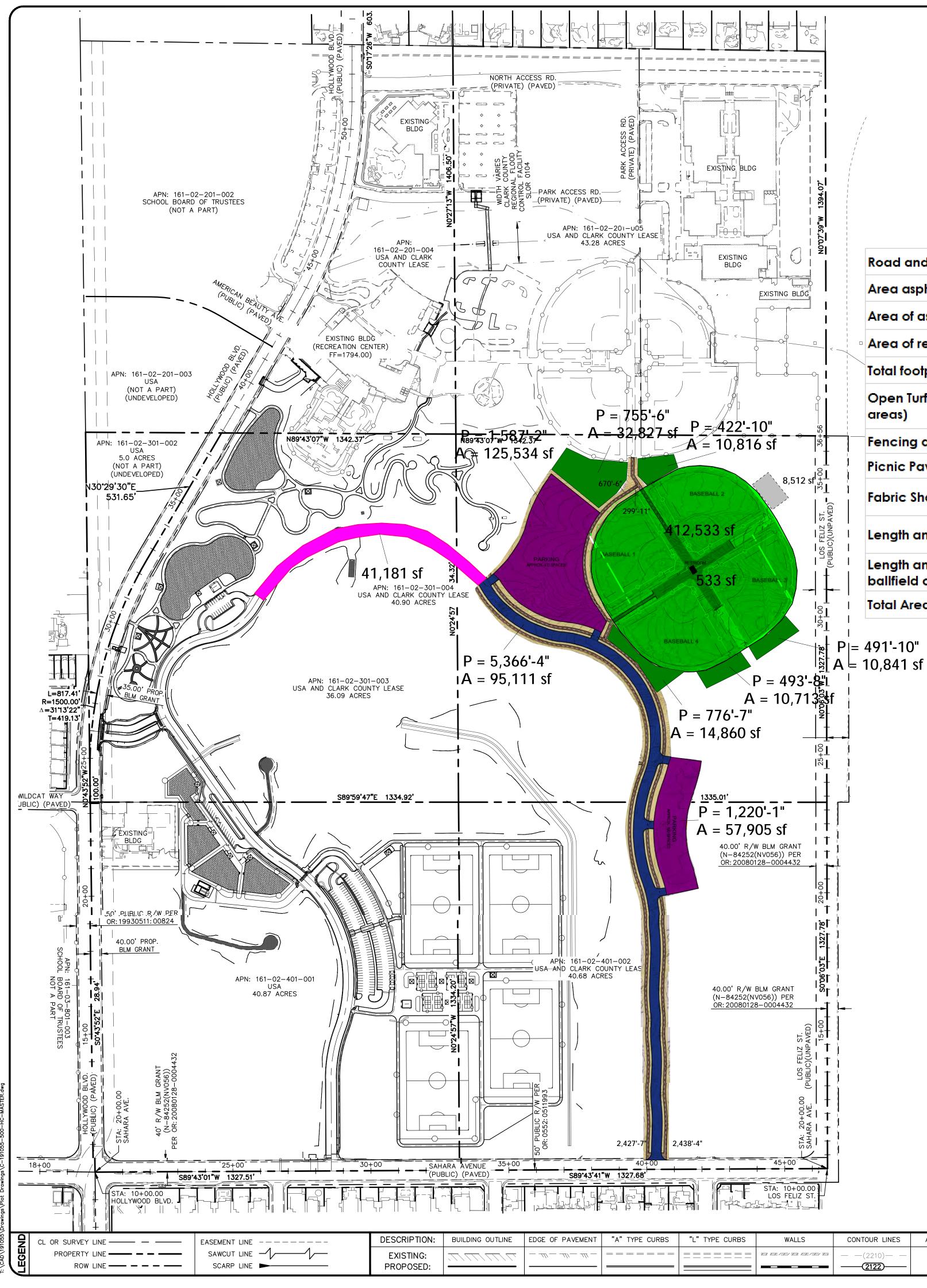
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HOLLYWOOD REGIONAL PARK -	BASEBALL COM	PLEX		11/02/2021
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Total Site	1,014,000 sf	23.3		
Parking Lots & Drop Off Zones	185,000 sf		Title 30 compliant, overflow and bus parking, curb,	
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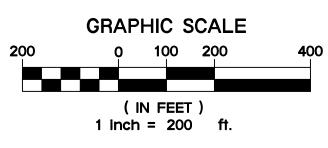
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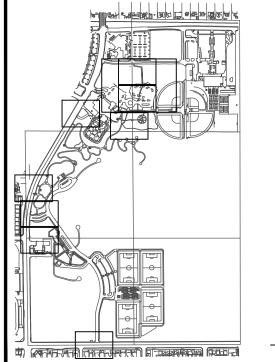


Road and parking curb & gutter (LF)	8,210	LF	
Area asphalt road (SF)	95,115	SF	+~42,000 s.f. for the interior road loop extension
Area of asphalt parking (SF)	185,000	SF	
Area of restroom (SF)	525	SF	
Cotal footpring area of baseball fields (SF)	415,000	SF	
Open Turf Area (Picnic areas, dedicated warm up areas)	80,000	SF	sod and irrigatioin
Fencing at open turf warm up areas	2,200	LF	
icnic Pavilions	6	EA	(6) 20' × 20' metal picnic pavilions with concrete pads
abric Shade Structures	5,000	SF	At bleachers and various freestanding areas for team shade
Length and Width of trail walking path	5,540	LF	10' Wide DG trail with 12" mow curb on both sides & pathway lighting
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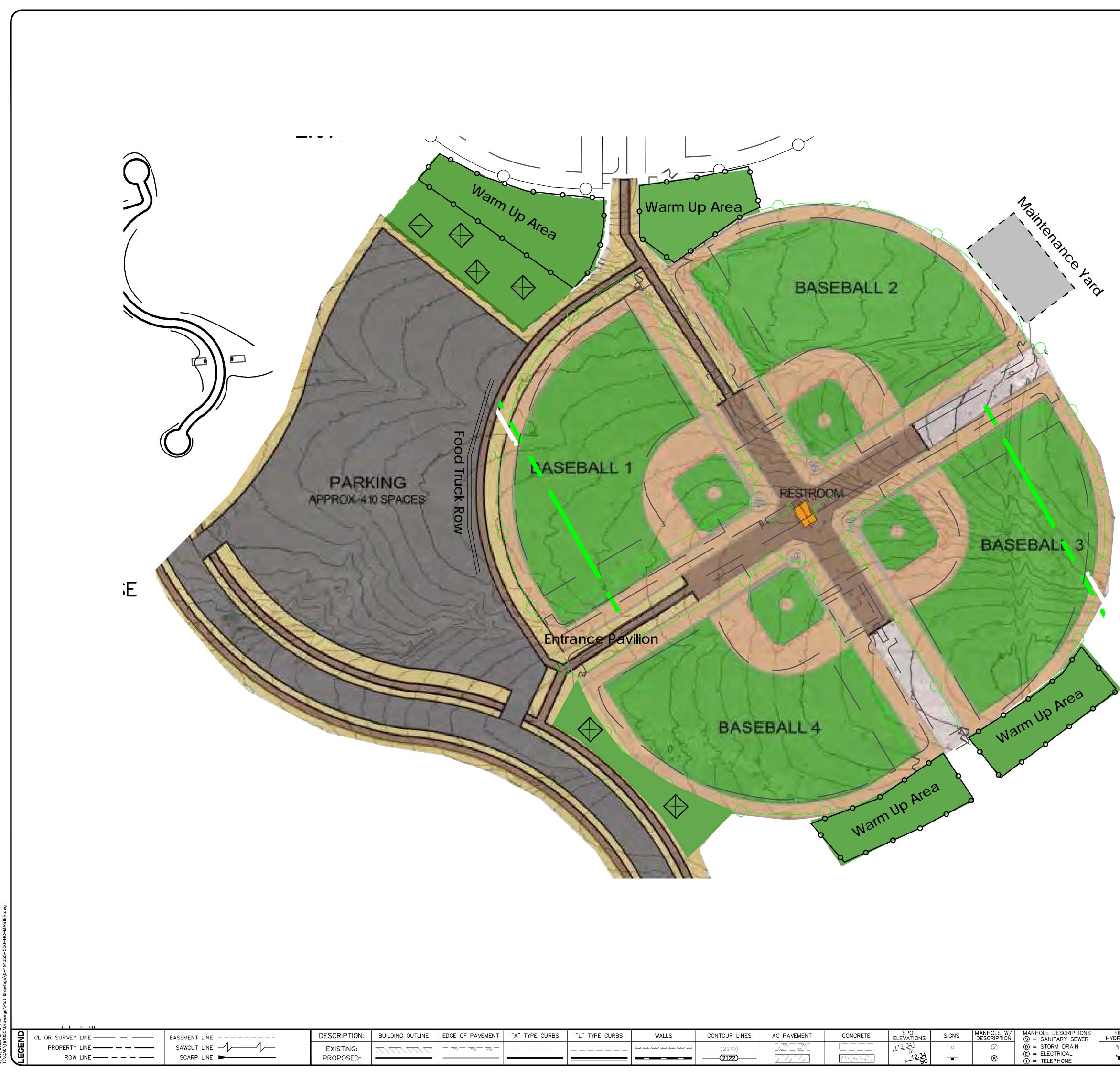


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#### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields

#### **Performance Measures**

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved R3- Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	<ul> <li>*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. *<i>Report to the nearest whole acre</i>.</li> <li>*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6.</li> <li>*Report each facility or structure as one unit.</li> </ul>	Multi-Use Fields (4) Complex: Construct new multi-use field complex consisting of (4) fields (baseball as basis of design with 60-, 70- & 80-foot base lines and home plate to back stop distance of 25 ft.). Includes new roadways, parking lots, site lighting, pedestrian paving, trails, curb & gutter, (4) baseball fields with turf, 8' fencing, dugouts, sports lighting, scoreboard, site furnishings, irrigation, etc., a main entry plaza area, open turf areas for team warm up and picnic use, (6) picnic pavilions with lighting, food truck vendor area, maintenance yard with CMU walls and drop off and pick up loading zones.
<b>R4-</b> Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. * <i>Report to the nearest</i> whole mile.	42,000-SF additional roadway extension
<b>R6</b> – PTNA Rights of Way or Easements	* <b>Report the acres of rights of way or easements</b> <b>acquired</b> for a PTNA project.* <i>Report to the</i> <i>nearest whole acre.</i>	R&PP Lease NVN-66293 (APN 161-02-301-004)

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN:

# Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community

Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.*Report each item produced as one unit.	8 interpretive signs
O8 – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable.*Report each building or facility as one unit	(1) prefabricated restroom with 4 stalls and lockable storage
O12 – Number of Management Plans/Handbooks/Manuals/ Guides for Activity on Public Lands Completed	*Report the number of new or revised ecosystem restoration, hazardous fuels reduction, recreation, cultural, resource management, or other activity plans when the decision document for the plan is signed. Revisions include modification of a significant portion of the decisions in the activity plan. Do not report minor amendments or changes in these plans. *Report each plan as one unit.	



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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Mr. Cass Palmer Director, Neighborhood and Leisure Services City of North Las Vegas 851 W. Lone Mountain Rd. North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031 Email: palmerc@cityofnorthlasvegas.com

Dear Mr. Palmer:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of North Las Vegas (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Northern Beltway Trail</u>, Phase II\_– This proposal is to design and construct a 12-foot-wide asphalt path including lighting, landscaping, rest areas, and connections to trailheads. The Northern Beltway Trail is an important step toward completing a network of multiuse trails in the Las Vegas valley. Once constructed, this multiuse trail will be the first east-west regional trail within the City. When ultimately connected to the Upper and Lower Las Vegas Wash Trail System, the Northern Beltway Trail will provide a continuous trail system for residents. The proposed project is located within private lands from North Fifth Street to Losee Road entirely within the Clark County 215 public beltway within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 61 E., assessor parcel numbers (APNs) 124-31-199-001, 12431-199-002, 124-31-199-007, 124-23-599-001, and 124-23-599-004.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>McCool STEM Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a new science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) youth park within the Willie McCool Regional Park in partnership with the University of Las Vegas. The project will provide unique youth STEM opportunities and maximize visibility of the park along the street, establishing links between the natural and cultural resources of the park, and creating new spaces for community gathering, play, and education. Improvements will include access, promenade, play areas, safety surfaces, splash pad,

picnic shelters, archeological area of interest, interpretive kiosks, restrooms, and landscaping. The project area is located within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 61 E., sec. 7 on BLM-administered public land leased to the City through the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act, serialized N-49747. The City will need to amend the approved plan of development (POD) with a complete design plan and updated management plan and provide to the BLM for approval prior to initiating any changes or new construction. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. Modification of the R&PP lease POD will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Craig Ranch Regional Park – 20 Acre Park Expansion Project</u> – This proposal is to design and construct new infrastructure and amenities for the existing Craig Ranch Regional Park. These include amenities such as multiuse fields, restrooms, bleacher seating, playgrounds, splashpad, green open space areas, and access sidewalks. The proposed project is located entirely on City lands at 628 West Craig Road within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E, APNs 125-35-415-016, 139-04-602-002, 139-03-102-007, 139-03-201-007, 139-03-201-011, 139-03-201-012, 139-03-201-008, and 139-04-502-001.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey may not be required if all proposed development occurs on previously disturbed areas. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168.

Sincerely,

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December 8, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District Office - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130

#### CONTRIBUTING FUNDS FOR THE HOLLYWOOD REGIONAL PARK MULTI-USE FIELDS FOUR-PLEX

Dear Ms. Leiber:

Clark County is committing \$15,000.00 in in-kind contributions for the Hollywood Regional Park Multi-Use Fields Four-Plex project.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamara Williams, Senior Management Analyst, at (702) 455-3121 or tgw@clarkcountynv.gov.

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cc: Tamara Williams

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**City of North Las Vegas** 



### **Children's Science and Nature Park**

Amount Requested: \$31,779,248

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City of North Las Vegas ("City") is seeking funding through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) to design and construct a 14-acre science and nature park in the north part of the Las Vegas Valley, north of Horse Drive and east of Decatur Boulevard, adjacent to the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) Center for Urban Water Conservation, and the Ice Age Fossils State Park, in Clark County, Nevada. This location is idea for the park to provide the setting for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) learning to educate youth of all ages from elementary students to high school seniors in the four specific STEM disciplines in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. The proposed park site encompasses a portion of the City's 163-acre public land lease (N-49747-01) within M.D.M., T.19S., R.61E., sec. 7 (APN 124-07-201-001). The lease was issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act for the McCool Regional Park. In 2014, Congress passed Public Law 113-291, which transferred federal jurisdiction of certain public lands from BLM to the National Park Service (NPS) for designation of the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument resulting in a portion of the City's R&PP lease now under NPS jurisdiction. If SNPLMA funding is approved, the City will submit an updated management plan and plan of development to BLM and NPS as appropriate in order to modify the R&PP lease to incorporate the proposed park.

The Children Science and Nature Park project will provide a unique outdoor learning venue in partnership with UNLV and the Clark County School District (CCSD) that will highlight 27 major fields of science. School grade students, teachers, the public, and UNLV undergraduates will interact in a STEM learning process through student engagement outside of the classroom. Innovative and interactive programming is critical in providing a powerful learning experience for students to enhance their STEM knowledge. This is especially important for our local youth as Nevada continues to rank poorly in education, ranking 50th nationally. In the CCSD, only 39% of 4th grade level students were reported as proficient in Math and 46% in Reading. The last science testing occurred in 2017 revealing a proficiency score of 29.5%. The Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology stated "one-third of boys and girls lose an interest in science by fourth grade and a child's interest in STEM is largely formed by the time he or she reaches upper elementary and middle school." Such programs and facilities need to be free to maximize the impact as 71.2% of all students (~320,000 total students) in the CCSD are classified as disadvantaged economically qualifying for free and reduced priced lunches. The more exposure to STEM learning that can be reached especially at an early age, the greater interest there will be to pursue STEM learning in high school, college, and ultimately the professional STEM workforce which in turn benefits the student, their families, and the local community.

Park amenities will include a 1,200-SF visitor center operated by renewable energy (wind and solar),  $\pm 1.25$  miles of accessible walking paths/trails lined with desert adapted trees (Western Redbud, Desert Willow, Joshua tree, Mesquite and Blue Palo Verde), benches, shade structures, a  $\pm 2$ -acre parking lot for sufficient space for school bus parking, and 27 STEM related life-size exhibits throughout the park. The STEM exhibits will portray various elements of everyday concepts in a fun interactive atmosphere. Teachers and interns will engage students through interactive learning as they move through the park from each exhibit. Exhibits will also incorporate open discussion on STEM professions. It is anticipated that 15,000 elementary

school students would visit the park each year and a similar number of public attendees. The Park will have a simple mission of combining recreation with education, linking UNLV and CCSD with the City park system. Participants will arrive at the park, enter the visitor center, and immediately be immersed in fun-filled activities while learning about STEM and the exciting diverse jobs that await them in the fields of science. The 27 fields of science that will be represented at each park exhibit is summarized below:

- 1. Engineering Architecture. A visitor center ( $\pm 1,200$ -SF), consisting of the main auditorium and a couple of display rooms, constructed with thick adobe walls that will help insulate the interior. The visitor center will be connected to a Persian cooling tower (wind catcher) that will passively cool the visitor center's interior air. The tower will be open at the top in all directions and fitted with evaporative filter pads. Water will be pumped (powered by solar panels) up to the wind catcher during the warmer months and distributed over the pads. Air moving through the pads will drive a phase change of water from liquid to vapor absorbing over 600 calories per gram. Cold air will sink within the cooling tower moving into the visitor center (bathrooms and adjoining room used for the microbiology exhibit). A window system located high in the visitor center will be open during the warmer hours to enable the air to escape from the building. The roof will have shingles that are black on one side and white on the other and can be flipped to maximize heat absorption or reflection depending on the time of year. A network of pipes will be placed at a depth of 8 feet with an air intake at the surface outside of the building and an out-take inside the adobe building. A small fan powered by a solar panel will turn on during the afternoon hours to help bring cool air (~67°F) from the buried network pipe system into the building. The high windows will also allow for natural lighting to penetrate deeper into the room, especially during winter months, minimizing the use of electrical lighting.
- 2. <u>Microbiology</u>. In a 900-SF room within the visitor center, 30 donated microscopes will be mounted on tables. At the front of the room a City-owned large monitor will be mounted on the wall connected to a high-powered microscope, donated by UNLV, to display organisms plated on microscope slides. Viewing these organisms will support a discussion on the size of bacteria and fungi and the role these microscopic organisms play in breaking down plants and animals that have died.
- 3. <u>Genetics</u>. A 900-SF garden will be planted with roses (one species) that have many different colors of flowers to enable discussions on how organisms transfer information to their offspring (heredity, genes dominant and recessive), sometimes altering how the organism looks and even how they function in their environment, and that these changes over long periods of time can even lead to new species.
- 4. <u>Geosciences Volcanology</u>. A small replica of a volcano (10-ft. in height) will be constructed that has a vertical slice removed exposing the inner sections of the volcano. These sections will be painted in different colors to clearly discern each region. The magma chamber will be represented by a clear Plexiglas pipe which will allow red water to be pumped up and out of the volcano (below ground storage container, water captured and recycled). Rumbling sounds of volcanic activity will be heard as the volcano erupts. Volcanic rock will also be on display.
- 5. <u>Physics Velocity</u>. The soil mound located behind the Center for Urban Water Conservation will be rolled and packed and secured with retaining walls. One full side of the mound will be equipped with  $\pm 30$  slides of different heights, lengths, and slopes, enabling students to slide at different velocities. This exhibit will focus on the factors enabling some students to slide down more quickly (mass, slope, height, friction).

- 6. <u>Physics Time</u>. On top of the soil mound a large concrete pad (covering most of the soil surface) will be constructed in which a large sundial will be placed to demonstrate how people thousands of years ago tracked time based on the movement of the sun. A sand hourglass and a water clock will also be on display. This exhibit will focus on advancements and importance in monitoring time and how that has benefited man.
- 7. <u>Astronomy</u>. On a portion of the concrete pad, stars in the northern hemisphere will be painted, enabling students to observe the constellations (fixed patterns of stars, unchanged since man's earliest observations). On another side of the soil mound a row of viewing scopes will be mounted enabling students to view the Las Vegas mountain range and downtown Las Vegas. On the last side of the soil mound a large replica of our solar system will be installed. The planets and sun will be mounted on poles spaced proportionately to their actual distances and constructed to their actual size. Exhibit dialogue will include the invention of the telescope and what we've learned about our solar system and beyond.
- 8. <u>Engineering Structures</u>. Two bridges (truss style and suspension) will originate on top of the soil mound allowing students to travel to different sections of the park. Students can exit the bridges via steps or slides. Discussions will center on how bridges have allowed people to cross ravines, rivers, and canyons safely; and factors that can impact the design of a bridge.
- 9. Ecology Wetlands. A small functioning wetland will be built that will continually circulate water through a small stream pond system that will be lined with aquatic vegetation and contain aquatic organisms. The suspension bridge will cross over the wetlands providing the students with an excellent view. This exhibit will cover how wetlands can clean water by removing nutrients and suspended material while also providing habitat for a wide range of plants and animals; and artificial wetlands such as that wetland associated with the Las Vegas Wash that handles all of Clark Counties treated sewage effluent.
- 10. <u>Wildlife Biology</u>. A tunnel will be constructed above ground that will open into a small structure in which all the dominant plants and animals in the Mojave Desert will be painted on the wall in iridescent colors and lighted in a way to highlight the life forms. Students will be able to sit down and draw their favorite animal and plant (guessing which plants are associated with a given animal). A discussion will center on the adaptations such organisms have that allow them to live in an arid environment.
- 11. <u>Chemistry</u>. The structure of the major molecules of life will be displayed inside multiple jungle gyms (e.g., DNA, glucose, protein, cellulose, phospholipid, CO2, H2O, ATP). Atoms within the molecules will be represented by balls of different size and color and placed in a pattern within the jungle gyms to reflect the actual structure. The surface below and around each of the jungle gyms will be covered with a bonded rubber playground surface material (bouncy!). Discussion will center on the significance of these molecules to life on earth.
- 12. <u>Math</u>. Large, tethered foam blocks in the shape of pyramids, cubes, cylinders, cones, and spheres will be available for the students to observe, stack and roll. These blocks will be located on the bonded rubber playground surface adjacent to the jungle gyms located under a large shade structure. If the participants are old enough the equations to predict the volume of the different shapes will be presented, otherwise participants will be engaged to identify the different shapes. Areas, perimeters, and angles will also be demonstrated with foam blocks.
- 13. <u>Horticulture</u>. A vertical hanging garden will be constructed demonstrating how productivity can be maximized on a per unit area basis by growing plants vertically. In addition, changes in productivity will also be linked to the angle the suns energy strikes the plants. A similar number of plants will be planted in a conventional horizontal fashion.
- 14. <u>Botany Dendrochronology</u>. Large cross-sectional cuttings of the trunk of trees will be displayed in a way that allows participants to observe the growth rings. If possible, a

redwood cross sectional cut (largest tree species) and a bristlecone pine cross sectional cut (oldest tree species) will be mounted for viewing. Discussion will focus on how much land is required for the same number of plants (vertical vs. horizontal) and how much land is needed to feed a growing world population and how might we increase productivity?

- 15. <u>Physics Sound</u>. Large satellite discs will be placed on poles. A platform will allow a participant to stand in front of a disc and speak directly into it. Behind the participant at a set distance will be a second disc in perfect alignment, where a second participant will listen to what the first is saying and then respond. Discussion on how sound travels through different media (solid, liquid and air). Three pipes (a 6-in-d x 10-LF solid aluminum rod, a 6-in-d x 10-LF aluminum pipe filled with water, and a 6-in-d x 10-LF aluminum pipe filled with air) will be mounted on a stand at a height of 4-ft. Participants will place their ear next to one end of the pipe while the teacher taps the other end with a stone. Participants and the teacher will discuss which pipe transmits the sound waves the fastest and why?
- 16. <u>Agriculture/Ecology Vermiculture</u>. A large viewing chamber, one side made of Plexiglass with a 5% slope will be constructed. The chamber will be filled with organic waste and worms will be introduced. The viewing wall of Plexiglass will be located behind a sliding wall that will insulate the organic waste and worms from elevated temperatures and direct sunlight. A shade structure will be mounted over the chamber. A discussion will focus on what vermiculture is, how the organic waste can be turned into valuable compost and how the worms can be harvested for fishing but also as a high protein food source.
- 17. <u>Soil Science</u>. A large viewing chamber will be back filled with native soil representing the actual soil horizons that occurred in the field. The chamber will be planted to a creosote bush. The chamber will have one side made of Plexiglas with a 5% slope. This Plexiglas wall will be found behind a sliding wall that will insulate the soil profile from elevated temperatures and protect developing roots from visible light. Discussion on what factors influence how soils develop in the desert and how soil horizons can influence root development.
- 18. <u>Meteorology</u>. Windsocks, anemometers, and temperature sensors will be placed at different heights on metal poles to assess gradients and the influence of the earth's surface on these measurements. A complete weather station (with rain gage) will also be installed. A large monitor will report real time values for wind direction, speed, and temperature. Exhibit will focus on difference between weather and climate and direct impacts to plant and animal life.
- 19. <u>Topography</u>. Nevada has a basin and range topography (over 300 mountain ranges separated by valleys). This basin and range topography in Nevada is one of the best examples in the world. A large 3D map of Nevada with all its mountain ranges, valleys and cities will be presented. The 3D map will be placed in a horizontal position under a Plexiglas dome, placed on a central table below a shade structure. Discussion on how such topography formed, and what impact it has on the distribution of plants and animals; and the challenges such topography had on early pioneers traveling by wagon train.
- 20. <u>Engineering Energy</u>. An array of photovoltaic panels (tracking versus set) and wind generators (producing electricity to power the Science Park) will be on display. There is a growing need to develop clean energy that does not generate carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. This exhibit will compare energy sources to provide reliable cheap energy that is also environmentally clean energy; and land requirements and the impact different energy development has on habitats and ecosystems.
- 21. <u>Ecology Native Plants</u>. A native plant collection will be established that focuses on plants of the Mojave Desert. This exhibit will focus on how plants can survive and grow in an environment that only receives 4-inches of precipitation per year and unique morphological

and physiological characteristics they possess; and restoration requirements resulting from fires and other destructive forces.

- 22. Ecology Oasis. A desert oasis will be constructed, consisting of a spring surrounded by Mesquite trees, coyote willows and arrowweed, with life-size statues of big horn sheep and a mountain lion. Recordings of the sounds these animals make will be heard by pushing a button next to the spring/pond. This exhibit will focus on how critical springs and ponds are for animal life in the desert. Animals are drawn to any water source they can find in the desert. Large predators are also attracted to these water sources. Water is life giving but the lives of animals are put in danger when visiting these water sources.
- 23. <u>Paleontology</u>. A dig site will be developed containing skeletal remains of animals (fabricated bones of animals that lived thousands of years ago in Nevada). A discussion will focus on how the climate has changed since the last ice age and how some animals have become extinct and what that means. It will be pointed out that just hundreds of yards north of the park actual skeletal remains of saber tooth tigers, camels and ground sloths have been found.
- 24. <u>Zoology/Anatomy</u>. A collection of bones (when possible, full skeletons) of desert adapted animals will be on display (i.e., coyote, jack rabbit, big horn sheep, mountain lion and rattle snake). This exhibit will focus on animal size, color, teeth, claws, and other adaptations that have enabled these animals to live in a hot dry environment.
- 25. <u>Cultural Anthropology</u>. A small Paiute Indian village will be constructed to show how the Paiutes lived in harmony with the land. An artist rendition of rock art will be on display. A discussion will focus on how the Paiutes were able to live in such a hot dry region.
- 26. Entomology "Insect World and Scary Bugs." An assortment of insects and arachnids will be raised and maintained in Plexiglas viewing chambers housed in a lighted air-conditioned small structure. At least 6 insect and arachnid species will be always maintained in the viewing chambers. These "bugs" will include praying mantis, cockroaches, ladybugs, lacewings, ants, grasshoppers, tarantulas, scorpions, centipedes, and Jerusalem crickets. Discussion on the roll insects and arachnids play in desert ecosystems, which insects and/or arachnids are involved in pollination, which are venomous, and which are harmful to crops.
- 27. Engineering Aviation. An aviation exhibit will be constructed with the help of staff from Nellis Air Force Base. The exhibit will focus on flight and what factors have enabled man to fly. Students will enter a wind tunnel to gain an appreciation for lift, which allows planes to climb after takeoff and remain in flight. Students will be able to view a replica of the Wright Brothers plane that first took flight in 1903. A small scaled-down airport with a landing strip with lights and an air traffic control tower will be constructed. Children will be able to make paper airplanes and fly them for accuracy and distance relative to the landing strip. Discussion on how aviation represents one of the best examples of many different STEM disciplines overlapping (engineering, physics, computer science, math, climatology, and human physiology).
- **1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:** The Children Science and Nature Park is not associated with any prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects or anticipated future phases.
- **2.** Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: The Park is a stand-alone project. The City acknowledges there is no guarantee or expectation of funding for future phases. This project is not planned in phases.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

To meet these goals the project will focus on the three SNPLMA core values of connectivity, sustainability, and community, and explain how these values are promoted by the project.

- <u>Sustainability</u>: The Children Science and Nature Park will provide a blend of recreation and science, with emphasis on children, the environment and education. Children in the CCSD as well as the public will gain a greater appreciation for science by visiting and interacting with the 27 STEM related exhibits at the Park. More STEM programming is needed to demonstrate the relevance of science in the participants lives, making a direct connection between their experiences and science phenomena. The project will sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by providing meaningful and educational STEM experiences for the current and next generations to become responsible stewards of the land, by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- 2. <u>Connectivity:</u> The Children Science and Nature Park will provide a unique outdoor venue where students, teachers, UNLV undergraduates and the public will interact in the STEM learning process. The STEM Park will connect all the participants with a wide range of outdoor environmental experiences. Unfortunately, many of the students in CCSD are underserved members of the community and disadvantaged economically as 71% of the students qualify for the free and reduced priced lunch program. Entry into the Park will be free, allowing the students greater opportunities to experience science and the outdoor environment. Because of financial hardships many students in CCSD will have limited opportunities to visit and interact with the environment that Nevada has to offer. It is important that science experiences be brought to the students, such as a wetland, oasis, solar and wind generation, insects and arachnids, dendrochronology, a volcano, vermiculture, soil science, cultural anthropology, topography and vertical gardening to name just a few of the 27 exhibits.
- 3. <u>Community</u>: They say it takes a village to raise a child. In today's world this is becoming very true. Organizations, agencies, municipalities and Universities must combine their efforts to address the needs of the community. Science proficiency scores of elementary school students in CCSD were last reported to be 29%. If we hope to have our students acquire an appreciation for science and the environment we must address this issue when they are young. To make significant inroads the approach must be enjoyable, such that students realize that science can be fun and that many rewarding professions await them in STEM related fields of science. The Children Science and Nature Park will be developed in a unique area of North Las Vegas where the Park will become part of a science-based core community made up of UNLV's Center for Urban Water Conservation, The State Ice Age Fossil Park, and the Tule Springs Fossil Bed National Monument. Based on further discussions with staff

from the Ice Age Fossil Park and Tule Springs Fossil Bed National Monument trails connecting these facilities is a real possibility.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The City of North Las Vegas will design and construct a 14-acre STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) youth park on public lands leased to the City for recreation and public purposes. The Park will be situated north of the Las Vegas Valley, within the McCool Regional Park, adjacent to the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) Center for Urban Water Conservation, and the Ice Age Fossils State Park, near the intersections of Horse Drive and Decatur Boulevard in Clark County, Nevada. Park amenities include a visitor center serviced by renewable energy (wind and solar), accessible walking trails, and 27 STEM related life-size exhibits for unique recreational and educational opportunities.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

#### 1. Primary Deliverables:

- a. Design and construct a  $\pm 14$ -acre park and amenities and exhibits such as:
  - 1. Visitor Center (±1200-SF) adobe building encompassing a main auditorium, display rooms (1-2), i.e., Microbiology Exhibit room (±900-SF), restroom facilities (2), and renewable energy infrastructure (wind and solar) for power and water.
  - 2. Fencing and gates to enclose the 14-acre Park
  - 3. Security system permanently affixed to protect park from vandals
  - 4. Water and electrical lines, and 1.25-miles of accessible walking paths/trails to connect exhibits
  - 5. Parking lot  $(\pm 2$ -acres) with sufficient space for school bus parking
  - 6. Volcano replica (10 ft. in height)
  - 7. Rose Garden (±900-SF) containing at least 30 rose bushes
  - 8. Sun Dial (15-ft. tall) and a sand hourglass and water clock (4-ft. tall)
  - 9. Level surface and modify earth mound for a large concrete pad ( $\pm 1.25$  acres)
  - 10. Viewing Scopes (purchase 5 each) and mounted on soil mound.
  - 11. Solar system (smaller replica) mounted on 10-ft. poles constructed proportional in size and spacing to actual dimensions, placed on the soil mound.
  - 12. Suspension bridge (200-ft.) and Truss bridge (100-ft.) mounted on soil mound.
  - 13. Platform on soil mound to mount 30 slides with different heights, lengths & slopes
  - 14. Wildlife biology exhibit (±900-SF) with above-ground tunnel (20-LF x 6 ft. high) near soil mound to house paintings of plants and animals (iridescent colors) lighted in a way to highlight the life forms.
  - 15. Pond ( $\pm$ 300-SF with water 18" depth) with connecting stream (15-LF) to function as a working wetland connecting pond with a one-horsepower water circulating pump.
  - 16. Jungle gyms 4 each (6-ft. in height) to contain chemical structures of numerous molecules critical to life on earth (represented by balls of different size and color).

- 17. Math exhibit designed by physically repositioning permanently attached large foam blocks in 5 different shapes (1 to 3-LF) for better understanding of Geometry; and situated on a bonded rubber playground surface under a shade structure.
- 18. Vertical Gardens 3 each (6-ft. tall and 20-ft. wide) with multiple rows for plantings; and a 900-SF area dedicated to crops under conventional agriculture.
- 19. Large Tree Cuttings (purchase 2 each) and mount for vertical viewing.
- 20. Purchase and mount 2 each large satellite discs (6-ft. in diameter) and 3 aluminum solid rods (10-LF and 6" in diameter) containing air, containing water.
- 21. Steel chamber with plexiglass viewing fronts 2-each (4-ft. x 4-ft.)
- 22. Purchase and mount on 20'poles: 6 windsocks, 6 anemometers, 6 temperature sensors
- 23. Purchase and install a Campbell Scientific weather station with viewing monitor.
- 24. Paiute village (replica) with living quarters and rock art (1,000-SF)
- 25. Dig site  $\pm 300$ -SF with fabricated bones (saber tooth tigers, camels, and ground sloths)
- 26. Structure ±900-SF displaying bones and full skeletons (coyotes, big horn sheep, mountain lions and rattle snakes.
- 27. Wind tunnel (20-LF x 6-ft. wide x 6-ft. high). Purchase and install replica of Wright Brothers first plane to fly; design and construct landing strip (20-LF x 8-ft.-w) with air traffic control tower (4-ft. height); and large (> 40-LF) airplane jungle gym under shade structure.
- 28. Structure to house insects/arachnids (900-SF) with 6 large plexiglass view chambers.
- 29. Planting area 2,000-SF for native plants (at least 10 species).
- 30. Photovoltaic combo panels (3 rows) 2-ft. off ground, 10-ft. in height (fixed and tracking mode)
- 31. Wind generators 4 each mounted on 10-ft. poles
- 32. 3D Nevada Map (8-LF x 4-ft.-w) displayed under plexiglass dome of slightly larger dimensions situated under a shade structure.
- 2. <u>Anticipated Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Design and construction of low water use xeric gardens based on availability of funds.
- 3. Standard Deliverables:
  - a. Federal Environmental Law Compliance, i.e., National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA)
  - b. Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
  - c. Public scoping with affected stakeholders
  - d. Engineering design and construction documents and technical reports
  - e. Preparation of final bid documents, bidding and negotiating
  - f. Evaluation (including cultural/historical)
  - g. Permitting, construction and resulting construction management
  - h. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - i. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - j. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - k. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.316488° / -115.203841° Congressional District(s): NV-4

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion will be within the standard 5-year period of performance for PTNA projects.

## G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\square$  Yes -or-  $\square$  No

The North Las Vegas City Council authorized staff to nominate this project for Round 19 funding, and the City has qualified personnel on staff to begin implementing the design and construction of the project within one-year of the federal award when issued. If funded, the City will immediately seek corporate donors to enhance the Park from an educational perspective. Staff from the Center for Urban Water Conservation will assist when needed. Invasive plant species will not be used in the proposed park landscaping.

The City is prepared to complete the requisites to obtain the "SNPLMA Notice to Proceed" such as completing any Federal Environmental Law Compliance and NHPA Section 106 consultation. The City is prepared to coordinate with the BLM office well in-advance (minimum of 180 days) of any ground-disturbing activities to amend R&PP lease N-49747-01, including submitting an updated management plan and plan of development for BLM approval. The City is also aware that the subsurface estate (mineral material) is federally owned by the United States; therefore proper coordination with the BLM concerning use of the mineral material especially if any of the earth will be removed from the site. The City also plans to develop the surrounding land within the McCool Regional Park, in a complementary aspect to further enhance the STEM park.

### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

A Children science and Nature Park advisory committee will be formed (comprised of City of North Las Vegas personnel, UNLV faculty and CCSD STEM staff) to help address operation and maintenance costs beyond the SNPLMA funding period. The City plans to engage the Master Gardeners in the maintenance of plants and landscaping at the Park.

The Park will help to solidify a stronger scientific core community in the region (UNLV Center, City, State and Federal Parks) to address conservation and environmental stewardship. Although the park would initially be dedicated to self-guided tours for participants, the goal would be to open the park on the weekends for walk-in participants to enjoy the interactive displays. This step would require additional staffing at the Park and would come at an increased cost. If SNPLMA funding is obtained, we would immediately seek outside funding through the UNLV Foundation and public donations to speed this process along. Additional funds will also need to be pursued to help offset the cost of transportation for students to the park.

### I. PROJECT BUDGET

City of North Las Vegas is seeking 31,779,248 in SNPLMA funds to complete the project. The estimated costs by budget category are outlined on the SF-424A enclosed below.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

#### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. <u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

# A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: *The STEM Park is to be a new construction located within the McCool regional Park and will be adjacent to federal and state lands.* The STEM project will expand activities at the McCool regional Park, by providing access to safe recreational STEM-centric learning opportunities to students of the Las Vegas Valley. The southern perimeter of the STEM Park will be linked with the Center for Urban Water Conservation and the northern perimeter will be adjacent to the Ice Age Fossils State park and the Tule Springs Fossil Bed National Monument. Hence, this project both constructs and builds upon existing natural areas and provides recreation access to community members.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: The STEM Park is dedicated to teaching children about science, technology, engineering and math. Many of these children will never visit the open spaces, trails and parks found in Nevada, due to financial barriers. It is essential that, through the STEM Park, the outdoors be brought to the students in a fun effective way that truly engages them in the learning process. The park will allow for students in the community to learn and actively participate in STEM based activities. As the world's workforce increasingly relies upon experts in STEM fields, this Park provides Las Vegas Valley children, even those facing financial hardships, the ability to discover and grasp concepts that have the potential to significantly impact them economically in the future. Since the future of our state depends on our youth, the STEM Park provides an opportunity to introduce and nurture children's interest in the critical fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.

#### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Answer: The Children Science and Nature Park will be the only STEM focused Park in Nevada and one of only a few in the United States. The project will be unique to the Southern Nevada region as the exhibits will highlight a wide range of STEM related fields of science, including a cultural exhibit related to the Paiute Indian Nation in southern Nevada. In addition, earth and biological science exhibits will be centered on plants and animals inhabiting Southern Nevada (including coyotes, bighorn sheep, mountain lions and the desert tortoise). Only plants that are desert adapted (many native to the region) will be utilized in the landscape and no turfgrass will be utilized. The STEM Park will be uniquely tied to education, as it is being developed in collaboration with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. This fundamental aspect of education separates the STEM Park from all other parks in Nevada.

We recognize that both the Discovery Museum and the Spring Preserve also provide a science experience for students in CCSD, and both are excellent facilities. The Discovery Museum is an indoor facility that focuses on a hands-on discovery (CCSD incurs some cost to send students to the museum). Whereas the Springs Preserve has an excellent botanical garden and

clear message about water conservation. Our Science Park will be outdoors, focusing on STEM education by introducing the students to over 20 fields of science. The Science Park is also founded on a teach the teacher approach integrating UNLV faculty and UNLV undergraduates into the park as all exhibits will be backed by faculty working in these distinct fields of science. Since proficiency ratings are so poor in science for resident children of Clark County, we don't believe there can be too many facilities that directly address ways to creatively improve the understanding of science by our elementary school students. We believe a Children Science and Nature Park will provide a unique setting to inspire elementary school students to better understand how science relates to their own lives and the world they live in.

D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Answer: Parks provide an enjoyable setting for children, and the importance of outdoor recreation cannot be overstated. Children's mental health is critical in the learning process. A park that engages students in an enjoyable learning experience can improve the overall health and happiness of children and the community.

E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: The target public for the Park is children living not only in North Las Vegas but also living in the greater Las Vegas Valley. Many of these students come from economically disadvantaged families, as 71% of all students in CCSD qualify for free and reduced-price lunch programs. The Children Science and Nature Park will give children across the valley equal opportunity to participate in science-based recreation by bringing the outdoors directly to them.

- 2. <u>**RESOURCES**</u>: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
- A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: The STEM Park will have a strong educational component through its collaboration with the UNLV and CCSD. The Park will also have a unique setting being located between the Center for Urban Water Conservation and the State Ice Age Fossil Park and the Tule Springs Fossil Bed National Monument enhancing cultural, educational, environmental, open space and recreational resources.

B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: The STEM Park will provide children recreational opportunities, while simultaneously fostering stewardship of the region's environment and natural resources. The 27 science exhibits will provide interactive opportunities for students to learn how important science is in their everyday lives. In addition, the Park will highlight restoration of disturbed lands and those lands threatened by greater land development, as the native plant exhibit will also focus on growing plants such as the threatened Las Vegas buckwheat and bear paw poppy. C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: Only desert adapted (mostly native) plants will be used in landscaping with no turfgrass areas in-/outside of the Park. All plants will be irrigated with an evapotranspiration feedback system utilized by the adjacent Center for Urban Water Conservation. Energy will be provided by the solar and wind exhibit to electrify the park (i.e., pumps, lighting, irrigation clocks).

- D. *The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.* Answer: The Park will be home to 27 exhibits connecting STEM to Southern Nevada's environment. Students will be taught using fun, hands-on approaches to learning, which will clearly demonstrate how STEM can be found in everyday activities. Students will hopefully make a direct connection between their life experiences and the science phenomena they will learn at the STEM Park.
- **3.** <u>**CONNECTIVITY:**</u> Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.
- A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: The Children Science and Nature Park will be located adjacent to the UNLV Center for Urban Water Conservation within the greater McCool regional Park. It will be positioned between the research center and the State Ice Age Fossil Park and the Tule Springs Fossil Bed National Monument. We have met with staff at both facilities and have discussed the possibility of a long-term goal of establishing trails for easy access from lone location to the next.

- B. *The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)* Answer: The Children Science and Nature Park will be located within the approved McCool Regional Park.
- C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: The project could become part of a comprehensive system of parks, centers, monuments, and natural areas connected by trails but that would need to be addressed in the future as it is not a critical component of this proposal.

- D. *The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.* Answer: The 27 STEM exhibits will provide children with a direct connection with the outdoors that they might never encounter in Las Vegas (wetlands, oasis, tree rings, volcano, suspension bridge, wind catcher, soil horizons, worms, Nevada topography, native plants, animal bones and insects and "scary bugs".
- E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The primary goal of the Children's Science and Nature Park is to provide students with a connection to the environment by interacting with the 27 STEM related exhibits. Much of CCSD is made up of minority students (46.5% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black and 6% Asian Pacific) and many are economically disadvantaged and have minimal opportunities to visit the outdoors. The Science Park would bring the science to the students in an enjoyable way that blends education and recreation.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
- A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: A detailed budget is provided that outlines the cost associated with architectural plans, earth moving, water, power and construction of the 27 STEM exhibits. We believe the park can be fully completed within a two to three-year period.

B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: Based on Nevada's science proficiency score of 29.5% of fourth grade students in the CCSD, there is a real need for the students to gain a greater understanding of science and how it relates to their own lives and the world they live in. We believe a Children Science and Nature Park will help address this issue as we project that over 25,000 students will visit the park on a yearly basis to gain a greater understanding of STEM related science. Based on 137,000 elementary school students, almost every student should be able to visit the park between their first and sixth grade. Larger visitor numbers may be possible once logistics are fine tuned.

C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: The STEM Park will be designed by professional landscape architects in conjunction with science advisors from UNLV.

- D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism). Answer: Enclosed is a letter from the President of the UNLV Foundation who indicated they have already contacted potential sponsor/donors and the level of interest is extremely high. Staff from the adjacent UNLV Center for Urban Water Conservation is committed to providing any needed assistance. We also believe we will be successful in recruiting Master Gardeners to assist on several exhibits and park landscaping and plantings. Once funded, the City will begin the recruitment process for UNLV senior interns at the park (SNPLMA funds not required).
- E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: All irrigations will occur based on using an evapotranspiration feedback system associated with the Center for Urban Water Conservation. Such an approach has been

documented to save as much as 20% of the water used in a typical residential setting. All electricity will be generated on site from our solar and wind energy exhibit. The visitor Center will be air cooled using a Persian cooling tower (wind catcher) and a deep network of pipes that will enable air to be circulated and cooled based on the network being buried at a soil depth of eight feet. The roof top tiles on the Center will be black on one side and white on the other and will be flipped on a seasonal basis to enhance absorption or reflection of solar energy.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Responses to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities are as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

- A. Executive Orders (EO):
- 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. Answer: N/A
- 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

Answer: The City strives to use American-made products throughout its park system. Benches, picnic tables are all made in America, as is most of the playground equipment. The shade fabrics are all American-made, while the landscaping rock and native plants are mined/grown locally.

- B. Secretarial Orders
- 1. *SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.* Answer: The Children's Science and Nature Park will be founded on a blend of outdoor recreation and education, where students will be engaged to better understand concepts such as conservation and stewardship.
- 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Answer: N/A
- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: N/A
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Answer: N/A
- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: N/A
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: N/A

- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: N/A
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. Answer: N/A
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: N/A
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
- 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: One of the exhibits at the Park will present both solar and wind energy as green alternatives. Students will be engaged to think about the impact nonrenewable energy sources have on the environment. Educating the next generation about renewable energy will be critical in restoring the balance on America's public lands and waters.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: We will have an exhibit that highlights the Paiute people. Children will be introduced to the culture of the Southern Paiutes and gain a greater appreciation for tribal sovereignty and self- governance.

- 3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate. Answer: N/A
- 4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: The Children's science and Nature Park will help educate the next generation on needed conservation and restoration efforts. The Park will highlight desert adapted plants, water conservation (evapotranspiration feedback system) and the use of renewable energy.

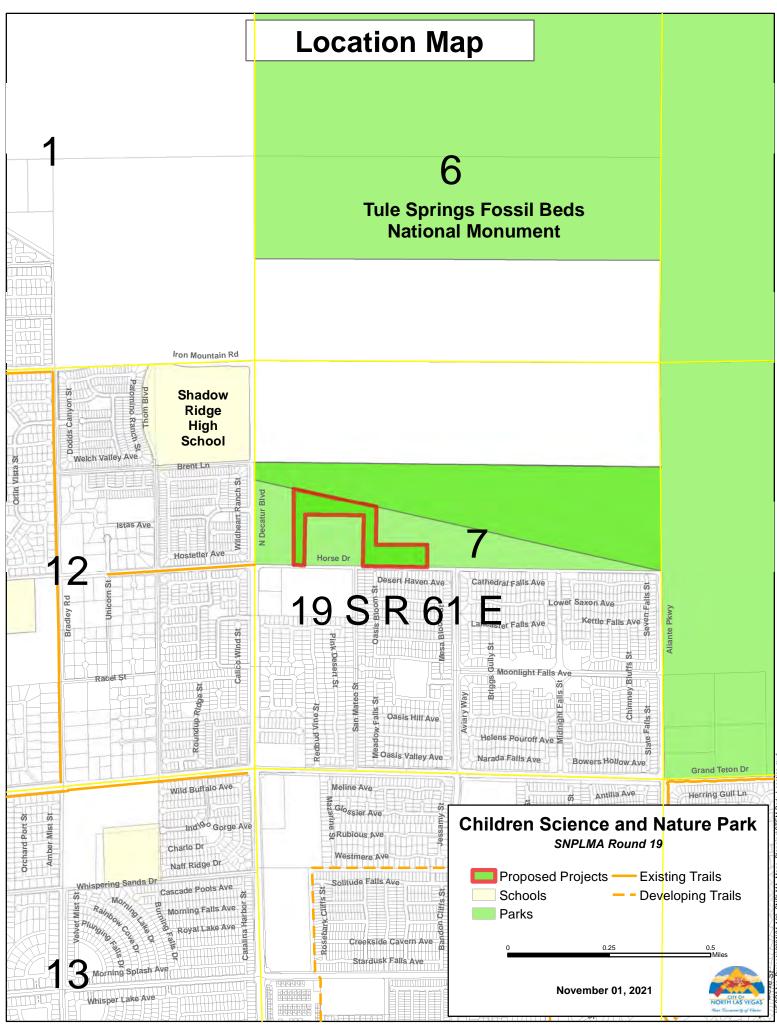
5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

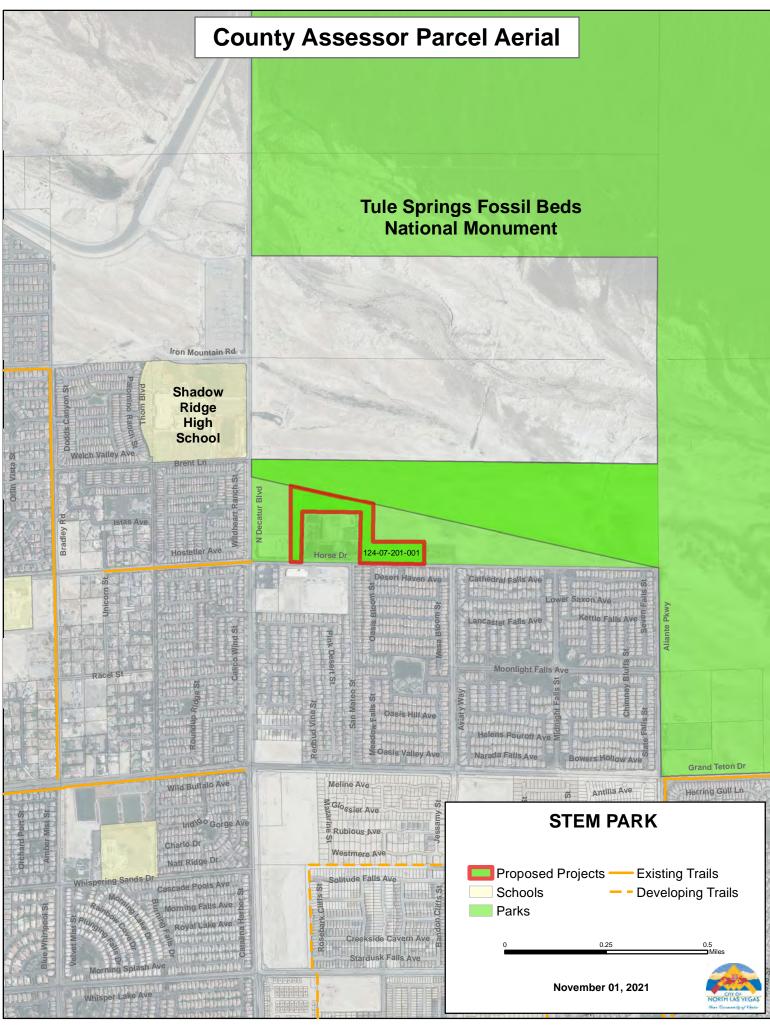
Answer: The children visiting the Science and Nature Park will be predominantly minority and economically disadvantaged. The Park will provide a unique opportunity for these children to experience science first hand, as the children will be able to experience many different environmental settings.

#### D. Forest Service Priorities:

- 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic. Answer: N/A
- 2. Providing economic relief. Answer: N/A
- 3. Tackling climate change. Answer: N/A
- 4. Advancing racial equity. Answer: N/A
- 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

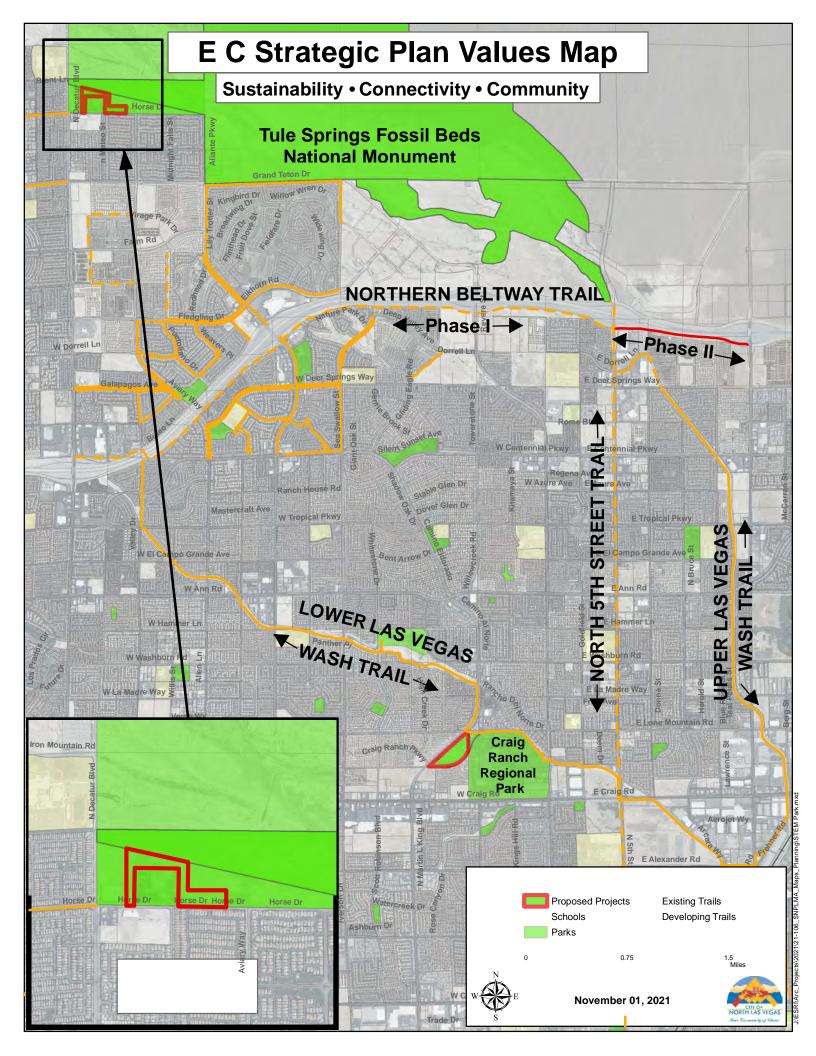
Answer: An outdoor park setting as proposed will provide a hands-on visual learning experience that will make it easier for all attendees to grasp science and have fun with physical activity on the approximately 27 full size exhibits portraying various elements of everyday STEM concepts. In addition, attendees will learn that there are rewarding and exciting jobs that await them in the many fields of science. The more individuals that can be reached, especially at an early age, the greater the number of participants that will pursue STEM learning. Individuals with a STEM background, are more employable and obtain a higher wage rate due to the nature of the job function. An individual with more disposable income will stimulate the economy in a multitude of varying ways.





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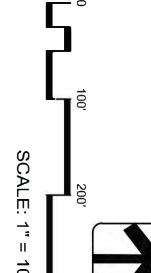






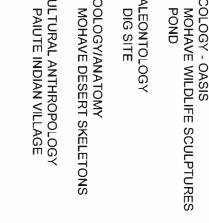






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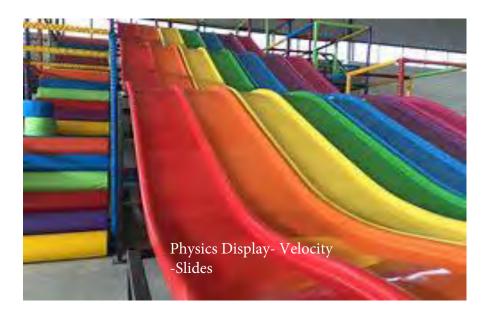




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## Photo Examples of STEM Exhibits

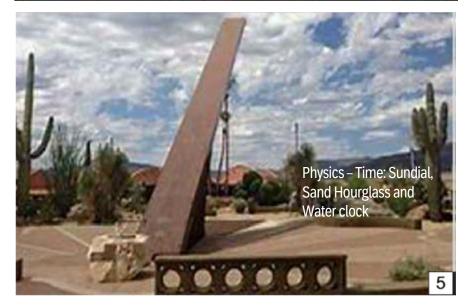












## SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Children Science and Nature Park

## **Performance Measures**

SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment						
Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definitio	Quantity				
Performance Measures for Recreation	*Report the number of acres of ne parks or natural areas may be co improvements are made as defin parks or natural areas acquired, a	<ol> <li>Fencing and gates around 14-acre park perimeter</li> <li>Parking lot 2-acres</li> <li>*Exhibit Structures (STEM related) such as:         <ul> <li><u>Astronomy Exhibit</u> - Concrete pad (±1.25 acres) after The following will be mounted as part of this exhibit: mountain on soil mound; and Solar system (replica) mon soil mound.</li> <li><u>Engineering Architecture Exhibit</u>: Visitor Center, 1,2/building)</li> <li><u>Engineering Structural Exhibit</u> - Suspension bridge 20/bridge 100-ft.</li> <li><u>Wildlife Biology Exhibit</u> – Above-ground tunnel 900</li> <li><u>Geoscience Exhibit</u> - Volcano replica (10-ft. tall)</li> <li><u>Physics Velocity Exhibit</u> – Slides (30ea), different he g. <u>Physics Sound Exhibit</u> - Sundial 15-ft. tall and sand hor ft. tall</li> <li><u>Physics Solids/Liquid/Air Exhibit</u> - 3 Pipes mounted: 1) solid aluminum rod (6-in diameter x 10-LF);</li> <li>water aluminum pipe (6-in diameter x 10-LF);</li> <li>aluminum pipe-air (6-in diameter x 10-LF);</li> <li><u>Chemistry Exhibit</u> – Jungle Gyms (4ea) 6-ft. tall struct difference size and color representing molecules critic k. <u>Geometry Exhibit</u> bonded rubber playground w/large blocks (pyramid, cube, cylinder, cone &amp; sphere)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	14-acre new park construction			
		<ol> <li><u>Botany Dendrochronology Exhibit</u> – mount two large viewing of growth rings. If possible, a redwood cross species) and a bristle cone pine cross sectional cut (ol mounted for viewing.</li> <li><u>Topography</u>– 3D Map of Nevada (4-ft x 8-ft) - Neva topo (mountain ranges (over 300) separated by valley topography in Nevada is one of the best examples in 1 n. <u>Cultural Anthropology Exhibit</u> - Paiute village replica rock art (1,000-SF)</li> <li><u>Engineering Aviation</u> -Wind Tunnel (20-LF x 6-ft x 6 Wright Brothers first plane fly; landing strip (20-LF x control tower (4-ft. tall); and Airplane Jungle Gym (&gt;</li> </ol>	sectional cut (largest tree dest tree species) will be ada has a basin and range (s). This basin and range the world. (a w/ living quarters and (5-ft); replica of the (s 8-ft) with an air traffic			

R4- Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. *Report to the nearest whole mile.	<u>Walking trail/paths</u> throughout park (configuration and length and width TBD by final design)
<b>R6</b> – PTNA Rights of Way or Easements	* <b>Report the acres of rights of</b> way or easements acquired for a PTNA project. * <i>Report to the nearest whole acre.</i>	<u>R&amp;PP Lease – 14-acre Park:</u> City's existing 163-acre R&PP lease (N-49747-01) is authorized for a specific purpose that does not include the proposed park. City will need to file updated management plan and POD to BLM requesting modification or new lease. Proof of BLM approval to be provided to the SNPLMA Program Manager prior to expenditure of funds for development/construction of the park and to obtain the SNPLMA Notice to Proceed.

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN:

# Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community

Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community					
Other Performance	Definition of	Quantity			
Measures	Performance Measures	Quantity			
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.*Report each item produced as one unit.				
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable.*Report each building or facility as one unit	14-acre park and 1,200-SF visitor center – water and power will be provided by renewable energy generation exhibits (solar and wind).			
D12 – Number of Management Plans/Handbooks/Manuals/ Guides for Activity on Public Lands Completed	Report the number of new or revised ecosystem restoration, hazardous fuels reduction, recreation, cultural, resource management, or other activity plans when the decision document for the plan is signed. Revisions include modification of a significant portion of the decisions in the activity plan. Do not report minor amendments or changes in these plans. Report each plan as one unit.				

NOTE: The above performance measures table is not a complete list. Refer to the project nomination. If the project is approved, the City will update the performance measures according to actual deliverables at closing of the project.



# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 http://www.blm.gov/nevada

In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Mr. Cass Palmer Director, Neighborhood and Leisure Services City of North Las Vegas 851 W. Lone Mountain Rd. North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031 Email: palmerc@cityofnorthlasvegas.com

Dear Mr. Palmer:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of North Las Vegas (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Northern Beltway Trail</u>, Phase II\_– This proposal is to design and construct a 12-foot-wide asphalt path including lighting, landscaping, rest areas, and connections to trailheads. The Northern Beltway Trail is an important step toward completing a network of multiuse trails in the Las Vegas valley. Once constructed, this multiuse trail will be the first east-west regional trail within the City. When ultimately connected to the Upper and Lower Las Vegas Wash Trail System, the Northern Beltway Trail will provide a continuous trail system for residents. The proposed project is located within private lands from North Fifth Street to Losee Road entirely within the Clark County 215 public beltway within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 61 E., assessor parcel numbers (APNs) 124-31-199-001, 12431-199-002, 124-31-199-007, 124-23-599-001, and 124-23-599-004.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>McCool STEM Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a new science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) youth park within the Willie McCool Regional Park in partnership with the University of Las Vegas. The project will provide unique youth STEM opportunities and maximize visibility of the park along the street, establishing links between the natural and cultural resources of the park, and creating new spaces for community gathering, play, and education. Improvements will include access, promenade, play areas, safety surfaces, splash pad,

picnic shelters, archeological area of interest, interpretive kiosks, restrooms, and landscaping. The project area is located within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 61 E., sec. 7 on BLM-administered public land leased to the City through the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act, serialized N-49747. The City will need to amend the approved plan of development (POD) with a complete design plan and updated management plan and provide to the BLM for approval prior to initiating any changes or new construction. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. Modification of the R&PP lease POD will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Craig Ranch Regional Park – 20 Acre Park Expansion Project</u> – This proposal is to design and construct new infrastructure and amenities for the existing Craig Ranch Regional Park. These include amenities such as multiuse fields, restrooms, bleacher seating, playgrounds, splashpad, green open space areas, and access sidewalks. The proposed project is located entirely on City lands at 628 West Craig Road within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E, APNs 125-35-415-016, 139-04-602-002, 139-03-102-007, 139-03-201-007, 139-03-201-011, 139-03-201-012, 139-03-201-008, and 139-04-502-001.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey may not be required if all proposed development occurs on previously disturbed areas. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168.

Sincerely,

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District Manager

ecc: Shonna Dooman, Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office Catrina Williams, Field Manager, Red Rock/Sloan Field Office Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager, SNPLMA Division



#### HARRY REID

Senate Majority Leader, 2007-2015 Senate Democratic Leader, 2005-2017 United States Senate, 1987-2017 United States House of Representatives, 1983-1987

November 3, 2021

Mr. Robert Wandell Assistant District Manager – SNPLMA Division Bureau of Land Management 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

Dear Mr. Wandell:

I am writing today to express my support for the proposed Children's Science Park in North Las Vegas to receive funding through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA). This collaboration between the City of North Las Vegas and University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) will help students in the community to engage in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) at a young age. In 1998, I had the pleasure of working with Senator Richard Bryan and then-Congressman John Ensign to champion the passage of SNPLMA. The park would be a shining example of the innovative projects we envisioned the act would support.

The Children's Science Park will introduce and encourage young minds to pursue STEM studies through 27 outdoor exhibits featuring multiple fields of science. Each exhibit will provide bench seating for up to 30 students and offer interactive programming designed to create powerful learning experiences for children. There will be four exhibits in engineering, five in physics, five in geosciences, 11 in life sciences, one in math, one in chemistry, and one in cultural anthropology. An investment in the Children's Science Park complete the project in as short as two to three years.

The educational mission of the Children's Science Park and connections formed between UNLV and the Clark County School District with the City of North Las Vegas Park system will ensure the success of this project. Approximately 25,000 elementary school students are expected to visit the park annually. With Nevada continuing to rank poorly in education at the national level,

additional STEM programming will help boost learning in our state and demonstrate the relevance of science in the lives and learning of our students. According to the Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology, one-third of boys and girls lose an interest in science by the fourth grade and a child's interest in STEM is largely formed by the time he or she reaches upper elementary and middle school. It is imperative we provide our children with the opportunity to learn about STEM at an early age.

The Children's Science Park in North Las Vegas is a much-needed project in the community. The park differentiates itself from the Springs Preserve and the Children's Discovery Museum in many ways. One of those distinctions is the unique collaboration with K-12 education, higher education, and local government. Another is the focus on STEM education. The return on investment for the community and our state is invaluable. The park will excite young minds to pursue further education and careers in STEM fields. The project will diversify the economy, provide for a well-educated civil society, and uplift the community. It is my sincere hope that the project is funded through SNPLMA.

If you have additional questions or would like more information regarding my support for this project, please contact me at (702) 693-7705.

Sincerely. lamilie

HARRY REID

UNIV FOUNDATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

September 2, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

As President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Foundation, the university's registered 501(c)3 and gift receiving arm, 1 am pleased to express my support for the Las Vegas Science Park, If funding from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) is awarded, this will be a sign to our donors that this project is not just a university priority, but a community priority in Southern Nevada.

To ensure this project is fully realized, our development team would be ready to support fundraising efforts with the community's corporate, foundation, and individual donors who share a passion for K-12 STEM education and enrichment. As of the writing of this letter, university donors have already expressed interest in financially supporting this important project, demonstrating the desire to leverage UNLV's intellectual capital for the benefit of our young people.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support, and the project proposal for the Las Vegas Science Park.

Sincesely,

Rickey W McCurry, J.D. Vice President of Philanthropy and Alumbi-Engagement President of UNLV Foundation University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

September 1, 2021

Dear Mr. Palmer,

As the President and the Executive Vice President and Provost of UNLV, we are writing in enthusiastic support of the proposed Children's Science Park in North Las Vegas. This vital project for Southern Nevada encompasses a partnership between The City of North Las Vegas and UNLV to make science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) more accessible to the children of our community and to encourage them to pursue STEM studies in high school and college.

We view the science park as a significant milestone for educational opportunity in Southern Nevada, where the college degree attainment of residents and income per capita is below the national average. The children of these residents deserve access to the best education that our community can offer. A dynamic, hands-on, and interactive science park will supplement the instruction that these young people receive in schools, sparking their interest for future learning. Sustained and holistic science education from a young age can open their minds to the possibility of earning a college degree in STEM and afford them all the promise it holds for economic and social mobility.

The physical landscape of Southern Nevada is home to rare forms of desert flora and fauna and various natural resources. An outside science learning center would be able to leverage our location to provide compelling learning opportunities for the students who live here. Indeed, the very notion of an outside science park is unique in concept and represents an opportunity for Southern Nevada to showcase educational innovation on a national scale.

Our university stands ready to support this new educational center in a variety of ways. Aside from committing our faculty members who offer scientific and pedagogical expertise, we also look forward to engaging the services of our graduate and undergraduate students. We envision the new science park as a cutting edge teaching and learning laboratory in which to unveil innovative practices that will augment the scientific instruction already offered within local schools.

In closing, we reiterate our strong belief that the proposed Children's Science Park will transform educational opportunities for local students. If you offer your support for the establishment of the park, we are convinced that your return on investment will be tremendous. The Children's Science Park will not only make a huge difference in the lives of local children but also uplift our entire community.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we may provide any additional information in support of this project.

Best regards,

Keith E. Whitfield, Ph.D. UNLV President

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#### DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF STATE PARKS

October 18, 2021

Bureau of Land Management 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130

To whom it may concern:

Nevada Division of State Parks has reviewed the plans for City of North Las Vegas' Children's and Science and Nature Park project, which will be located directly south of Ice Age Fossils State Park. This proposed park is in alignment with Ice Age Fossils State Park's mission of providing formative science-related experiences for local students. Furthermore, it will facilitate meaningful future collaborations between Nevada Division of State Parks, City of North Las Vegas, and the University of Nevada Las Vegas. We believe it will be a valuable addition to the neighborhood.

Nevada Division of State Parks supports the awarding of SNPLMA funding for this worthy project.

Sincerely,

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Robert Mergell Administrator Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Nevada Division of State Parks 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 5005 Carson City, NV 89701 <u>rmergell@parks.nv.gov</u> (O) 775-684-2771 | (F) 775-684-2777



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument 601 Nevada Way Boulder City, NV 89005



IN REPLY REFER TO:

October 20, 2021

#### Memorandum

To:	SNPLMA Project Review Panel	
From:	Superintendent, Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument	
Subject:	Letter of Support for City of North Las Vegas proposed project	

To Whom it May Concern:

The National Park Service has reviewed the plans for City of North Las Vegas' Children's Science and Nature Park project, which will be located south of Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument. This proposed park is in alignment with the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument mission of providing valuable educational experiences for local Clark County students. Furthermore, it will facilitate meaningful future collaborations between the National Park Service, City of North Las Vegas, and the University of Nevada Las Vegas. We believe it will be a valuable addition to the local area.

The National Park Service supports the awarding of SNPLMA funding for this unique STEM educational project.

Very Respectfully,

Derek Carter

Derek Carter Superintendent Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument

## Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**City of Las Vegas** 



# **Northwest Regional Park - Phase 1A**

Amount Requested: \$24,375,000

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

After more than two decades of record population growth, Las Vegas is now one of North America's great metropolises. The city and its neighboring communities have enjoyed prosperity, economic growth, and diversification of cultural amenities. Concurrently, there has been increasing pressure on the community infrastructure including schools, parks, highways, water, floodways, and other important public assets. This includes open spaces, scenic vistas, natural areas, and wildlife habitat. It has also threatened traditional access to trail recreation on lands that were once wild but now developed. To match the growth happening in northwest Las Vegas, there is demand for increased recreational resources and amenities. The development of the Northwest Regional Park has been an exciting endeavor that applies community need to historic preservation to enhance recreational opportunities and connect residents to the great outdoors.

Development of the Northwest Regional Park continues to be a priority of the city. In 2018, the City of Las Vegas (City) engaged designers to create a master plan for development of the Northwest Regional Park within 160-acres of public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the northwest part of the Las Vegas Valley. The 160-acre site is located south of Moccasin Road, north of Log Cabin Way, west of El Capitan Way and east of Skye Canyon Park Drive, within T. 19 S., R. 60 E., sec. 5, NW<sup>1</sup>/4; also identified as Clark County assessor parcel numbers 125-05-101-003 (±2.5 acres), 125-05-101-004 (±147.98 acres), 125-05-201-003 (±5 acres), 125-05-201-002 (±2.5 acres). The City has two BLM issued Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act public land leases for a park and a fire station both located within the proposed park site. The City will need to modify its existing R&PP leases and plans of development or alternatively relinquish the R&PP lease(s) and obtain new a new R&PP lease for the proposed regional park. The City has consulted with the BLM on the proposed regional park. A copy of BLM's consultation response letter is enclosed.

The 160-acre regional park will include extensive recreational opportunities for northwest residents. A development site plan schematic of the overall regional park is enclosed. Phase one encompasses nearly 40 acres in the southeast quadrant of the proposed regional park and will be developed in three phases (Phases 1A, -1B and -1C). This Round 19 proposal will be the first step in developing phase one of the park. Phase 1A will encompass 18 acres that will focus on the local community immediate need for outdoor open space and historic preservation. The interpretive design of the site will honor the former *Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad* that was built in 1907 by Senator William Clark and traversed the site to connect the Union Pacific Line in Las Vegas to the Bullfrog Mining District. The City is eager to connect residents to the rich history of the site through outdoor recreation and historic interpretation and amenities.

The Phase 1A historic interpretative design will allow visitors to learn and understand the history of the area by designing the original railroad into major walkways on the site. There will be a railroad bridge type entrance structure to welcome visitors to the park. The historic site will be to the north with a restroom building to the south, and a maintenance building to the north. An amphitheater will be in the center and designed around a railroad turn-style. There will be an open, outdoor cultural learning space to incorporate displays and artifacts from the heritage of the Southern Paiute people. A railroad-themed playground will be installed with alternative water features, also themed around the railroad. The northerly part of the site will include a

parking lot with low-mast lighting, and a dog park with three cells. The site will have an open turf area and landscaping with surrounding walking trails. Well in advance of construction for Phase 1A construction, the City will have completed all federal environmental law compliance pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) as necessary to obtain a valid R&PP lease for this project. The R&PP review and approval process could take 18 months at minimum prior to construction.

- 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases: The Northwest Regional Park original master plan was designed in 2018. Phase 1A is the first phase to begin the development efforts of the regional park; and the project proposed for SNPLMA Round 19 funding. The City anticipates regional support and may submit future phases of the site as SNPLMA nominations.
- 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: The Northwest Regional Park will require four phases to complete the project. The City acknowledges that there is no guarantee for future SNPLMA funding to complete the regional park project.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

To meet these goals the project will focus on the three SNPLMA core values of connectivity, sustainability, and community, and explain how these values are promoted by the project.

1. <u>Sustainability</u>:

The Northwest Regional Park master plan requires shared support by the City of Las Vegas and partnering municipalities and community organizations. <u>The master plan includes a quadrant of the site (Phase 1A - Round 19 project) that focuses on restoring a historic site to enhance outdoor environmental access for the community's enjoyment</u>. The other three quadrants (future phases) are envisioned to include baseball and soccer fields to increase programming and economic development, a library and high school to meet the community's need for services and facilities, and overall access to outdoor recreation in the northwest area of Las Vegas. These components require partnerships and interlocal coordination of services. Financially, it is also expected to receive funding support from these partnership organizations to complete the full master plan. Phase 1A is the City of Las Vegas' initial investment in recreational opportunities for the area and will pursue regional support to achieve the long-term vision for the park.

#### 2. Connectivity:

Connectivity is a key component of the vision for Phase 1A of the Northwest Regional Park. Phase 1A focuses on the historic interpretive design to provide outreach and education of the rich history that was original located on the site. The development of the Southern Paiute interpretive area will educate the community on the historic heritage of the site and encourage people to connect with the environment. The development of dog parks, open space, and future fields will link the community to recreational opportunities.

#### 3. <u>Community</u>:

The Northwest Regional Park will be situated in the northern corner of the valley, surrounded by undeveloped land, and intended to improve the quality of life for the growing northwest Las Vegas community. Currently, residents must travel three miles to the nearest park that only consists of open space and does not include any outdoor recreational opportunities. In the eastern direction of the site, residents must travel 5 miles to a nearby park that consists of more open space and limited historic preservation. Additionally, there are three elementary schools within a five-mile radius of the site, that require increased access to outdoor recreational opportunities that are included in the master plan of the Northwest Regional Park. On a larger scale, to the east of the site, there is ongoing and future residential community growth with the development of the Skye Canyon division that does not include development of open spaces. These students and families can be connected to history, recreational wellness, and community engagement by visiting Phase 1A of the park nominated in Round 19.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The City of Las Vegas will construct an 18-acre park near Log Cabin Way and El Capitan Way in the northwest part of the Las Vegas Valley in Clark County, Nevada. This project will provide open space and outdoor recreational and educational amenities designed with interpretation amenities of the historic and cultural uses of the area by the Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad and honor the rich history of the Southern Paiute heritage. Development of the Park Phase 1A will include a historic railroad-themed workers camp with tents, other historic interpretive amenities, a pedestrian loop trail, playground and water play area, shade structures, amphitheater, a dog park among other park amenities.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

#### Primary Deliverables

- 1. A dog park with 3 cells ( $\pm 0.8$ -acre in total)
- 2. Park "entry element" (±50-LF) to resemble a train bridge
- 3. A restroom building (±425-SF) with appropriate amenities
- 4. A maintenance building that includes a sink and storage space
- 5. A historic interpretative railroad workers camp ( $\pm 0.5$ -acre) with 8 tents
- 6. 2 each shade structures ( $\pm 900$ -SF each) at main entrance near restroom
- 7. Reconstruct  $\pm 800$ -LF section of the historic train tracks
- 8. A historic interpretive area of the Southern Paiute heritage A railroad-themed water play area ( $\pm 0.2$ -acre)
- 9. A railroad-themed playground (±1.8-acre) with 100-SF shad structure
- 10. 3 each water towers entry points railroad themed

- 11. Install a locomotive experience (1 each train w/ ramp) realistic train for kids to climb on
- 12. Amphitheater (±3,600-SF) resembling a railroad turntable
- 13. Light Show area  $(\pm 0.3 \text{ acre})$  train-themed
- 14. Open Turf area ( $\pm 1.8$  acres)
- 15. Pedestrian trail system (±2.5 miles) looped throughout the 18-acre park
- 16. 1 each surfaced parking lot to accommodate 258 vehicular parking spaces
- 17. LED lights (40+ poles, to be determined by final design)
- 18. Landscaping (±8 acres) of desert-type plants and grass; no invasive plant species
- 19. Park interior road (±200-LF) plus curb/gutter/sidewalks, as appropriate
- 20. Install benches, fountains, 80-SF trash enclosure and trash cans to accommodate all areas
- 21. Fencing (1,800-LF) around the 18-acre site perimeter
- 22. Monument signs (2 each)
- 23. Directional/information signs (15 each)

#### \*Anticipated Deliverables

- 1. Ninja Warrior Training area
- 2. An additional Water Tower (Railroad Themed) Entry Point
- 3. An additional Light Show area railroad themed

\*if sufficient funding available after completion of primary deliverables and prior to implementing anticipated deliverables approval from the BLM SNPLMA Program Manager is required.

#### Standard Deliverables

- 1. Obtain valid R&PP lease(s) from the BLM Las Vegas Field Office
- 2. Complete federal law environmental compliance (i.e., NEPA, Section 7 of the ESA)
- 3. Complete NHPA Section 106 consultation
- 4. Contract services for design, engineering, survey, construction drawings, technical reports, cultural review, field inspections, drainage, utilities, soil/other analysis, grading, permits, site improvements, public input meetings and other necessary expenses.
- 5. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
- 6. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
- 7. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
- 8. SNPLMA Close-out Package

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.329664, -115.28857036°

Congressional District(s): NV-4

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion will be within the standard 5-year period of performance for PTNA projects. This includes 1.5 years to design, 6 months to bid, 2 years to construct, 6 months to close out.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"): □ Yes -or- ⊠ No

The project has been designed to Schematic Level, however, the City will need to complete design to be shovel ready, as well as address R&PP lease requirements and complete federal environmental law compliance (i.e., NEPA, Section 7 of the ESA), and NHPA Section 106 consultation.

The 18-acre Phase 1A park proposal is on BLM-administered public land reserved on behalf of the City for recreation and public purposes (SNPLMA Reservation N-77372), but no authorized lease issued for use of the site. The Phase 1A park proposal is adjacent to the City's R&PP leases for a park (NVN-37125) and a fire station (NVN-82353). The existing R&PP leases need to be addressed, either through relinquishment and a new application submitted for this project, or a request for a change of use/additional acreage to be added to an existing lease and the remaining leases relinquished. Changes to the existing R&PP lease will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the NEPA and Section 7 of the ESA. Furthermore, an initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. However, previous cultural inventories in the project area identified one unevaluated cultural site (26CK1640) and three cultural sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places – Tule Construction Camp (26CK5596), Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad Berm (26CK1649), and Las Vegas-Bullfrog/Tonopah Wagon Road (26CK5600). Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office will be required to address the potential effects of park construction to these sites and measures for mitigation of these effects.

These federal compliance processes will need to be completed well in advance of project construction as Section 106 consultation could take up to 1 year to complete because of the potential adverse effects to historic properties, and the minimum amount of time to process R&PP applications and NEPA is 18 months or more. The proposed budget and timeline have taken these federal processes into account.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The City of Las Vegas Department of Park and Recreation will operate and maintain Phase 1A of the park. The department is committed to maintaining this facility to the same high standards as all other City parks to ensure it can be enjoyed for the future. Routine maintenance of the Phase 1A of the park is estimated to cost \$13,138.71 per acre; \$236,496.78 for 18 acres in Phase 1A. Routine operations and maintenance includes trail/pathway maintenance, parking lot cleaning and repair, graffiti removal, debris removal, lighting repair, landscape and building maintenance, and playground equipment inspection and routing repairs.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

City of Las Vegas is seeking \$24,375,000 in SNPLMA funds to complete the project. A breakdown of the estimated costs by budget category is outlined on the SF-424A budget summary form enclosed below.

<u>Partnership and/or Contributed Funds</u>: City of Las Vegas is committed to contributing \$400,000 in soft costs for the Phase 1A project from their FY-2023 capital improvement budget. Soft costs are usually items such as design, permitting fees, utility fees, etc.

The City *may* also contribute \$50,000 from Residential Construction Tax (RCT) fee funds. RCT are fees collected from Homebuilders (per home) that can only be used for parks construction and rehab and used in the same ward the fee was collected.

#### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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#### **SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

6. Object Class Categories		GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY							Total
	(1)	CLV General Fund	(2	) FY23 CIP Fund	(3)	SNPLMA Round 19 "NW Regional Park PhlA" (Construction and Design Costs)	(4	)	(5)
a. Personnel	\$	5,001.51	\$		\$		\$		\$ 5,001.51
b. Fringe Benefits		1,800.54							1,800.54
c. Travel									
d. Equipment									
e. Supplies									
f. Contractual						24,375,000.00			24,375,000.00
g. Construction			]						
h. Other			]	400,000.00					400,000.00
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)		6,802.05		400,000.00		24,375,000.00			\$ 24,781,802.05
j. Indirect Charges									\$
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$	6,802.05	\$	400,000.00	\$	24,375,000.00	\$		\$ 24,781,802.05
7. Program Income	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$ ard Form 4244 (Pey, 7, 97)

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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

The Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category. Nominating entities are not to include either the total point value or the point values by criteria in their responses. Nominations will be reviewed and scored by the PTNA subgroup.

- 1. <u>**DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO:**</u> Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.
  - A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: The Northwest Regional Park Master Plan consists of 160 gross acres to construct a new park and provide the northwest Las Vegas Community increased access to outdoor recreational opportunities. Phase 1A includes 18 acres to begin new park construction that provides access to historic preservation and education and open space for community residents, with three dog parks for community pets.

- B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development Answer: Currently, the site is located in the far northwest corner of Las Vegas, surrounded by undeveloped land and ongoing residential development. Currently there is not an area dedicated to outdoor recreation and education to meet the demands of the growing residential area. Phase 1A will improve community prosperity and economic development by attracting residents and families to the northwest, and provide outdoor recreation and open space for existing residents with opportunity for future programming.
- C. *The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.* Answer: The Northwest Regional Park master plan is extremely unique as there is nothing that compares to its historic design, open space capacity, and access to outdoor recreational resources. Phase 1A is significant because it is the initial phase of the master plan that will honor the rich history of the site in order to attract visitors and future development to complete the long-term master plan vision. Additionally, it is significant to the northwest region as a historic site and will be the only open space available at its size and capacity. Only pocket parks exist within a 5-mile radius, with surrounding residential communities in need of open space and recreational opportunities.
- D. *The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).* Answer: Following the COVID-19 pandemic, parks and recreation became a community value as it was the only resource available throughout a period of quarantine and commercial shutdown. With that said, Phase 1A will provide a new park and recreational opportunity that does not currently exist. This will provide the community an area for outdoor recreation, wellness, engagement and fitness that is not currently built. As this new park will activate the area, safety should increase by community activity and presence in the currently vacant areas that experience illegal dumping in the desert, delinquent activity, and dangerous access to a desert landscape environment.
- E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: The northwest community in Las Vegas have experienced barriers that limit access and connectivity to recreational opportunities. The nearest activated area with open space, recreation, and retail development is Downtown Summerlin, which is about 20 miles from the northwest community. Additionally, the northwest community currently only has pocket parks available for limited open space. Thus, the development of the Northwest Regional Park is critical to the connectivity of the growing northwest community and will increase access to recreation. Not only is the development of the park critical, but the interpretative historic design is the proper way to develop this community space to honor the rich Nevada history that existed in the early 1900's on the site that currently is not being preserved for future generations.

- 2. <u>**RESOURCES**</u>: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
  - A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: Phase 1A of the Northwest Regional Park enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources by providing three dog parks, open space grass areas, historic interpretative design to construct a walking trail and pathways, a community amphitheater for outdoor wellness and programming opportunities, a historic Southern Paiute heritage interpretive area, shade structures, restroom, and railroad themed playground equipment.

B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: Phase 1A of the Northwest Regional Park advances recreation opportunities by providing outdoors recreational and open space areas with a historic design to inspire stewardship to honor and preserve the history in the northwest community.

C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: Phase 1A consists of an interpretive historic design that includes tent-like shade structures and walking pathways and trails with a railroad influence. These trails are paved/hard surface along a desert landscape to preserve water and utility materials. There is desert landscape with sustainable shrub and trees for additional shade for visitors rather than building maintenance throughout the 18 acres of the park.

D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: There is a great deal of appreciation of the natural environment as the entire design of Phase 1A consist of a railroad theme to honor the railroad/mining history that existing on the site. All recreational resources being constructed will foster an interaction with an understanding of the history and outdoor recreation.

3. <u>CONNECTIVITY</u>: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: Phase 1A will construct beginning phases of railroad-themed trails and walking pathways that will eventually connect to future phases of the Northwest Regional Park master plan trails and walking paths. Surrounding school yards and community pocket parks can also connect to this regional park for greater recreational activity.

B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

Answer: Yes. Phase 1A is part of the approved City of Las Vegas Northwest Regional Park master plan.

C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: Phase 1A is integral in initiating the development of the park master plan that will consist of comprehensive system of parks, trails and natural areas.

D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: Phase 1A of the Northwest Regional Park will serve as an educational/ interpretative bridge to connect people to the outdoors by following a historic interpretative design through construction of recreational resources. The design of Phase 1A consists of a railroad-theme that educates the community through outdoor recreation.

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: Phase 1A of the park absolutely is intended to promote recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists by becoming the only regional park in the area with a focus on historic preservation. The park will engage youth, veterans, minorities, underserved communities and any other community resident living in the northwest that currently has limited outdoor recreational resources in order to participate in activities. This park will be available to the public and all ages and demographics.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: Yes, please reference the Budget Narrative and SF424A Budget form that outlines the costs of the project. Project deliverables will consist of the \$24,375,000 being nominated for Phase 1A. Phase 1A will be completed with \$24,375,000, and future phases will be required in order to achieve the master plan.

- B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified. Answer: Yes. There has been public demand in the northwest community for new parks and increased outdoor recreational opportunities that do not currently exist within a 5- to 10-mile radius of the northwest community. SNPLMA funds will be used to complete the project's deliverables. Future phases will be required to achieve the master plan with future funding requests.
- C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: Installation of LED lights will reduce future maintenance, as well as landscaping that requires limited maintenance. City of Las Vegas maintenance staff will ensure and provide the overall general maintenance of the park.

- D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism). Answer: The City of Las Vegas has dedicated CIP funds to this project for previous design and future design required for Phase 1A. Future phases will require future interlocal contributions.
- E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: The City of Las Vegas values sustainable design and construction materials that are proven to be successful while Parks and Grounds Maintenance staff maintain inventory of park facility elements to minimize maintenance and replacement costs.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

#### A. Executive Orders (EO):

- 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. Answer: Not applicable
- 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. Answer: Not applicable
- B. Secretarial Orders
  - 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: Phase 1A of the Northwest Regional Park is aimed to preserve the historic site and inspire stewardship of the site within the Northwest Community, while providing increased access to outdoor recreation that currently does not exist at the capacity of the design of this project.

2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Answer: Not applicable

- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: Not applicable
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior Answer: Phase 1A of the Northwest Regional Park will increase recreational opportunities on BLM-administered public by providing historically themed trails, educational facilities, open space, and park amenities to meet the communities demand for new park amenities and open space. The City will need to obtain valid R&PP public land leases from the BLM for this Round 19 project.
- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: Not applicable
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: Not applicable
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: Not applicable
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. Answer: Not applicable
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: Not applicable
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: The City of Las Vegas values design efforts to maintain development of renewable energy on public lands.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: Phase 1A will honor the Southern Paiute heritage be providing educational facilities and displays that honor their heritage that existed on the site.

- 3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate. Answer: Not applicable
- 4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America. Answer: Not applicable
- 5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have become priorities of the City of Las Vegas. That lens will be applied to this project to increase access to outdoor recreation and community engagement throughout available open spaces in Northwest Las Vegas. The park will be open to the public. To achieve environmental justice, the City will construct this park to provide park amenities and recreational resources to a community that currently does not have access to historic and recreational opportunities unless they travel to other areas of Las Vegas.

#### D. Forest Service Priorities:

#### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

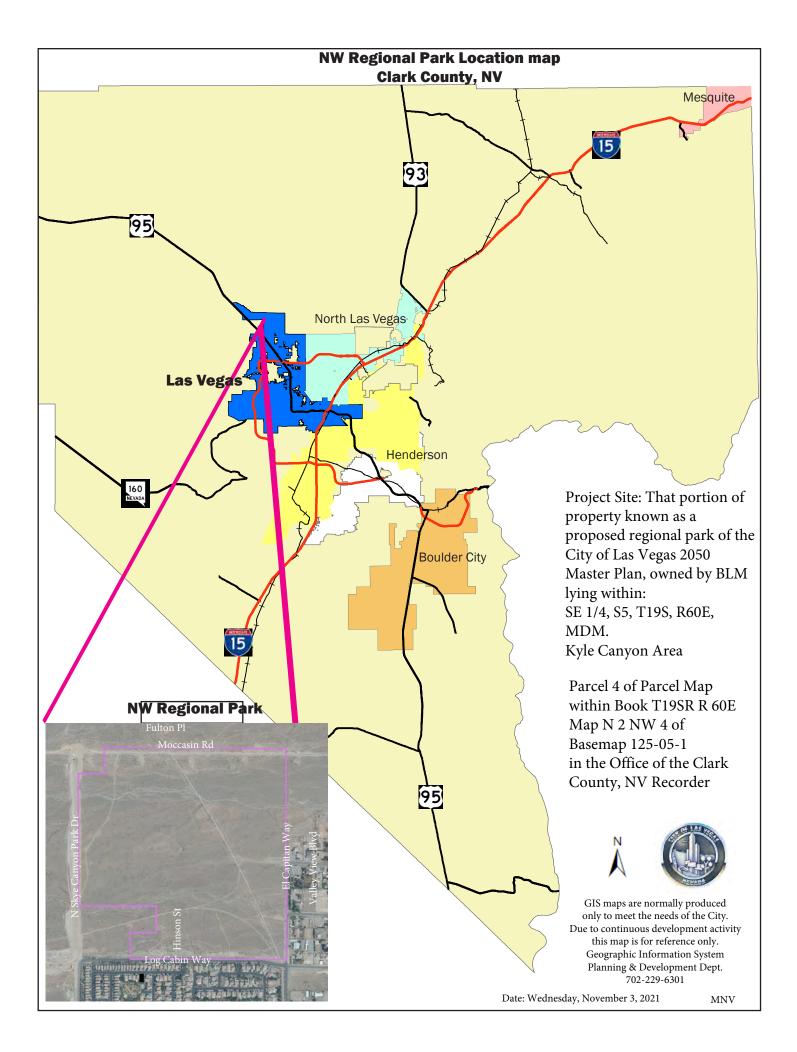
Answer: Phase 1A will include open spaces that will provide healthy areas for the community to visit and practice social distancing in the outdoors. Following the outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Las Vegas realized the value of parks and open spaces for the health and wellness of the community and have invested in this project to enhance those opportunities for the future of the Northwest community.

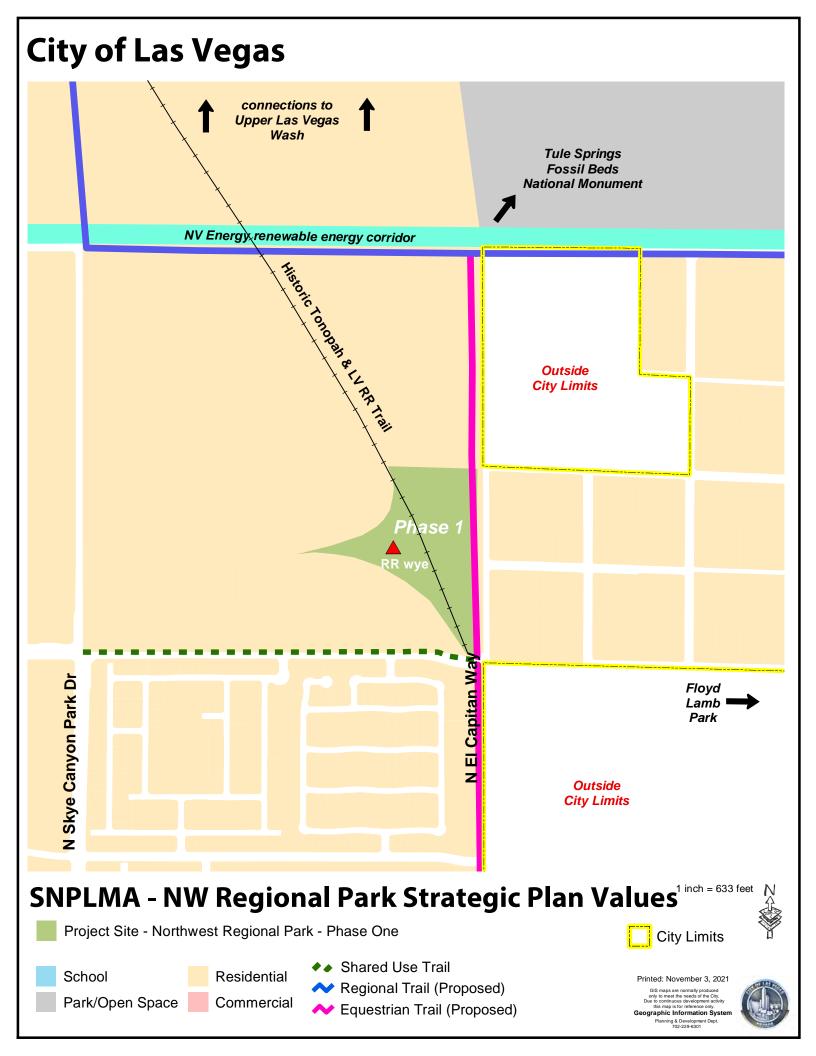
- 2. Providing economic relief Answer: Not applicable
- 3. Tackling climate change Answer: Not applicable

#### 4. Advancing racial equity

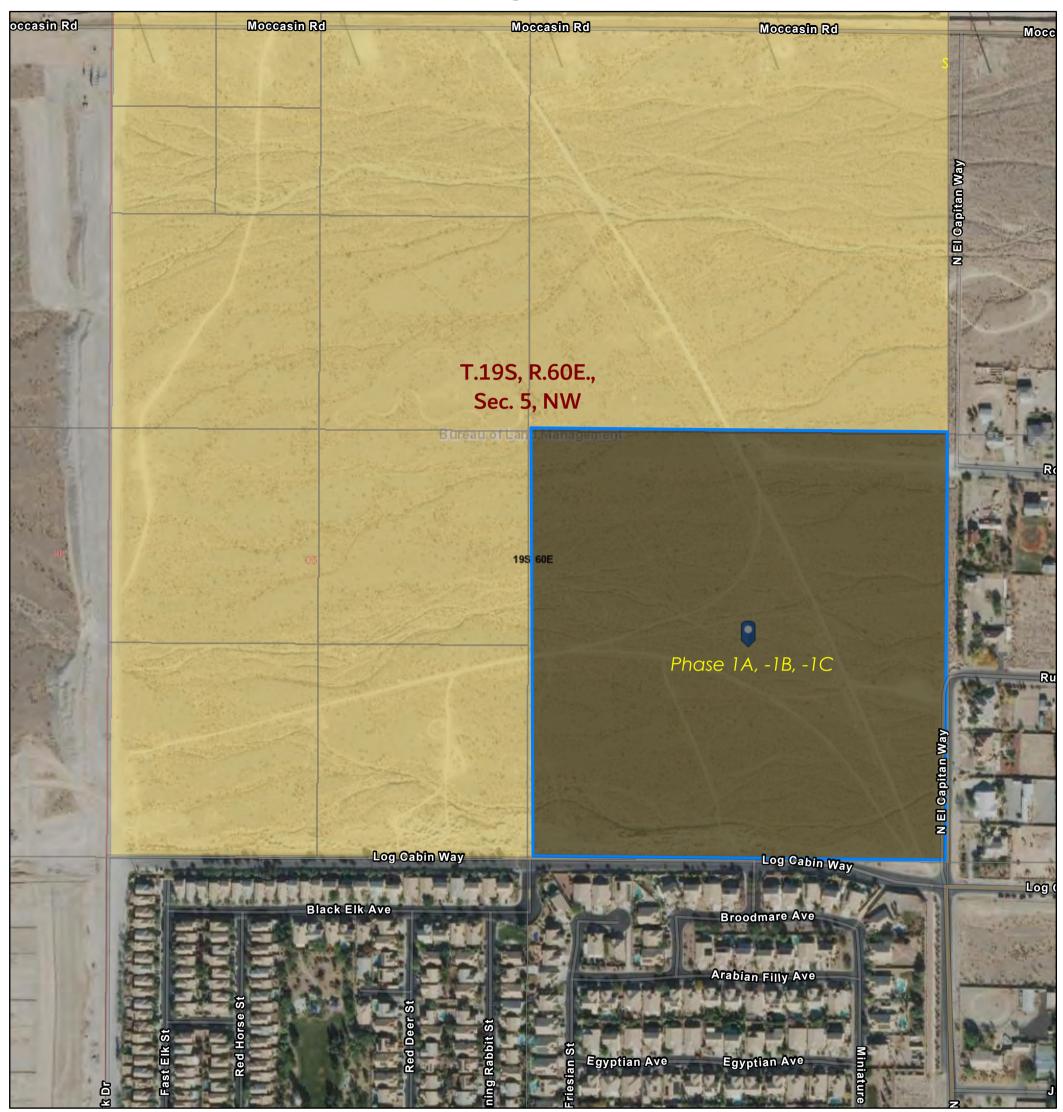
Answer: The park will be open to the public and will encourage racial equity by bridging the surrounding community to historic preservation and education, as well as providing outdoor open spaces and recreational opportunities for community engagement.

5. *Improving our workforce and work environment.* Answer: The park will attract residents to the Northwest and activate the area, as well as providing open space and recreation for the business community to engage and support.





# SNPLMA PTNA R19 - NW Regional Park Phases 1A, -1B, -1C



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BLM Administrative Unit Other Boundary

BLM Administrative Unit Office Points

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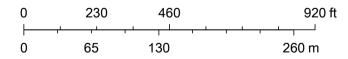
Trails Managed for Public

Trails Not Assessed for Public

Roads Managed for Limited Public Motorized Use

- Transportation System Road
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- NLCS National Monuments, National Conservation Areas and Similar Designations Polygons

State
Other Federal
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)
US Fish and Wildlife (USFW)
US Forest Service (USFS)
National Park Service (NPS)
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
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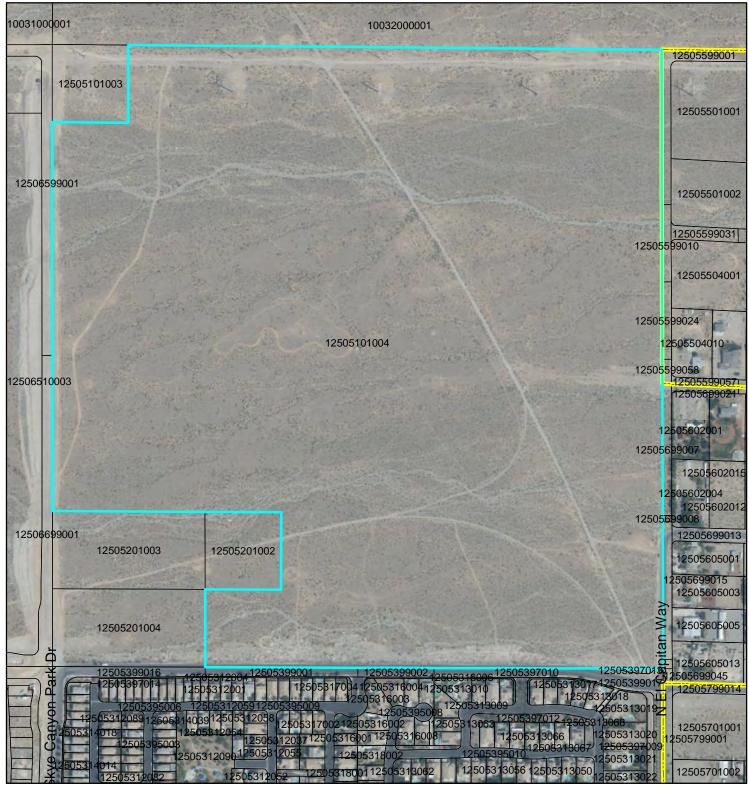


Northwest Regional Park Complete 160-Acre Site Plan

# Northwest Regional Park – Phases 1A, -1B and -1C ±40 acres (within APN 125-05-101-004)

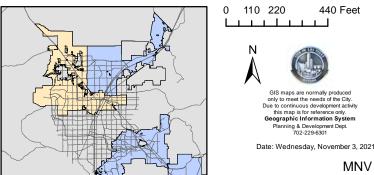


## **Northwest Regional Park: Assessor Parcel Aerial**



Assessor Data

APN: 12505101004 Address: El Capitan / Log Cabinr, Las Vegas, NV 89143 Acreage: 147.98



**RENDITION** Northwest Regional Park – Phases 1A, -1B, -1C



Figure 1 – ① Entry Element like train bridge; ② historic train track replica, ③ railroad workers camp (shade-structures tent-like)



Figure 2 - Amphitheater – resembling a railroad turntable

### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Northwest Regional Park, Phase 1A

### **Performance Measures**

SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 1: Sustain the Quality of the Outdoor Environment by Conserving, Preserving, and Restoring Natural and Cultural Resources						
Performance Measures for Cultural / Paleontological Resources	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity				
C1 - Number of Cultural or Historic Sites or Structures Stabilized or Protected	*Report the number (one unit for each site or each structure) where work is completed to protect, stabilize, restore, excavate, and/or manage cultural features. For sites receiving multiple treatments, count each site only once, but if multiple structures are on a site, count each structure separately. For example an archeological dig site would be counted as one although multiple excavations may take place on the site, whereas a site having remnants of three separate dwellings would be counted as three. Report installation of interpretive signs and structures (e.g., kiosk displays) under O6. Report administrative actions such as mineral withdrawals, closures, or special designations under H1. * <i>Report each site or</i> <i>structure as one unit</i> .	1				
C3 - Acres of Cultural / Paleontological Resources Surveyed, Inventoried or Monitored	* <b>Report the number of acres</b> of land surveyed, inventoried, or monitored for cultural and/or paleontological resources. Include acres surveyed using Class I study of existing information inventory, Class II probabilistic field survey, or Class III intensive field survey and resultant inventory as required by Section 14 of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) or Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). * <i>Report to the nearest whole acre.</i>					

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
<b>R2</b> - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	* <b>Report the number of acres</b> of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. * <i>Report to the nearest whole</i> <i>acre</i> .	18 acres of newly constructed park

R3- Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. * <i>Report each facility or structure as one unit.</i>	<ul> <li>1-restroom bldg.</li> <li>1-maintenance bldg.</li> <li>1 amphitheater</li> <li>1 water play area</li> <li>1 playground</li> <li>1 train workers camp replica with 8 tents</li> <li>1 locomotion experience</li> </ul>
R4- Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. *Report to the nearest whole mile.	<ul> <li>.5-mile interior park access road</li> <li>2.5-mile pedestrian trail</li> </ul>
<b>R6</b> – PTNA Rights of Way or Easements	* <b>Report the acres of rights of way or easements acquired</b> for a PTNA project.* <i>Report to the nearest whole acre.</i>	R&PP Lease(s)

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community

Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity				
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.*Report each item produced as one unit.	8 Interpretive signs for the work train tent camps				
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable.* <i>Report each</i> <i>building or facility as one unit</i>	40+ pole LED lights (TBD by final design)				



### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 http://www.blm.gov/nevada

In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Ms. Katie Sears Senior Management Analyst Department of Parks and Recreation 441 E. Bonanza Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Email: ksears@LasVegasNevada.gov

Dear Ms. Sears:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of Las Vegas (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Northwest Regional Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a regional park with soccer and baseball fields. The proposed project is in the northwest part of the valley within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 60 E., sec. 5. The park proposal is on BLM-administered public land leased to the City pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act, (N-37125 for a park, and N-82353 for a fire station). The project is also located on BLM-administered lands reserved on behalf of the City for recreation and public purposes (SNPLMA Reservation N-77372).

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, the existing R&PP leases need to be addressed, either through relinquishment and a new application submitted for this project, or a request for a change of use/additional acreage to be added to an existing lease and the remaining leases relinquished. Changes to the existing R&PP lease will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the NEPA. During planning, the BLM also asks that invasive plant species not be included in the proposed park landscaping. Bear in mind that the minimum amount of time to process a request through NEPA is 18 months or more.

In addition, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. However, previous cultural inventories in the project area identified one unevaluated cultural site (26CK1640) and three cultural sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places – Tule Construction Camp (26CK5596), Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad Berm (26CK1649), and Las Vegas-Bullfrog/Tonopah Wagon Road (26CK5600). Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office will be required to address the potential effects of park construction to these sites and measures for mitigation of these

effects. The proposed budget and timeline should cover Section 106 compliance, which is estimated to take up to 1 year to complete because of the potential adverse effects to historic properties.

Please bear in mind that there is a legislatively designated renewable energy corridor located along the Township line as well as a planned substation that may require a change in location depending upon the project. There are no issues with the proposed project so long as development and operation and maintenance of the proposed project remain in compliance with the R&PP lease.

<u>Darling Tennis Courts</u> – This proposal is to design and construct ten new tennis courts. The proposed project is generally located within the existing Kellogg-Zaher Regional Park at 7901 West Washington Avenue within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 60 E., sec. 28.

The proposal is on BLM-administered public land patented to the City through the R&PP Act (Patent 27-2011-0017). The City will need to update the R&PP approved plan of development (POD) received when the subject land was patented to the City to incorporate any improvements not currently outlined in the POD.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Cragin Park</u> – This proposal is to replace existing soccer fields with two new synthetic turf soccer fields, trails, play equipment, and new field lights. The proposed improvements are on City owned land generally located at 984 Hinson Street within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 31.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Desert Pines Redevelopment Trail and Old Golf Course Community Center Conversion</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a recreational trail around the proposed 95.54-acre redevelopment of the Desert Pines Golf Course to connect to the Harris Drainage Alignment on the east side and the proposed US95 / I-515 Downtown Access project on the west side. The improvements would also repurpose the existing golf course clubhouse into a multi-generational recreation center. The proposed project is on City owned land generally located at 3415 East Bonanza Road, within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 36.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Lorenzi Tennis Courts Addition</u> – This proposal is to design and construct three new tennis courts at Lorenzi Park. The proposed additions are on City owned land generally located at 730 Twin Lakes Drive at Lorenzi Park within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 29.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required

because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>215 Trail Bridges</u> – This proposal is to design and construct two pedestrian bridges across Summerlin Parkway west of the 215 Beltway to facilitate trail connectivity of the existing 215 Western Beltway Trail. The proposed bridges are on City owned land generally located west of the intersection of Summerlin Parkway and the 215 Beltway.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Heers Park</u> – This proposal is to upgrade and enhance the existing Heers Park including fitness court, picnic pavilions, shade trees and benches, and a lighted soft-surface path along the perimeter of the park. The proposed pool is on City owned land generally located at 6320 Plaza Verde Place.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Oakey/Wyoming Trail</u> – This proposal is to extend on-street bike lanes that currently exist on Oakey Boulevard and to add an enhanced walking trail generally between Rancho and Las Vegas Boulevard. The proposed improvements are on City owned land generally located on Oakey from Valley View Boulevard to Interstate 15.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168.

Sincerely,

ANGELITA BULLETTS

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February 3, 2022

SNPLMA Round 19 Committee:

The city of Las Vegas has nominated three projects within the Park, Trails and Natural Areas category of SNPLMA Round 19. These projects include the Northwest Regional Park – Phase 1A, Cragin Park Rehabilitation, and the Lorenzi Tennis Courts Addition. Please accept this letter as the city of Las Vegas' official commitment to provide contributed funds toward the costs associated with the development and implementation of these projects.

#### Northwest Regional Park – Phase 1

The city of Las Vegas requests \$24,600,000.00 of BLM SNPLMA Round 19 funds for the purpose of project construction and design of Phase 1. The proposed total construction cost is \$23,000,000.00 and total design cost is \$1,600,000.00. The city of Las Vegas commits the contributed funds in the amount of \$406,802.05. These funds include \$400,000.00 of FY23 CIP funds for the purpose of archeologist and permitting requirements associated with the project, and \$6,802.05 city of Las Vegas General Fund dollars for the purpose of personnel costs associated with the project.

#### Cragin Park Rehabilitation

The city of Las Vegas requests \$5,531,796.00 of BLM SNPLMA Round 19 funds for the purpose of project construction costs. The city of Las Vegas commits the contributed funds in the amount of \$906,688.05. These funds include \$899,886.00 of city of Las Vegas Park Bond dollars for the purpose of project design, water, sewer, power connection, permits, materials testing, and estimated contingency for soft costs. Contributed funds also include \$6,802.05 city of Las Vegas General Fund dollars for the purpose of personnel costs associated with the project.

#### Lorenzi Tennis Courts Addition

The city of Las Vegas requests \$3,248,968.00 of BLM SNPLMA Round 19 funds for the purpose of project construction, design, materials testing, and permitting requirements with estimated contingency. The city of Las Vegas commits the contributed funds in the amount of \$6,802.05 of city of Las Vegas General Fund dollars for the purpose of personnel costs associated with the project.

The city of Las Vegas looks forward to our three project nominations being considered by the Park, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) subgroup committee for SNPLMA Round 19 recommendations for the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture approval.

Please contact Steve Ford, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, at (702) 229-3244 if you have any additional questions or concerns.

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November 3, 2021

Robert C. Wandel, PMP Acting Assistant District Manager SNPLMA Division/Bureau of Land Management 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Mr. Wandel,

On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Parks, Trails and Natural Area (PTNA) Round 19 project nominations by the City of Las Vegas – Northwest Regional Park, Craig Park, and Lorenzi Park.

As the public health authority in Clark County, the Southern Nevada Health District recognizes the important role that trails and open space play in increasing physical activity among residents. A major goal of the SNHD Chronic Disease Prevention Program is to increase physical activity among residents as a means to reduce chronic disease risk and improve health outcomes in our community. The U.S. Physical Activity Guidelines recommend that adults get 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity each week and yet most adults in our community are not currently achieving that mark. Trails and open spaces provide an important place for residents to be physically active in our community.

SNHD understands that the key to the success of the project is the ability to bring partners and the various jurisdictions together in a synchronized effort to coordinate the implementation of parks, trails, and open space. Our staff has played an active role in open space and trail efforts in the Las Vegas Valley. We support this proposal and are committed to working with the City of Las Vegas and other community partners to ensure access to parks, open spaces and trails for all residents in our community.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Johnson, Ph.D. Director of Community Health

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## Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**Clark County** 



**Clark County Shooting Complex Improvements Phase IV** 

Amount Requested: \$7,435,471

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Clark County Shooting Complex is a safe, affordable, fun, family-oriented, world-class public recreational shooting facility located north of the Las Vegas Valley at 11357 North Decatur Boulevard in Clark County, Nevada. The shooting park facility is located on County-owned land.

In 2003, Clark County acquired 2,880 acres of vacant public land from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as mandated by Congress by Public Law 107-350. Due to the rapid growth in the Las Vegas area traditional locations for target shooting had become too close to populated areas. There was a need to designate a centralized location in the Las Vegas Valley where target shooters could practice safely. Development of a central shooting facility was needed for persons training in the use of firearms, such as law enforcement and security personnel. In the interest of public safety, and consistent with the mandate and federal environmental laws, the BLM conveyed the subject lands out of federal ownership to Clark County by issuing U.S. Patent 27-2004-0017. The subject land as described hereafter were conveyed out of federal ownership specifically for use as a centralized shooting facility. The conveyed lands are within M.D.M., T.18S., R.60E., secs. 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36; also identified as Clark County assessor parcels 100-25-000-003, 100-27-000-003, 100-34-000-001, 100-35-000-001 and 100-36-000-001, out of federal ownership to Clark County by U.S. Patent 27-2004-0017.

More than 45 percent of Clark County households own a firearm and until development of the shooting complex, Las Vegas was one of the few urban areas without a public shooting range. Public safety is the number one priority of the Clark County Shooting Complex. The shooting park complex is designed and operated for safe recreational and educational shooting facility.

This Round 19 proposed shooting complex improvements project is consistent with Clark County's Shooting Complex Master Plan approved in April 2005 by the Clark County Shooting Advisory Committee. Proposed site improvements will occur on County-owned land located at the Shooting Complex Archery Range, Helice Shooting Fields, and the International Olympic Trap and Skeet Field, within M.D.M., T.18S., R.60E., sec. 36; APN 100-36-000-001.

- 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases: Funding for the initial development of the Shooting Park was acquired through the SNPLMA process. The Clark County Shooting Complex projects Phases 1, 2 and 3 were funded by SNPLMA in Rounds 3, 5 and 6 as summarized below:
  - <u>Round 3: Shooting Range Planning (CC08, 3-20)</u>: \$438,884 in Special Account Reserve funds for preliminary studies and assessments associated with the shooting park including pre-construction engineering. Completed in October 2006.
  - <u>Round 5: Shooting Complex Phase 1 (CC23, 5-2):</u> \$17,348,623 was expended for the development of the Public Module such as a public day-use range, clay target range, archery range, hunter education facility, and fencing of the entire site to promote safety and reduce habitat destruction by off road vehicle traffic. Project completed in June 2012.
  - <u>Round 6: Shooting Complex Phases 2 and 3 (CC49, 6-38):</u> \$45,985,397 funded the conceptual master plan and critical water system and flood control measures. Phase 2 included installation of the Events Module for the first three Tactical Ranges, and ranges for Rifle Silhouette, Sporting Clays (2 of 3), Benchrest, Pistol Silhouette, Smallbore, FITA

(Archery) High Power International Trap and an Action Range. This module an Indoor Range suitable for air pistol and air rifle. Phase 3 is the Service Module that was for the construction of the Park Center (i.e., indoor restrooms, secure firearms shipping/ receiving armory, a 1,000-vehicle parking lot). Project completed in February 2013.

2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: Shooting Complex facilities are planned for construction over the next few years. However, the County affirms this project is a stand-alone and there is no guarantee for future funding.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

To meet these goals the project will focus on the three SNPLMA core values of connectivity, sustainability, and community, and explain how these values are promoted by the project.

- 1. <u>Sustainability</u>: This project will provide a safe, managed public recreational shooting and a range and facility that is environmentally responsible to the community. Additionally, this project will foster sustainability through an interaction with the natural environment by connecting area residents to the outdoors, thereby improving the quality of their lives, opportunities, and life experiences. The interpretive and educational themes at the facility will provide additional personal growth opportunities.
- 2. <u>Connectivity:</u> The project will provide physical connectivity to other sporting features within the shooting complex. The 3-D animal archery course is all-natural desert landscaping and connects to the 2.5-mile walking trail.
- 3. <u>Community</u>: This project focuses on providing the community recreational opportunities in Southern Nevada where there are virtually no facilities for the increasingly popular sport of trap shooting and archery. Clark County Shooting Complex will encourage healthy lifestyles, training, self-confidence, and socializing opportunities for all ages. We received over 20 e-mails of support from the Trap shooting community who are eager for this facility.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Clark County will enhance recreational facilities at the Shooting Complex with a new archery range building, target shooting stations, convert trap and skeet fields for dual- uses, and park amenities. Improvements will occur at the Archery Range & Education Center, the Helice Shooting Field, and the International Olympic Trap and Skeet Field to provide more comprehensive archery hunter education, training and safe shooting amenities. The Shooting Complex is located north of the Las Vegas Valley in Clark County, Nevada.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

#### 1.0 **Primary Deliverables:**

#### 1.1 Archery Improvements

- 1.1.1 Construct a 3.5-acre National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Outdoor Competition Range with 2-ea (±4,200-SF) metal shade covers, 1-ea (±1,600-SF) metal shade cover, site furnishings and landscape improvements.
- 1.1.2 Construct a ±3,000-SF Archery Range building with restrooms, a check-in area, and a storage/range management area.
- 1.1.3 Install 2.5 miles (10-foot-wide) of stabilized decomposed granite surface or asphalt paving on existing walking paths/trails.
- 1.1.4 Improvements to the existing 3D Round (animal archery course), and additional stations for Field Round, Animal Round and Hunter Round ranges to create a full Field Archery Range (42 new target shooting stations).
- 1.1.5 12 new metal benches.
- 1.1.6 8 interpretive/educational signs.
- 1.1.7 Existing Archery Range Modifications for Firearms: Import and addition of topical treatment consisting of sand/cement, slurry to existing earthen backstop to accommodate firearms when not being used for archery.
- 1.1.8 Furnish and install 10 universal target frame holders (2-ft. x 4-ft.) at 25-yards and a 48-inch target frame storage bin.
- 1.1.9 Install LED sports lighting at new archery range. (±60 poles) based on final design.
- 1.2 Helice Shooting Fields
  - 1.2.1 Construct new concrete pad for spectator area (140-ft. x 20-ft.) and control building/booth (10-ft. x10-ft.).
  - 1.2.2 Construct new pedestrian sidewalks (410-ft. x 6-ft.)
  - 1.2.3 Concrete new pads for Helice machine stations (10-ft. x 10-ft.).
  - 1.2.4 Construct a 3-ft. high CMU wall with continuous footing (in lieu of mesh fencing) for perimeter boundary of Helice Field (340-LF).
  - 1.2.5 6-8 site signs, 3 wayfindings, 8 trash receptacles, 8 benches and 8 tables.
  - 1.2.6 Furnish and install 1-each (10-ft. x 10-ft.) prefabricated storage and control building/booth with metal roll up window and counter, standard access door (36-inch), electrical outlets, data connections, lighting and low voltage control connections to Helice Field machines.
  - 1.2.7 Provide new small (±100-amp) service panel for dedicated electrical. Provide electrical distribution and outlets at control building and Helice field machine pads. Includes trenching, underground conduit (±580-LF) for electrical and low voltage, conductors, data cabling, backfill and landscape repairs.
  - 1.2.8 1-each radio frequency identification (RFID) smart card system integrated with shooting machines.
  - 1.2.9 Remove compacted gravel from existing parking lot (±26,190-SF). Excavate for new paving, 3" AC paving on 6" compacted gravel base, and parking lot striping.
  - 1.2.10 Install stabilized chat gravel at Helice Field interior areas (color match landscape).

- 1.2.11 Extend interior south channel with reinforced concrete cement drainage and connect to existing. Includes excavation/haul-off/grading/bedding foundations.
- 1.2.12 Install LED sports lighting at Helice Field to be determined with design.

1.3 International Olympic Trap & Skeet Field

- 1.3.1 Convert existing Field #24 to dual purpose International Olympic Trap & Skeet Field by constructing a deep bunker (57-LF x 10-ft.-wide x 6.5-ft-deep) with power and drainage for 15-each trap shooting machines. Includes excavation, concrete, handrails, 5-ft. roll up access door, doorway, handrails, electrical, plumbing, and waterproofing.
- 1.3.2 Removal of unexpected caliche/rock haul away and proper disposal.
- 1.3.3 Grade and install 78-LF x 5-ft. wide concrete access ramp to new bunker.
- 1.3.4 Selective demolition of existing concrete flat work. Install new flat work (±1,200-SF) for shooting stations, spectator area, referee station and puller's box. Includes demolition, haul and disposal, minor grading, formwork, and concrete.
- 1.3.5 Trench and install 90-LF of new underground conduit, wiring and low voltage cabling for power and controls at new shooter stations, spectator area, referee area and puller's box area. Backfill and repair areas.
- 1.3.6 Furnish and install 1-each pre-engineered, cantilevered fabric shade structure  $(\pm 1,050$ -SF) over shooting and spectator area, referee area and puller's box area.
- 1.3.7 International Field Trap House demolition of existing structure including slab and footings.
- 1.3.8 Installation of Trap shooting machine equipment.

#### 2.0 ANTICIPATED DELIVERABLES:

- 2.1 Additional 4-8 benches
- 2.2 Additional 2-4 interpretive/education signs.
- 2.3 Additional trail surfacing (up to one-half mile)

#### 3.0 STANDARD DELIVERABLES:

- 3.1 Contract services for design, engineering, survey, construction drawings, technical reports, cultural review, field inspections, drainage, utilities, soil/other analysis, grading, permits, site improvements, costs to repair irrigation system or landscaping damaged during new amenity construction, public input meetings and other necessary expenses.
- 3.2 Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
- 3.3 SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
- 3.4 SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
- 3.5 SNPLMA Close-out Package

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.33890152°, -115.27500153°

#### Congressional District(s): NV-4

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion will be within the standard 5-year period of performance for PTNA projects.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"): ⊠ Yes -or- □ No

A SHPO Section 106 Cultural Compliance report has already been completed for the project location. Clark County has set up a design and construction process to implement multiple park and trail projects funded by SNPLMA. This process has been refined over the years to allow quick response to initiate and complete projects funded by SNPLMA. The County is prepared to initiate work to start the project within the one-year timeframe of the SNPLMA Special Account Funds Notice and begin implementing the project upon receipt of the executed federal award.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

County staff manages spent ammunition and target debris daily and overall maintenance of the facility will be accomplished by the Clark County Department of Real Property Management (RPM). Costs for maintaining the project will include site inspections, litter cleanup, repair or replacement of all project components when necessary and graffiti mitigation. County staff prepared the cost estimates for the operations and maintenance (O&M) of the project and related amenities. These costs are based on industry trends and the County's historical data. Clark County addresses O&M costs for all projects on an annual basis and incorporate such costs into the annual budget for all park and recreational facilities. The O&M costs for the 640-acre shooting park complex are estimated at \$10,061 per acre (or over \$6.5 million) annually.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

Clark County is seeking \$7,435,471 in SNPLMA funds to complete the proposed project. A breakdown of the estimated costs by budget category is outlined on the SF-424A budget form enclosed below.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: \$15,000 (staff labor)

#### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

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Project Manager: Tamara Williams Email: <u>tgw@clarkcountynv.gov</u> Phone Number: (702) 455-3121

Budget Officer: Rebecca Weir Email: <u>Rebecca.weir@clarkcountynv.gov</u> Phone Number: (702) 455-5889

#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories		Total					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		
	SNPLMA PTNA Rd 19 Nomination - Clark						
	County Shooting Complex Improvements						
a. Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
b. Fringe Benefits							
c. Travel							
d. Equipment							
e. Supplies							
f. Contractual	7,280,471.00				7,280,471.00		
g. Construction							
h. Other	155,000.00				155,000.00		
					\$ 7,435,471,00		
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	7,435,471.00				<b>\$</b> 7,435,471.00		
j. Indirect Charges					\$		
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 7,435,471.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 7,435,471.00		
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

- 1. <u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.
  - A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: This project improves the existing 5-Star Clark County Shooting Complex that was constructed with SNPLMA funding in Rounds 5 and 6, and includes the installation of 2.5 miles of stabilized decomposed granite surface or asphalt paving on existing paths, and construction of the new Helice Shotgun Fields, new International Trap Fields and expansion of the Archery Range Education Center.

B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: More than 45 percent of Clark County households own a firearm and the sport of archery is hugely popular among all age groups. Las Vegas is home to the largest indoor archery event in the United States. *The Vegas Shoot* is held annually in February. In 2018 the event had 3,500 entrants in attendance. This facility would provide a place for enthusiasts to practice as well as novice and beginners to develop their skill. Trap, skeet, and clay shooting are also extremely popular in the U.S. The Nevada State Trapshooting Association holds several competitive events at the shooting complex which also adds community prosperity, as participants visit local restaurants and businesses. Several of the e-mails of support we received are from enthusiasts who say they are likely to travel to Las Vegas much more often if this project is completed and that the USA Shooting and International Shooting Sports Federation would be likely to want to host events at the Clark County Shooting Complex.

- C. *The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.* Answer: Senate Joint Resolution 12, passed March 24, 2005, in the Nevada Legislature, recognized the limited public shooting opportunities and no public shooting parks, causing citizens to use federal lands for practice shooting. This resulted in illegal shooting, environmental damage, and public safety issues. The project is unique and significant to the area because there are no international trap facilities in the area. There is only one other facility in Southern Nevada that provides a place where archery can be practiced, and that is a private range that requires membership fees.
- D. *The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).* Answer: This project will provide a safe and controlled environment for trap shooting and archery enthusiasts to practice their sport, compete and socialize with one another. There are many health benefits to shooting outdoors such as improvement of mental focus, strengthening arms and core and stress relief.
- E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: The target audience for the proposed project includes the large number of citizens in Southern Nevada. As stated in Senate Joint Resolution 12, citizens expressed a strong desire to have a safe and affordable shooting park in the Las Vegas Valley. As part of the Clark County Shooting Complex policy and to allow maximum public use, barriers to participation must be lowered. Keeping the shooting experience affordable will increase use and enable all social levels and allow those with limited income to participate in recreational shooting.

- 2. <u>**RESOURCES**</u>: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
  - A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: The project will enhance the community by providing an expanded recreational facility for shooting and archery enthusiasts. Prior to construction, the project area was designated as a Wilderness Study Area, therefore Clark County completed botanical, wildlife and paleontological studies and implemented a lead mitigation plan to address potential concerns. Also, during construction of the sporting clays course trails, indigenous plant life was carefully relocated to a nursery off property, then returned and replanted in the exact orientation as before removal. All development of the property is done with great respect to its surrounding and will continue with further development. Educational and interpretive signage would be part of the project to educate the public about the cultural and historical aspects of the Shooting Complex.

B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: Clark County is one of 100 shooting ranges in the nation to receive a highly esteemed EPA recognition for its Environmental Stewardship Program. This project will provide a design that minimizes the potential impact on the environment and natural resources. The Shooting Complex also has made a commitment to manage spent ammunition and target debris to protect groundwater, surface water, wetlands, and wildlife, provide a practical means of managing sound and they have Community Relations Programs that education the public about its high level of commitment to environmental stewardship.

C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: Clark County recently adopted the first phase of its All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, which focuses on taking action to address climate change and create a more sustainable future for Clark County. The project will be constructed using sustainable design and construction techniques to expand the life of the components of the project; protect against vandalism, graffiti and other destructive actions and minimize future maintenance costs.

D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: Many users of the Shooting Complex have expressed their love of outdoor shooting, enjoying the views of the mountains and being out in nature. It provides outdoor safe recreation, competitive sports and family-oriented fun. RV sites are also available so patrons can stay overnight in the natural environment. This project is intended to add additional services and will also provide interpretive and educational aspects to help increase an appreciation for the outdoors and natural environment.

- **3.** <u>**CONNECTIVITY:**</u> Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.
  - A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.
     Answer: The project will provide physical connectivity to other sporting features within the shooting complex. The 3-D animal archery course is all-natural desert landscaping and connects to the 2.5-mile walking trail.
  - B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)
     Answer: The project was approved in S. I.R. 12 by the Nevada Legislature and the Mast

Answer: The project was approved in S.J.R. 12 by the Nevada Legislature and the Master Plan was unanimously approved by the Shooting Complex Advisory Committee on May 16, 2019.

C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: This project is part of an overall development plan for parks, trails, and open space in the Las Vegas Valley. Through the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC), Clark County is working closely with other local jurisdictions and regional and Federal agencies to coordinate the planning and building of an extensive network of parks and trails.

# D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: These improvements will allow the Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) to offer more comprehensive archery hunter education and training along with other archery programs. The Shooting Complex provides ranges and training rooms for scheduled shooting related events, activities, and classes. The improvements to the archery range, addition of an International Trap Shooting and Helice Field would attract new users. Additionally, the purpose of the interpretive/educational aspects included in this project is to provide tools to help people understand the natural environment and provide opportunities for them to enjoy and connect to the outdoors.

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The Clark County Shooting Complex promotes engaging kids and adults of all ages, veterans, and minorities whether they are a novice or expert, in the underserved sport of shooting. These additions are significant in providing features and ranges necessary for

competitive and recreational shooting. The Shooting Complex also made a commitment to make the sports affordable to increase use and enable all social levels and those with limited income to participate.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: The cost estimates for the Clark County Shooting Complex Improvements were determined using professional estimating techniques by County staff, who are subject matter experts, as well as Shooting Complex management. The project design will accommodate all the identified users.

B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: Considering the deficiency of park and open space facilities and the everincreasing residential densities in the service area, the value and positive impact of this investment is substantial. Clark County has received enormous support for this project and would not only increase use by Las Vegas locals, it would attract new visitors from International Trap Field competitors from around the world.

C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: The proposed project will be constructed using sustainable design and construction techniques to minimize future maintenance costs. Project design and engineering will require that construction techniques and materials will enhance the durability of the shooting Complex and archery facilities. The goal will be to minimize required maintenance, protect the facilities against graffiti and destructive actions, and limit the deterioration of the project features through time.

- D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).
   Answer: Clark County has committed to provide a minimum of \$15,000 of in-kind expenditures in the form of staff time from various departments associated with the project.
- E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: The project includes a RFID smart card system, a modern technology that will assist with identification and tracking of supplies and weapons, which will in turn increase gun safety, track supplies for operations and maintenance costs and provide preventative measure. Additionally, the project includes LED lighting, which will provide a significantly lower energy consumption and reduced maintenance costs and the restrooms will be built with touchless bathroom fixtures for water conservation.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Responses to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities are as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

## A. Executive Orders (EO):

1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk

Answer: Yes. The Clark County Shooting Complex improvements will allow the Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) to offer more comprehensive archery hunter education and training along with other archery programs.

- 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. Answer: Yes. Clark County supports EO No. 14005, and the Clark County Office of Community and Economic Development is committed to providing businesses and developers with assisting them in heading in the right direction when starting a new project or expanding an existing business.
- B. Secretarial Orders
  - 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: Yes. Clark County is one of 100 shooting ranges in the nation to receive highly esteemed EPA recognition for its Environmental Stewardship Program. This project will provide a design that minimizes the potential impact on the environment and natural resources.

2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories.

Answer: The educational programs provided by groups using the Clark County Shooting Complex and Archery Range help to secure hunting, recreational/competition shooting and outdoor conservation. This project will allow the Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) to offer more comprehensive archery hunter education and training along with other archery programs.

- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: N/A
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior

Answer: The Clark County Shooting Complex Improvement project will increase recreational opportunities by providing a safe, controlled environment for recreational shooting and archery.

5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: N/A

- SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management.
   Answer: The Clark County Shooting Complex is well maintained by Clark County Department of Real Property Management.
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: N/A
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. Answer: N/A
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: N/A
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: Clark County Shooting Complex Improvements will be constructed under the guidelines of Clark County's All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan.

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: Clark County Shooting Complex Improvements project does not strengthen government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations; however, as a government entity, the Clark County Board of County Commissioners adopted the "30 by 2030" Resolution on April 20, 2021, in which they express support for impactful solutions to the biodiversity crisis require partnerships and true collaboration between federal agencies, the State, local governments, tribal governments, local communities, private landowners, ranchers, farmers, hunters, anglers, outdoor recreationists, conservationists, and other land-use stakeholders.

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: The Clark County Shooting Complex Improvements project will not create millions of jobs; however, as a government entity Clark County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted a resolution on April 20, 2021, that supports protected and private lands, which are the drivers of the State and County's outdoor recreation industry, which generates \$12.6 billion of annual consumer spending, supports 87,000 jobs an provides more than \$1 billion in tax revenue to the State.

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: This project does not conserve 30% of our lands and waters; however, on April 20, 2021, the BCC adopted a resolution in support of protection of Nevada's and the United States' lands and waters by 2030, and Clark County has already achieved that goal.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: Clark County Shooting Complex Improvements project does not center equity and environmental justice; however, as a government entity the BCC passed the "30 by 2030" resolution on April 20, 2021 urging federal, state and local agencies provide fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes and natural origins by soliciting, accounting and responding to voices, needs and priorities of communities of color, indigenous communities and economically disadvantaged communities.

## D. Forest Service Priorities:

## 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Answer: This project will be designed and constructed following all Covid-19 prevention protocols. Clark County has posted information about the valley wide clinics and pharmacies where citizens can receive the booster shots and vaccinations on its website as well as cultural and multi-lingual Covid-19 vaccine information. Clark County has hosted several community events and wellness fairs all over the Las Vegas valley offering free Covid-19 vaccinations including a pilot program that offered \$100 gift cards for people to get vaccinated. Additionally, free vaccination clinics are frequently offered to Clark County employees.

#### 2. Providing economic relief

Answer: Clark County Social Services provides many programs aimed at economic relief for the citizens including a program called Step Up, a Young Adult Program for youth who have 'aged out' of foster care in Nevada. They offer various forms of financial assistance (and referrals to our network of community partners) to assist young adults including housing assistance, educational assistance, employment assistance, transportation, and resource and case management. This includes funds for rental assistance, help with movein fees and deposits, move-in kits, graduation incentive and monthly 30-day bus passes. Financial assistance for rental is available for eligible indigent members of the Clark County Community as well as transportation for the disabled, seniors and people with children who lack finances, vehicle resources or access to public transportation.

County taxpayers directly provide approximately \$39 million annually to support programs and services for the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless. To bolster efforts to address homelessness, County Commissioners decided to provide up to \$12 million in annual revenue from marijuana business license fees for homeless programs and services.

The BCC have also supported funding plans for new affordable housing developments, have designated land for future affordable housing developments, have directed County staff to establish several programs that will create incentives for new affordable housing develops and preserve existing affordable housing for very low-income neighborhoods. In May 2020, the BCC approved CARES Act funding for rental assistance and partnered with 14 local non-profit organizations to help administer the program. Clark County also allocated more than \$1 million to pay Southwest Gas past due balances. Additionally, for businesses operating within Clark County, we developed a business support grant using CARES Act Relief Funds.

#### 3. Tackling climate change

Answer: Clark County Shooting Complex Improvements will be constructed using sustainable materials and will maintain desert landscaping. As a government entity, Clark County recently adopted the first phase of its All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, which focuses on taking action to address climate change and create a more sustainable future for Clark County. Phase 1 focuses on measures that the County can employ in its day-to-day operations to ensure the well-being and prosperity of everyone in Clark County, today and into the future. As a next step, the County recently initiated the second community-facing phase of the All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan in collaboration with regional partners.

#### 4. Advancing racial equity

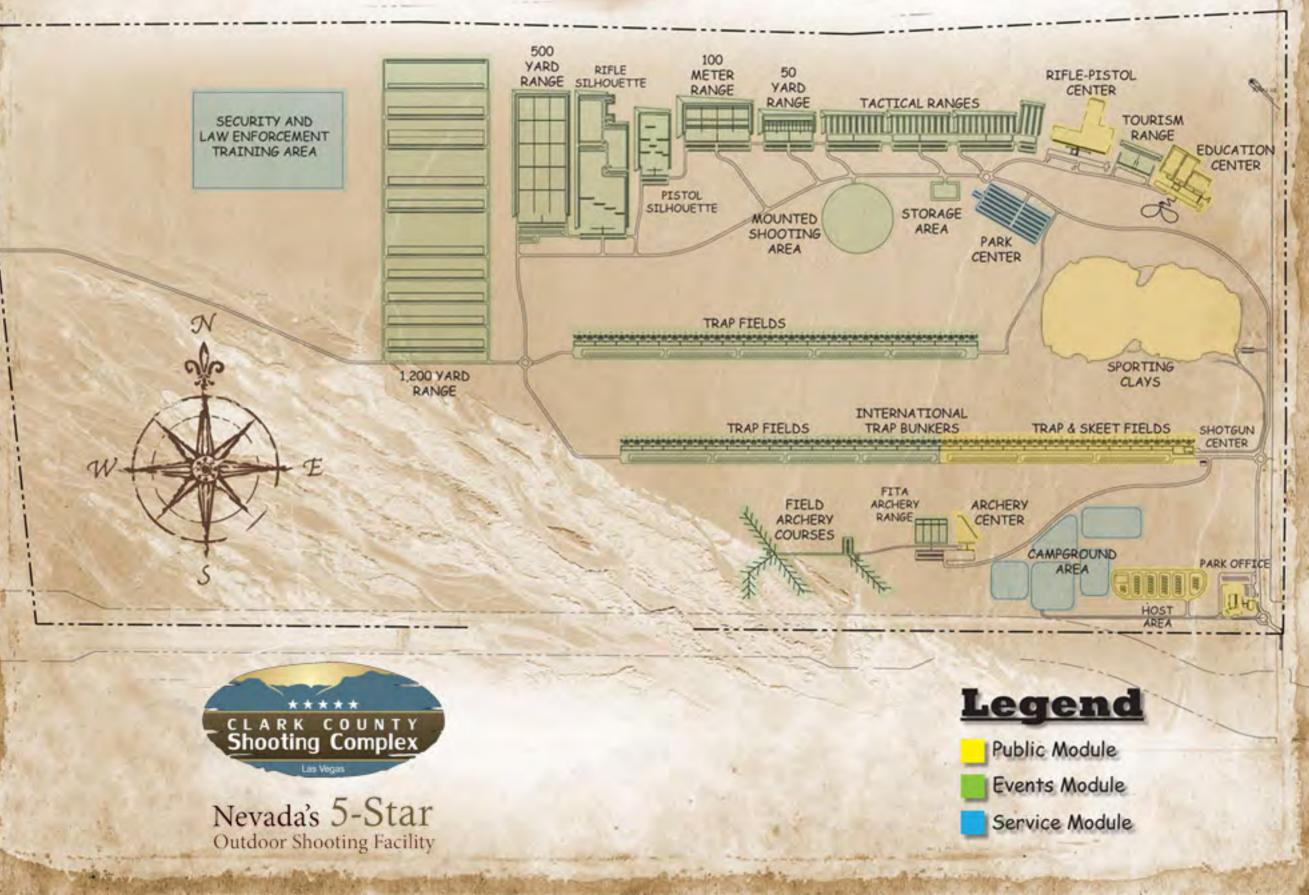
Answer: Clark County also strives to reflect the diversity of the County in membership of volunteer boards and commissions, including but not limited to people of different races, ethnicities, income levels and occupational experience.

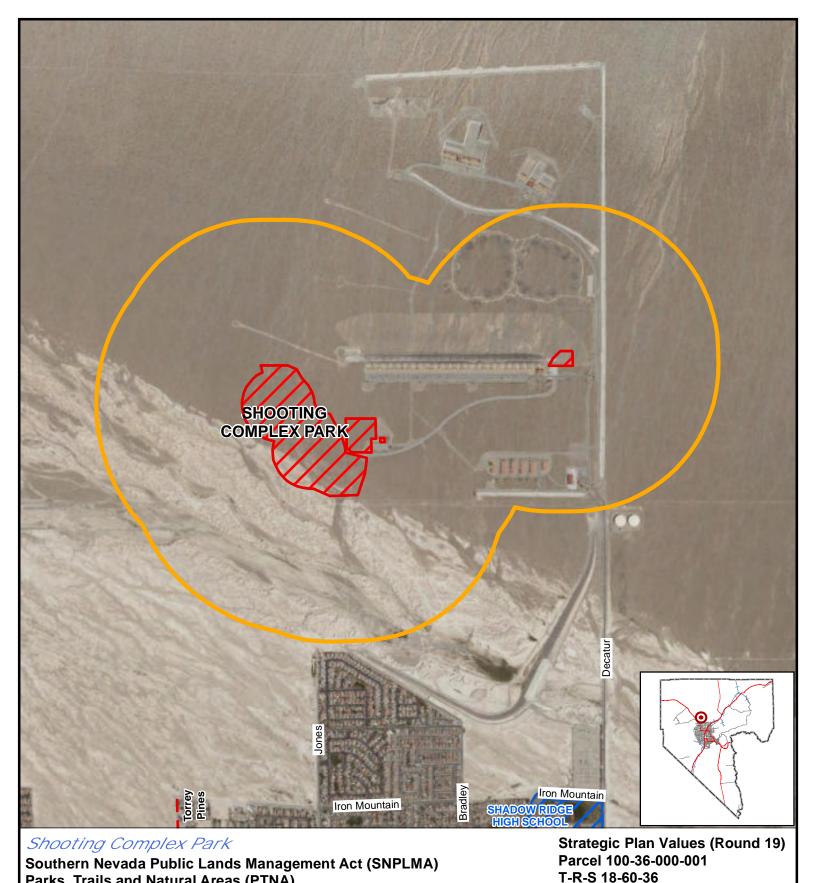
#### 5. Improving our workforce and work environment

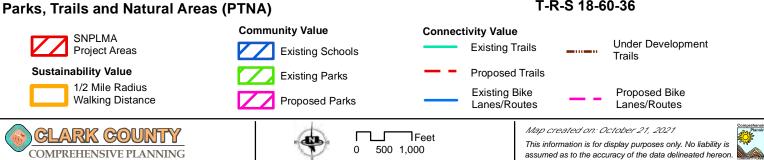
Answer: Clark County Commissioners work closely with Workforce Connections, Southern Nevada's Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) and has become the largest County in the nation to become a certified ACT\* Work Ready Community. The Work Ready Community initiative provides individuals the opportunity to assess job readiness skills and earn a nationally recognized certificate reflecting their skill levels. The effort was a collaboration by Workforce Connection in partnership with other stakeholders including Commission Chair Marilyn Kirkpatrick, College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and the Clark County School District. Clark County achieved the official Work Ready Community certification in May 2019.

Additionally, Commissioners frequently host job fairs in collaboration with the City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, and the City of Henderson in partnership with Workforce Connections and the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR).

# Clark County Shooting Complex MASTER PLAN







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# **SNPLMA PTNA R19** Clark County Shooting Complex Improvements Jactical Ranges Mile-Pistol Center Storage Area Tourism Range Education Center/Tourism Range Park Center Sporting Clays Trap & Skeet Fields P. c. all Shotgun Center and an and a second the indertante its NFAA Archery Range / Archery Bldg Campground Area Archery Center Host Area jii ≠ Tititi WHI. Perk Office Legend S DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE RANGE Google Earth

# **Shooting Complex Sites**

#### **Archery Improvements**



**Figure 1** - *O* Improve 2.5-miles (10-ft.-w) of existing walking path/trail surface with new improved field course stations; *O* Construct a 3.5-acre National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Outdoor Competition Range to include 2-ea ±4,200-SF metal shade covers, 1-ea ±1,600-SF metal shade cover, site furnishings and landscape improvements; and *O* Construct 3,000-SF Archery Range Building)

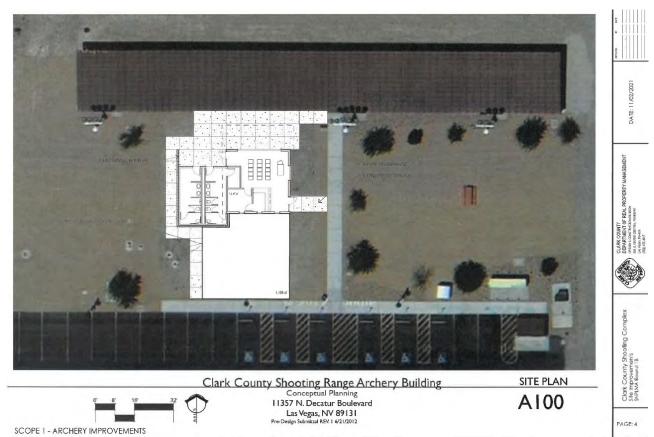
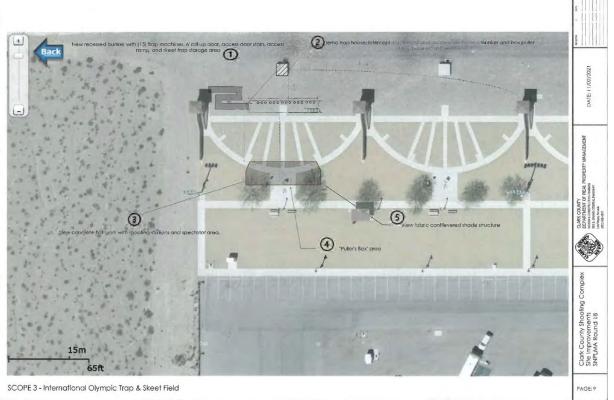


Figure 2 - New 3,000-SF Archery building with restrooms, a check-in area, and a storage/range management area

Figure 3 – Equipment area; Archery Seating; Spectator seating



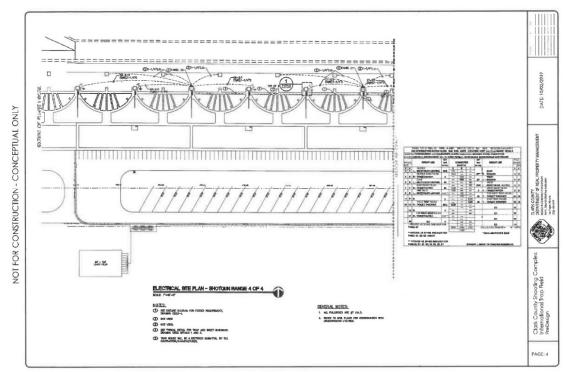
Figure 4 – DElectrical Service; Deconstruct new sidewalk; Deve & stripe existing parking lot; Deconstruct South Interior Channel; Deconstruct and in lieu of mesh fencing; Delece Shooting Field; Deconstruct pad for control building and spectator area; Deconstruct area; Construct and spectator area; Construct and spectator area; Construct and spectator area; Deconstruct and spectator area; Construct and spectator area; Deconstruct and spectator area; Construct area; Construct and Spectator area; Construct a

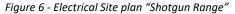


Scope 3 – International Olympic Trap & Skeet Field – Site Improvements

Figure 5 –  $\mathcal{D}$ New recessed bunker w/ 15 trap machines, 6' rollup door, access door stairs, access ramp, and skeet trap storage area;  $\mathcal{D}$ Demo trap house – bunker and box puller;  $\mathcal{D}$ New concrete flat work w/ shooting stations and spectator area;  $\mathcal{D}$ "Puller's Box" area;  $\mathcal{D}$  New Fabric cantilevered shade structure.

#### **INTERNATIONAL TRAP FIELD**





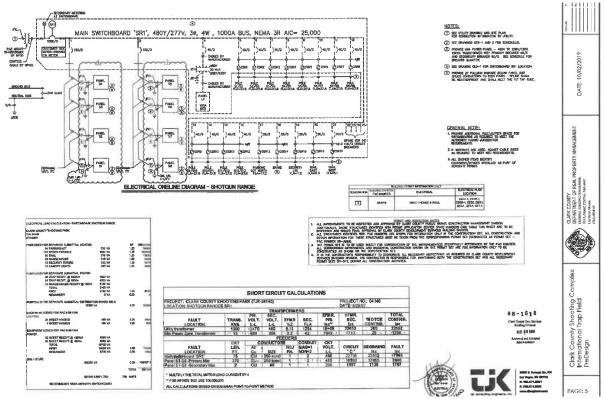


Figure 7 – Electrical One line Diagram "Shotgun Range"

# SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Clark County Shooting Park Complex Improvements

# **Performance Measures**

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	<ul> <li>*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. *Report to the nearest whole acre.</li> <li>*Report the number of new recreational</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3.5 acres competition shooting range.</li> <li>Metal shade cover (2) ~4,200sf shade covers, (1) ~1,600sf shade cover.</li> <li>3,000SF new archery range bldg. with 2 restrooms and storage/range management area.</li> <li>2.5-mile x10'-wide AC pavement walking trail</li> <li>Improvements to 3D round, add stations for Field round, Animal round &amp; Hunter round (42 new target stations).</li> <li>10 universal target frame holders (2x4) at distance of 25 yards and 48-inch target frame storage</li> <li>12 new benches</li> </ul>
R3- Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. *Report each facility or structure as one unit.	<ul> <li>12 new benches</li> <li>RFID smart card system integrated w/shooting machines.</li> <li>Remove compacted gravel from parking lot.</li> <li>Excavate for new paving, 3" AC paving on 6" compacted gravel base, parking lot striping.</li> <li>57'l x 10'w x 6.5'deep bunker w/power &amp; drainage for (15) trap shooting machines.</li> <li>5' roll up access door, 5'w concrete access ramp to new bunker.</li> <li>Install new flat work for shooting stations, spectator area, referee station and puller's box.</li> <li>Underground conduit, wiring &amp; low voltage cabling for power and controls at new shooter stations, spectator area, referee area and puller's box area</li> <li>Cantilevered fabric shade structure over shooting and spectator area.</li> </ul>
R4- Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. * <i>Report to the</i> <i>nearest whole mile</i> .	<ul> <li>2.5-mile x10'-w AC pavement walking trail</li> <li>10 universal target frame holders (2x4)</li> <li>48-inch target frame storage bin.</li> <li>New concrete pad for spectator area and control building/booth.</li> <li>New pedestrian sidewalks.</li> <li>Concrete pads for Helice machine stations.</li> <li>3' high CMU wall w/continuous footing for perimeter boundary of Helice Field (340 lf).</li> <li>Furnish and install (~10'x10') prefabricated storage and control building/booth with metal roll up window &amp; counter, standard access door, electrical outlets, data connections lighting and low voltage control connections to Helice Field machines.</li> </ul>

# SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community

Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
<b>O1</b> - Number of Hazardous Sites Remediated	*Report the number of hazardous sites where remediation actions are completed. Actions to be included are: removal of safety hazards, clean-up operations, restoration actions, and water quality remediation actions. Do not report temporary remediation measures. *Report each site as one unit. When applicable, also report total weight of trash removed during clean-up operations.	
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.*Report each item produced as one unit.	8 interpretive signs
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable.* <i>Report each building or facility as one</i> <i>unit</i>	
O12 – Number of Management Plans/Handbooks/Manuals/ Guides for Activity on Public Lands Completed	*Report the number of new or revised ecosystem restoration, hazardous fuels reduction, recreation, cultural, resource management, or other activity plans when the decision document for the plan is signed. Revisions include modification of a significant portion of the decisions in the activity plan. Do not report minor amendments or changes in these plans. *Report each plan as one unit.	



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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Ms. Tamara Williams Senior Management Analyst Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning 500 S. Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89155 Email: TGW@ClarkCountyNV.gov

Dear Ms. Williams:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of Clark County (County) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. This correspondence also acknowledges additional information received October 20, 2021, from the County to finalize the three project proposals. I would like to thank the County for participating in Round 19.

The County has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Hollywood Regional Park Baseball/Softball Field Complex</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a new multi-use field complex consisting of four fields. The complex will be pedestrian friendly, walkable from parking lot to the sports fields to other developed areas in the park. Additionally, this proposal includes a prefabricated restroom building, lockable storage areas and a centralized plaza with shaded spectator area and player warm up area. The proposed project is in the northeast corner of Hollywood Park site within M.D.M., T. 21 S., R. 62 E., sec. 2. The project area is approximately 30 acres of open desert.

The proposal is on BLM-administered public land leased to the County through the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act, serialized N-62825. An amended Plan of Development with a complete design plan and updated management plan is to be submitted to the BLM Las Vegas Field Office and approved prior to initiating any changes or new construction. The BLM asks that invasive plant species not be used in the proposed park landscaping. Any changes to the lease will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be

required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no issues with the proposed project so long as development and operation and maintenance of the proposed project remain in compliance with the R&PP lease.

<u>James Regional Sports Park Softball Complex</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a new softball complex with seven new softball fields. The proposed project is located on lands patented to the County on the corner of South Cimarron Road and West Eldorado Lane within M.D.M., T. 22 S., R. 60 E., sec. 9.

The proposal is located entirely on County property. There are no impacts to BLM managed land. Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is necessary because the proposed actions will create ground disturbance in an area that is not all previously covered by up-to-date surveys. The proposed budget and timeline should cover Section 106 compliance, which covers hiring contractors to complete the required cultural survey, summary of survey results in a report, and submission to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Generally, Section 106 compliance can take up to 6 months to complete but varies per project.

<u>Clark County Shooting Park Improvements</u> – This proposal is to provide improvements to the existing Clark County Shooting Complex and Archery Range consistent with the Shooting Complex Master Plan. The proposed project is located within the existing Clark County Shooting Park at North Decatur Boulevard and Moccasin Road within M.D.M., T. 18 S., R. 60 E., sec. 25.

The proposal is located entirely on County property. There are no impacts to BLM managed land. Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. Project coordination with BLM archaeologists will be required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168.

Sincerely,

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December 8, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager - PTNA, MSHCP and Capital Improvements BLM Southern Nevada District Office - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130

#### CONTRIBUTING FUNDS FOR THE CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Ms. Leiber:

Clark County is committing \$15,000.00 in in-kind contributions for the Clark County Shooting Complex Improvements.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamara Williams, Senior Management Analyst, at (702) 455-3121 or tgw@clarkcountynv.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tamara Williams



Friday, November 5, 2021

Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager - Parks, Trails and Natural Areas, and Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan BLM Southern Nevada District Office - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130

To whom it may concern,

My name is Brian Beard. I am the president of USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports (USAYESS). A nationally recognized non-profit youth organization that educates youth about firearm safety through shooting sports and other outdoor activities such as wildlife and wildlife habitat conservation. We pride ourselves on being the Nation's Premier and All-Inclusive Competitive Shooting Sports Program for Youth in fifth Grade through College, with youth shotgun teams in twenty states.

USAYESS fully supports the bunker trap project for which Clark County Shooting Complex is applying. This bunker trap would be the only one of its kind in Nevada, and would allow youth to experience and compete to qualify in US Olympic standings and possibly make the US Olympic shotgun team. In addition, a Bunker Trap would enable organizations, such as USAYESS, to host International bunker trap events in our Western Regional Junior Clay Target Championships. Completing the bunker trap project, are able to more able to seriously consider hosting our National Junior Clay Target Championships in Clark County Shooting Complex, an event that requires the bunker trap facility.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the bunker trap project at Clark County Shooting Complex.

Should there be any questions, please feel free to contact Brian Beard at (801) 369-6846.

Regards,

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Brian Beard, President, USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports P.O. Box 842 Pleasant Grove, UT 84062 (801) 369-6846 brian@usayess.org www.usayess.org

# October 29, 2021

Ms. Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager -Parks, Trails and Natural Areas, and Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan BLM Southern Nevada District Office - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130

Thank you for considering the grant for the international trap range at the Clark County Shooting Range. The community really appreciates your time and effort on this since the options for international clay shooting are limited in numbers. The Clark County Shooting Range would be an ideal location for an international trap range because of the desirable Las Vegas location, the state-of-the-art facilities, and the immensely helpful and caring staff. The addition of this range would attract shooters from all over the world due to the availability and the Las Vegas location, bringing in more revenue to the local area.

The addition of the international trap range would also attract more shooters to the sport. Clark County attracts a lot of shooters from all over the country and would expose many to the sport, especially youth shooters (the Olympic attraction speaks for itself with youth shooters). In addition, shooters in the area (youth, collegiate, and adults) would be able to practice and train at the world class facility year-round, bringing in revenue to the club and the local area.

Clark County Shooting Range is the ideal facility for this range because of the helpful and caring staff. The great people working the shooting events and the club house promote gun safety and knowledge daily to those who come to patronize, making this the ideal new shooter location.

Thank you so much again for your consideration.

SINCERELY, JESSICA WEBB INTERNATIONAL TRAP SHOOTER

# 11/2/21

Michelle Leiber SNPLA program manager 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

# Dear Michelle,

I am the current president o the Las Vegas Woods and Waters Club. We have been a registered group of the Clark County Shooting Complex since it first opened and we hold 8-10 monthly events per year. We currently have 183 members and some of our members are also a member of other registered group who use the shooting park. We believe that if you continued your master plan and build out that it would also help increase our membership as well as others. While you are not part of the shooting park, you play a big part in its continued success! We are excited about the thought off a bunker field being put in along with a Helice field or two. These two components would help to draw international attention as well as attract shooters from nearby states. I know our members would like to be one of the first groups to use these new fields. The events we currently hold consists of Trapshooting, Skeet shooting, Rifle and pistol event, archery events as well as sporting club. We would be excited to help advertise for the coming additions. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 702-400-6501 or by email at <u>mikereese224@gmail.com</u>

Thanks in advance!

**Mike Reese President** 

From: jordy new <<u>jordy\_new06@hotmail.com</u>> Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021, 8:55 PM To: <u>taw@clarkcountynv.gov</u> Cc: Ellen Schaffner Subject: RE: CCSC Archery News

Dear Michelle Lieber,

Hello my name is Jordy New , and I believe that the Clark County archery range would benefit a great deal by securing the funding opportunity to expand the 3D range along with having a club house with bathrooms. I believe if the archery range was any where near what the shotgun lodge is, a lot more people would be more willing to see what the archery range has to offer. I have shot here for that last two years and I have always expressed how nice it would be to sign in and shoot. Instead of parking at the shotgun lodge walking in, paying , then getting back in my vehicle and head down to the range. I am big into 3D target shooting and I can say from personal experience that the 3D range is in very bad shape. Honestly all the 3D targets are falling apart and you have to pick a body shot instead of a scorable shot or else you risk losing your arrow's and no one like losing or damage their arrows. I thoroughly enjoy taking part in league night and I'm sure if the issues at hand can be fixed others will enjoy it also. I hope you take this letter into consideration when deciding the funding opportunity.

Thank you for your time, Mr. New

From:	Youssef Mishriki <egypt36@aol.com></egypt36@aol.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 3:32 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	Olympic Trapshooting range in Vegas

Good day Ms. Williams,

Imagine being an Olympic level competition shooter and spending a good portion of your life trying to win a medal for your country and showcase your talent to the world only to be defeated by a communist nation like China or Russia. This is exactly what has been happening for decades when it comes to Olympic, international Trapshooting. Therefore, I was very excited to hear that Las Vegas was considering building in Olympic Trapshooting range as part of their worldwide allure. As it stands now, there are precious few Olympic trap shooting ranges where our amateur athletes can train and this would certainly be a welcome addition! Thank you for your time, sincerely, Youssef Mishriki Sent from my iPhone

From:	Brian Arnold <barn1@cox.net></barn1@cox.net>
Sent:	Saturday, October 23, 2021 9:05 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	Would like an international trap facility in Las Vegas

Dear Ms. Williams,

A friend just informed me that construction of one or more international trap fields in Las Vegas is under serious consideration. I assume these would be added to the Clark County Shooting Complex and I would like to express my interest and support for doing so. I have been shooting bunker for ten years and it's unfortunate that Las Vegas doesn't provide an international clay target facility. Presently, the closest bunkers are in Phoenix, Tucson and Southern California.

Regards,

Brian Arnold

President, California Int'l Clay Target Shooters Assoc. (CICTSA)

barn1@cox.net 949.463.1273

From: Sent: To: Subject: Ellen Schaffner <el9099@hotmail.com> Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:32 AM Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning) Proposed Improvements to the Clark County Shooting Complex

October 27, 2021

Michelle Lieber SNPLMA Program Manager – SNPLMA Division

Dear Michelle;

I am very happy to provide my support for the proposed improvements to the Clark County Shooting Complex, particularly the Archery Range.

I began shooting at the range shortly after retiring 8 years ago and moving to the Las Vegas area. Since taking up archery as a hobby, I have been to many ranges across the country and found this range to be one of my favorite locations. It is scenic and provides a variety of shooting distances for beginners and more advanced shooters. More technical shooters use the 3D and targets areas to prepare for their hunting expeditions and targets to prepare for competition shoots. The range provides basic Learn To Shoot Classes, with trained instructors that provide a safe, fun environment for all. You can join one of the Archery Leagues for local competition.

What the range doesn't provide is a permanent structure with restroom facilities to accommodate the shooters and employees to use while at the complex. More groups, professional shooters and individuals will spend more time shooting, comparing equipment, and socializing, if a permanent facility was on the premises. Professional Archery Organizations such as NASP, NFAA and USAA could hold competitions here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ellen Schaffner El9099@hotmail.com

PS. I absolutely hate to have to interrupt my shooting to get back into my car and drive up to the shotgun area to use the restroom, because I won't use the one rickety port-a-potty that is currently housed at archery.

From:	Erik Keller <erkeller3@yahoo.com></erkeller3@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:18 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	Archery Range expansion

Michelle Lieber,

My family and I are writing you to express our support for the archery range expansion proposal. My wife, 3 daughters and I go to the archery range for several hours every Saturday morning. I cannot express how important this is to my daughters and I. This is the best range and the safest way for them to practice each week and helps instill confidence in their abilities. I believe if you approve an expansion, you would attract more customers. The convenience of a restroom and possibly paying at the archery range instead of the shotgun center would go a long way. Improving the range and adding more targets as well as animal targets would make the experience more enjoyable. Again, my family would like to show our support for improving and expanding the archery range. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Erik Keller

From:	autumn kizerian <lollipopsandbows@gmail.com></lollipopsandbows@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:20 AM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	CCSC

October 25, 2021

Dear Michelle Lieber,

It has come to my attention there is a proposal for will be proposing improvements to the Clark County Shooting Complex, and specifically, the Archery Range which will include a 3,000 square foot permanent structure with restrooms, NFAA Outdoor Competition Range, Improved Field Archery Range, Improved Walking Trail, 42 New Animal/Hunter Round Target Stations and other improvements These improvements are essential to help encourage young adults and students in the area to participate in Archery programs. As it is now I have to drive 45 minutes across town each way for my child to participate in JOAD. I know many parents who can not make that sacrifice of time and resources. Our children/ young adults are our future They need all the encouragement they can get to get off of screens and be outdoors. We all know that kids who participate in extracurricular activities are more likely to become productive citizens.

Please support this proposal and in turn support children, young adults and sportsmen in our community.

Sincerely,

Autumn Kizerian Educator Parents Community member

Autumn Kizerian Autumn Kizerian

Pampered Chef Independent Consultant Enriching lives one mean and one memory at a time.

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"If you don't like something, change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it." — <u>Mary Engelbreit</u>

From:	Brent Vondrak <valnbrent79@yahoo.com></valnbrent79@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:25 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	Archery Range Improvements

Hello Ms. Lieber

We have lived near the CCSC since 2014 and have been avid users of the archery range. Our two boys, ages 14 and 12 have participated in archery for several years and I recently participated myself in the Genesis league this summer. We would love to see improvements made to the facility, specifically permanent restroom structures. Using a port-a-potty for the last several years really stinks (literally), especially being a woman and having to utilize something that's meant to be temporary so it isn't cleaned regularly like a normal restroom - I'm sure you understand.

What can I do to help get this project funded?

Sincerely, Valerie Vondrak 702-683-7498

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From:gleary125@gmail.comSent:Friday, October 22, 2021 7:21 AMTo:Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)Subject:International Trap Facilities in Las Vegas

Tamara,

Received an email from Maxey Brantley indicating that there may be a potential for bunkers in Las Vegas.

I would fully support and assist in any way the development, implementation, and on going promotion of a facility like this.

One of the challenges that I faced when looking at the development of international shooting facilities is finding a location that has the ability through it's demographics to support/payback the initial Investment and then be able to maintain a level of profit to sustain the business in the future. Las Vegas has the potential to support in my opinion.

As a Canadian not only would there be opportunities to compete at Las Vegas there would also be a significant opportunity for the Canadian team to potentially train there. On the international front, who does not want to come to Vegas!

I am a 5 time Canadian Olympian, former National Team Coach, with a significant business background (VP Level).

If you would like any assistance from developing a business plan through to implementation, please let me know and I would be more than happy to assist to promote a sport that I am passionate about.

Regards

George

From:	Bruce B < brucebroline@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 12:09 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	An International Trap Facility for Las Vegas

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Greetings Ms Williams:

This note is to express my enthusiastic support for an international trap facility in Las Vegas. While there are a plethora of American Trap facilities near Las Vegas, there are no international trap facilities in the area. Note that the only type of trap shot in the Olympics is International Trap, not American Trap. Note also that there is a need for more facilities to improve American competitiveness in this sport. A facility in Las Vegas would bring in participants from the US, Europe, and Asia. This would be a benefit for both shooters and the local economy. What a great possibility to be able to enjoy all that Las Vegas has to offer and shoot international trap!

Thanks for your consideration, it is certainly appreciated.

**Kind Regards** 

Bruce Broline

From:	Maxey Brantley <brantleymd@earthlink.net></brantleymd@earthlink.net>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 6:38 AM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Cc:	Scott Miller; Dave Senter
Subject:	Las Vegas Bunkers

Ms. Williams - wow!! The possibility of having Olympic trap facilities build in Las Vegas is mind boggling!! Having a range in a shooting friendly climate is a win-win. Both USA Shooting and the International Shooting Sports Federation would be beating down the doors to host events there. World Cups, Selection Matches, Grand Prix to mention a few that would be possible in the future. Brining more commerce to LV both nationally and internationally must make everyone excited, I know I would be!

I've been an International trap shooter since 1982, a member of the US Shooting Team two times and competed in three world cups. If you're counting votes (more than one permitted?).....mine is YES, YES, YES!!!!

V/r Maxey Brantley International Shooting Sports of Oregon Senior Open Organizing Committee

From:	Sandra Honour <smhonour@gmail.com></smhonour@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 7:00 AM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	International Trapshooting fields in Las Vegas

Dear Ms Williams

As a frequent "snow bird" masters level shooter, I have heard through the grapevine that Las vegas is considering putting in an ISSF trapshooting field. I think more than a few Canadians will be excited to hear this and consider Vegas a destination in the coming years given a place to shoot and play. Florida, Arizona and southern California currently attract many of us but Vegas may trump given the other attractions you boast.

In the US, the Olympic sport is growing at the high school level through to old shooters like me and it is very positive to hear that your area may soon have such a facility.

Good luck with your initiative.

Dr. Sandra Honour, DVM, MSc. President -Shooting Federation of Canada Active Master age shooter. NCCP Certified Shotgun Coach

From:	John Wolfington <jfwolfington@gmail.com></jfwolfington@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 5:28 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	Olympic Trap

Ms. Williams

I'm not a gambler, so there's really only one thing that will get me to travel to Las Vegas and spend my money... and that is Olympic Trap..

I would happily travel from my home in Delaware to Nevada (as I have done to Texas, California, Arizona, Florida and Europe) to shoot the Int'l version of Trap.

I hope that Clark County will see fit to move forward with what is becoming more and more popular in the U.S.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Wolfington Wilmington, DE

From:	Kathy S. Gregory <aggiepinkpot@yahoo.com></aggiepinkpot@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 8:08 AM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	International Trap Fields - Las Vegas

Howdy, Ms. Williams!

I am sending this in support of adding International Trap Fields to your shooting facility. This sport, often referred to as "Bunker" Trap, is quite old and is one that is a life sport for many folks. My husband and I are retired and travel all over to compete on a National level! Please let me know if you are in need of additional information!

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Kathy Gregory USAS Volunteer/Referee ISSF Shotgun Referee, License R-7564

Kathy S. Gregory

# Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)

From:	Kent McCurley <jkmccurley@aol.com></jkmccurley@aol.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 8:49 AM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	Bunker trap possibility

Ms. Williams,

Thank you for your consideration of installing Bunker (Olympic Trap) fields in the Las Vegas area! This would be an excellent location, for the world to compete, with all of the amenities near by. If you would like further input, let me know. Thanks, Kent McCurley USA shooting member

From:	Terri Dewitt <bluerockcoaching@icloud.com></bluerockcoaching@icloud.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 8:18 AM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	International trap bunkers

Good morning Ms. Williams,

I just got wind of the possibility of an International Trap bunker construction in Las Vegas. This is very exciting and I hope this is more than simply a rumor!

Please know that the International Trap community is here to help and support this project. Let me know if there is any way that I can lend a hand.

Thank you!

Theresa DeWitt 1996 US Olympic Shooting Team Member Head Coach, SCTP International Team US Army Marksmanship Unit Shotgun Team, Retired

# Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)

From: Sent: To: Subject: Rev. James Dickson <emufitnessfellowship@gmail.com> Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:38 PM Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning) Thank you

Thank you for your support of the Archery Range improvement program.

Rev. James Dickson 313-529-3020

From:	nelson jones <nejones0923@yahoo.com></nejones0923@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 7:10 AM
To:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	International Bunker in Las Vegas

Good Morning Tamara,

Just heard you may be installing a bunker in the Las Vegas area. That would be great! I've never been to Las Vegas, but this would be enough to get me there!!

Blessings, Nelson

## Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)

From:	billie warner <billiek75@yahoo.com></billiek75@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 7:49 AM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	Bunker Trap

Hi Tamara, I recently competed at the ISSO Senior Open at Willawalla Creek Shooting Center in St. Jo Tx. which was an outstanding event. I am excited to hear about the possibility of a bunker trap in Clark County as it would be a reasonable distance from where I live to travel for practice and possibly attend international trap events. Would be a great place to go shooting during winter months.

Thanks Billie Warner Montrose Colorado Sent from my iPhone

From:	SLW <slwang@sbcglobal.net></slwang@sbcglobal.net>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 4:52 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	International Trap

Ms. Williams :

We are Senior trap shooters from Los Angeles area, we used to come to Vegas to shoot International Trap,

it will be great if a new range will be set up ..... we will sure be coming more frequently to Vegas for that !!!

Best Regards. S.L.Wang

#### Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)

From:	Paul Ridenour <paulridenour59@gmail.com></paulridenour59@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 22, 2021 4:11 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	International Trap Shooting Bunker(s) @ Clark County Las Vegas shooting Ranges

I have been an avid bunker shooter for the past 12 years. I, along with Cadry Genena, was instrumental in the construction of the International Trap Shooting Bunker At the Ben Avery Shooting Center with mostly private funds, here in Phoenix, AZ.

I visit my brother in Henderson, NV quite often. I wholeheartedly support construction of a trap shooting bunker at the Clark County shooting facility.

Paul H. Ridenour

From: Sent: To: Subject: drbortone <drbortone@gmail.com> Friday, October 22, 2021 9:42 AM Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning) Trap Faciliyt in LV

Dear Ms Williams,

I was just informed by my friend Maxey Brantley about the possibility of the new facility in LV. Congratulations and you have my support.

Sincerely, Dr Eugenio (Gino) Bortone Dallas Texas

## Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)

I want to say I'm excited hear about this move to have a bunker range in LV, I will pass this message along.

#### Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Jeff Gregory <jeff.gregory87@gmail.com> Friday, October 22, 2021 6:58 AM Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning) New Bunkers in Las Vegas

I am very excited and in full support of a new bunker facility in Las Vegas. Regards, Jeff Gregory 979.229.1580 cell jeff.gregory87@gmail.com

From:Jerome DeSalme <jdesalme@c4constructionsvs.com>Sent:Friday, October 22, 2021 6:42 AMTo:Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)Subject:International Trap Facilities in Las Vegas

Ms. Williams,

I have heard that Las Vegas is looking into the possibility of an International Trap Facility. This would be an excellent place for us to Shoot International Trap. So much more to do in Las Vegas, than most places we go. This would be awesome!!!

Thanks,

Jerome C. DeSalme Estimator



PO Box 782527 San Antonio, TX 78278

#### Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)

From:	
Sent:	
To:	
Subject	

millers0611 <millers0611@gmail.com> Friday, October 22, 2021 6:08 AM Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning) International Trap at Clark Co Shooting Range

Tamara,

I'm a local International Trap Shooter and am very interested in having bunkers installed. I shoot with USA shooting and I know Olympic coach would live to have a three or four bunker setup. Let me know if I can help.

Scott Miller Summerlin

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From:	Alexander Oppenheim <alexanderopp06@gmail.com></alexanderopp06@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 29, 2021 12:06 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	New archery facility

Hi there my name is Alex Oppenheim and I have been shooting at the Clark County Archery range for about 6 years now, and I fully support the construction of a new building. Right now it is very inconvenient to have to stop at the shot gun center and check in, then drive all the way down to be Abel to shoot. There is also no real bathrooms downstairs at the archery range. The archery range needs its own building and I fully support the proposed 3000 square foot building.

From:	Brent Vondrak <valnbrent79@yahoo.com></valnbrent79@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:25 PM
То:	Tamara Williams (Comprehensive Planning)
Subject:	Archery Range Improvements

Hello Ms. Lieberman,

We have lived near the CCSC since 2014 and have been avid users of the archery range. Our two boys, ages 14 and 12 have participated in archery for several years and I recently participated myself in the Genesis league this summer. We would love to see improvements made to the facility, specifically permanent restroom structures. Using a port-a-potty for the last several years really stinks (literally), especially being a woman and having to utilize something that's meant to be temporary so it isn't cleaned regularly like a normal restroom - I'm sure you understand.

What can I do to help get this project funded?

Sincerely, Valerie Vondrak 702-683-7498

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Form 1860-9 (January 1988)

## The United States of America

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

#### Patent

N-76647

#### WHEREAS

#### Clark County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada

is entitled to a land patent pursuant to Section C of the Act of December 17, 2002, Public Law 107-350, 116 Stat. 2975, *et seq.* for the following described land:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, T. 18 S., R. 60 E., sec. 25, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; sec. 26, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; sec. 27, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;

secs. 34, 35, and 36.

Containing 2,880 acres, more or less.

NOW KNOW YE, that there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, unto Clark County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, the land described above; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said land for no consideration with all the rights, title, and interest, thereunto belonging, unto Clark County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, its successors and assigns, forever; and

SUBJECT TO:

- 1. Valid existing rights;
- 2. Those rights for power line purposes granted to Nevada Power Company, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way No. N-7502501, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761), and
- 3. Reversion of title to the United States, at the discretion of the Secretary, if the parcel ceases to be used for a suitable location for the establishment of a centralized shooting facility in the Las Vegas Valley, and to provide the public with opportunities for education and recreation; and a location for competitive events and marksmanship training only. Clark County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, shall not dispose any parcels of land patented herein and shall be responsible for any reclamation necessary to revert the parcels to the United States.

Patent Number **27 -** 2004 - 0017

By accepting this patent, the patentee, Clark County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgements of any kind or nature arising from the past, present, and future acts or omissions of the patentee or its employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third-party, arising out of, or in connection with, the patentee's use, occupancy, or operations on the patented real property. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement includes, but is not limited to, acts and omissions of the patentee and its employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third party, arising out of or in connection with the use and/or occupancy of the patented real property which has already resulted or does hereafter result in: (1) Violations of federal, state, and local laws and regulations that are now, or may in the future become, applicable to the real property; (2) Judgements, claims or demands of any kind assessed against the United States; (3) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (4) Other releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substances(s), as defined by federal or state environmental laws; off, on, into or under land, property and other interests of the United States; (5) Other activities by which solids or hazardous substances or wastes, as defined by federal and state environmental laws are generated, released, stored, used or otherwise disposed of on the patented real property, and any cleanup response, remedial action, or other actions related in any manner to said solid or hazardous substances or wastes; (6) Or natural resource damages as defined by federal and state law. This covenant shall be construed as running with the patented real property and may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

PURSUANT to the requirements established by section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1988, (100 Stat. 1670), notice is hereby given that the above-described lands have been examined and no evidence was found to indicate that any hazardous substances has been stored for one year or more, nor had any hazardous substances been disposed of or released on the subject property.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 17, 1948 (62 Stat. 476), has, in the name of the United States, caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the Bureau to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, in RENO, NEVADA, the TWENTY-SIXTH day of NOVEMBER in the year of our Lord TWO THOUSAND and THREE and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and TWENTY-EIGHTH.

Lands Team Lead

Natural Resources, Lands, and Planning

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## Patent Number 27 - 2004 - 0017

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management ActParks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

Southern Nevada Water Authority



Warm Springs Natural Area Acquisition and Site Improvements

Amount Requested: \$1,400,000

#### A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1991, seven local water and wastewater agencies formed the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) to address water issues on a regional basis. Annually, the SNWA meets the water demands of 2.2 million Nevadans and more than 40 million visitors.

In 2007, the SNWA acquired 1,218 acres of the Warm Springs Natural Area (Natural Area) with funding approved in Round 6 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA). The SNWA later acquired an additional 32 acres increasing the property to 1,250 acres in total. The property is regionally significant as it contains important archeological sites, historical farm and ranch areas, and more than 20 perennial springs that form the headwaters of Muddy River. The site includes numerous landscapes including Mojave Desert, riparian forest, mesquite woodlands and alkali meadows through which 3.8 miles of the Muddy River meanders. These resources provide ideal habitat for protected and sensitive species, including the endangered Moapa dace (nearly 80% of the remaining Moapa dace habitat is found on the property) and the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher. The Natural Area also supports native and migratory birds, important wildlife populations and diverse plant communities. Given its role in the regional watershed and the sensitive resources supported by the area, protection and acquisition of this property was long identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and others as a key priority. As a condition for the acquired lands under the SNPLMA Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (PTNA) category, the Natural Area was developed to include a limited public use component.

In 2011, the SNWA was awarded \$250,000 in SNPLMA Round 11 funding for the first phase of improvements including a conceptual design for a trail system and interpretive elements; design documents for construction of key features; and construction of half-mile of the designed trail with interpretive features such as kiosks and a bird and wildlife viewing platform. All Phase I work was done in coordination with the USFWS. In 2016, the SNWA was awarded \$875,000 in SNPLMA Round 15, which contributed to the construction of 3,700 feet of additional trails, a handicap-accessible unisex restroom, a drinking fountain and water bottle filling station, a boardwalk, 16 benches, 3 picnic tables, an amphitheater, a spring viewing platform, 1,100 feet of split-rail fencing, an overlook with covered seating, 21 informational signs (interpretation of the marsh, home ranch, springhead, and cultural resources and way-finding signs), and restoration of 6 acres of saltgrass meadow, which includes an irrigation system.

In October 2021, an additional \$800,000 in SNPLMA Round 18 has been approved to fund the extension of the Natural Area's trail system by 1.3 miles. This extension will directly connect the Natural Area to the entrance of the Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). This interface will provide visitor connectivity between the two sites and expand outdoor recreation opportunities. The SNWA will also conduct a traffic study and install appropriate traffic appurtenances to provide safe pedestrian crossing of Warm Springs Road. The connection between the Natural Area and the Refuge will allow for interpretative messaging about the shared management goal of both sites to protect sensitive environmental resources.

In this Round 19 nomination, the SNWA is seeking SNPLMA funding to purchase a  $\pm 10$ -acre private land parcel (Clark County APN 030-09-801-004) that encompasses three natural springs adjacent to the Natural Area. This private parcel is bound by private land along the east and west

boundary and SNWA-owned land along the south boundary. Improvements on the 10-acre parcel include: a single-family ( $\pm 2,318$ -SF) turnkey custom home built in 2002 consisting of 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3-car garage, tile roof, living room with wood burning fireplace, vaulted ceilings, ceiling fans, tile, wood-like flooring, and laundry room with storage, a 4-stall barn with ornate wood-lined walls and ceilings, gazebo with wood walking trail over a pond, vinyl and crossed fencing ( $\pm 2,000$ -LF total fencing), and a gravel private drive off Sinclair Road (private) that extends south from State Route168. The proposed acquisition parcel is occupied part-time by the owner. The condition of the buildings is not known to the buyer.

The 10-acre parcel contains a cool water pond, natural springs and important bird habitat including mature cottonwoods that could support nesting of endangered, yellow-billed cuckoos and woodlands that support vermilion flycatchers. Proposed restoration activities on this land include vegetation plantings, palm removal, and improved bird habitat. The Round 19 proposed funding will also be used to develop a community garden within the Natural Area, acquire the site with the facilities/improvements, if appropriate, for hosting educational and community outreach and events, and add interpretative kiosks, panels, and signage about the historical farming history of the area. Existing structures will be evaluated for condition, and, if in suitable condition, will be left in place and converted to space for community outreach and educational facilities such as classrooms, workspaces, storage areas and gardening areas. This conversion or demolition will be funded by this Round 19 grant if there are sufficient funds remaining in the grant. Otherwise, the conversion or demolition will be funded by this Round 19 grange and a 1,292-SF detached barn. There is about 2000-LF of fencing along the west, south, and east borders of the property. The site has municipal power and water service, and a septic tank and leach field.

- 1. Real Property Acquisition: +/- 9.92-acre fee title with structures as appropriate. Site address is 4255 W. State Highway 168, Moapa, Nevada, 89025.
- **2. Property Value Estimate**: \$1,000,000 (owner acknowledges via enclosed signed "Owner Statement" that the purchase price will be determined by a federally-approved appraisal)
- 3. Owner Information: Linda M. Brown, Trustee of the Linda Brown Trust, dated 9/23/2005 (Clark County APN 030-09-801-004)
- 4. Legal Description: (per Grant, Bargain, Sale Deed 20050930-0001223). All that real property situated in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, bounded and described as follows: That portion of the SW1/4SE1/4 of Sec. 9, T.14S., R.65E, MDB&M, according to the official plat of said land on file in the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Clark County, Nevada, and being more particularly described as follows: Lot 2 as shown by map thereof in File 84 of parcel maps, page 98, in the office of the County Recorder, Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Known Hazardous Materials, Safety, Legal, or Other Liabilities: None
- 6. Deed Restrictions on the Property: When the land was originally patented in 1904 by the State of Nevada the mineral rights to "gold, silver, copper, lead, cinnabar, and other valuable minerals" were reserved. Title review will determine status of any deed restrictions/reservations/etc.
- 7. Occupancy or Use Rights Held by Others: Linda Brown lives on the property (as acknowledged by signature of the owner, willing sellers are not eligible for relocation expenses pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Act)
- 8. Rights to be Reserved: None
- **9.** Access (to/from property): Access to the property is via a private drive off Sinclair Road (private gravel road) that extends south from State Route 168 (Nevada Department of Transportation highway right-of-way APN 030-09-899-001). Sinclair is a private road and both properties to the east (subject acquisition parcel) and west (adjacent private owner Parsons) have access to the road.

#### **10. Comparable Sales:**

- a. Comp 1: 4740 W. State Highway 168, Moapa, Nevada
  - <u>Acres</u>: +/- 6.13 acres
  - Location: T14S, R65E Section 9 (APN 030-09-201-005)
  - Date of Sale: 10/5/2021
  - <u>Sale Price</u>: \$280,000
  - <u>Seller & Buyer Names</u>: Carla Mummer, an unmarried woman (Seller) and Laura Ruth Radtke, an unmarried woman (Buyer)
  - <u>Fee or Partial Interest</u>: Fee simple surface only
  - <u>Nature of Comparable</u>: Rural single family residential

#### b. Comp 2: 4720 W. State Highway 168, Moapa, Nevada

- Acres: +/- 2.04 acres
- Location: T14S, R65E, Section.<u>9</u> (APN 030-09-201-008)
- <u>Date of Sale</u>: 6/10/2020
- <u>Sale Price</u>: \$390,000
- <u>Seller & Buyer Names</u>: Susan Lu Burbank, an unmarried woman (Seller) and Dawn Allison Hull, a single woman (Buyer)
- <u>Fee or Partial Interest</u>: Fee simple surface only.
- <u>Nature of Comparable</u>: Rural single family residential
- c. Comp 3: 4385 W. State Highway 168, Moapa, Nevada
  - Acres: +/- 7.0 acres
  - Location: T14S, R65E, Section 16 (APN 030-16-501-001)
  - Date of Sale: 12/3/2018
  - Sale Price: \$414,000
  - <u>Seller & Buyer Names</u>: Tim Woods, a married man who took the title as a single man and SNWA, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada (Buyer)
  - Fee or Partial Interest: Fee simple surface only
  - <u>Nature of Comparable</u>: Environmental acquisition

According to online realty estimate last updated 12/3/2021, the property price per square foot is averaged at \$236. Since November 2021, the property value increased by 1.1% to \$547,100. The neighborhood median price is \$369,500 (or \$213 per sq. ft.), making this property approximately 48.06% more expensive that nearby properties. Below is property price history from listing date 2/19/2019 to its last re-listing on 2/12/2020:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Price</u>	Price/Sq Ft
Today	Estimated	\$547,100	
02/12/2020	Relisted	\$750,000	\$324
08/16/2019	Price Changed	\$825,000	\$356
05/25/2019	Price Changed	\$875,000	\$377
03/23/2019	Price Changed	\$925,000	\$399
02/19/2019	Listed	\$975,000	\$421

\*The property-related information is obtained from public records and other sources. While such information is thought to be reliable, it is not guaranteed and should be independently verified.

There are very few sales of comparable properties that have water on or near the property in Clark County. Visible water, with or without a legal water right, is a valuable amenity in property valuations. One recent and nearby example, was SNWA's purchase of a 7-acre parcel (APN 030-16-501-001) in 2018, located on the North Fork of the Muddy River. This property, along with a 1,620-SF dwelling, was purchased for \$414,000. Recent increases in real property values throughout the region have been dramatic. In <u>November 2021, the UNLV Lied Center for Real Estate</u>, reported that existing single family home prices in Las Vegas and Mesquite increased 24.7% and 17.7%, respectively, over the last 12 months. A real estate appraisal will be necessary to determine the true market value of the property.

This project will support and encourage public recreation, education, and interpretive activities, complement the rural character of the area, and increase recreational acreage within Clark County for its underserved rural communities.

- 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:
- <u>Round 6</u> SNWA acquired 1,218 acres now known as the Warm Springs Natural Area. A condition for this acquisition was the SNWA's obligation to include a limited public use component on the property. (Project Cost: \$69,734,664.93)
- <u>Round 11</u> development of conceptual design documents for a trail system and interpretive elements; engineering design documents for construction of key features; and construction of a half-mile portion of the designed trail with interpretive features such as an interpretative kiosk and a bird/wildlife viewing platform. (Project Cost: \$250K)
- <u>Round 15</u> construction of 3,700-LF of additional trails, accessible unisex restroom, a drinking fountain and water bottle filling station, boardwalk, 16 benches, three picnic tables, an amphitheater, a spring viewing platform, 1,100-ft. of split-rail fencing, an overlook with covered seating, 21 informational signs (interpretation of the marsh, home ranch, springhead, and cultural resources and way-finding signs), and restoration of 6 acres of saltgrass meadow, which includes an irrigation system. (Project Cost: \$875K)
- <u>Round 18</u> funding approved October 2021, to extend the Natural Area's trailhead to directly connect to the entrance of the Refuge. In addition, a traffic study will be conducted, and appropriate traffic appurtenances will be installed to provide for safe pedestrian crossing of Warm Springs Road. Two other trails within the Natural Area will be lengthened for longer hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities. (Project Cost: \$875K)
- 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for futurephases: The SNWA acknowledges that Round 19 is a stand-alone project and, if funded, there is no guarantee of funding for future phases.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

PTNA projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

• Goal 1: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.

• Goal 2: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The project will promote the three SNPLMA core values: connectivity, sustainability, and community) as described below:

1. Sustainability:

The purpose of the Natural Area is to conserve, preserve, and restore the natural and cultural resources of the site. The proposed acquisition will expand that purpose to additional land containing springs, wetlands, and woodland habitat.

#### 2. Connectivity:

The Natural Area offers visitors a chance to experience a natural oasis in the desert and connect with nature. The acquisition parcel is in the Moapa Valley, which is a designated Audubon Important Bird Area, and is immediately adjacent to the Warm Springs Natural Area which is managed for about 30 sensitive species. It is also close to the Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Nesting bird species such as the threatened, yellow-billed cuckoo and the endangered Southwestern willow flycatcher benefit from larger nesting habitat patches. The historic interpretations found on the site serve to connect visitors with the site's cultural heritage, which includes prehistoric peoples, Native Americans, outlaws, ranchers, and early settlers.

#### 3. <u>Community</u>:

This site has a rich history that begins with the archaeological record of Southern Paiute people and their ancestors - to ownership by millionaire Howard Hughes, who encouraged showgirls from the Las Vegas strip to sun themselves and relax under palm-thatched cabanas. Many native Nevadans tell stories of swimming in the natural spring pools found on site. The Natural Area is a piece of the fabric that forms the Southern Nevada community. Today, the SNWA maintains the property for the enjoyment of the local community and the conservation of the site's natural resources. The Moapa Valley is home to about 7,000 people located in several communities: Moapa, Moapa River Indian Reservation, Glendale, Logandale, and Overton.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The Southern Nevada Water Authority will acquire  $\pm 10$  acres of private land adjacent to the Warm Springs Natural Area located in Moapa Valley, 7-miles northwest of Moapa in Clark County, Nevada. The subject acquisition parcel contains a cool water pond/spring and important bird habitat including mature cottonwoods to support nesting endangered, yellow-billed cuckoos and woodlands for vermilion flycatchers. Existing property structures will be evaluated, and, if in suitable condition, will be left in place and converted to real property for community outreach and educational opportunities. Plantings of native vegetation such as Fremont cottonwoods, velvet ash, and willows, and installation of historic interpretations of the site's cultural heritage, will enhance recreational and educational opportunities for the public. The project will support the high demand in no-cost outdoor recreational amenities for nature walking, wildlife viewing, bird watching, photography, and public enjoyment of a natural oasis in the desert.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. Primary Deliverables:
  - a. Fee simple acquisition of  $\pm 10$  acres by purchase.
  - b. Planting of native vegetation such as Fremont cottonwoods, velvet ash, and willows.
  - c. Install 1 each interpretive panel display of farming history.
  - d. Install 1 each interpretive panel display of modern ecosystem restoration techniques.
  - e. 1 each interpretive kiosk with bulletin board space for the garden area. Location installation will depending final design.
- 2. Anticipated Deliverables:(prior approval is required)
  - a. Site improvements for hosting educational, community outreach, events and development of outreach spaces will be dependent on the condition of the existing structures. Anticipate using the structures for classrooms, workshops, and other outreach facilities if they are in suitable condition.
- 3. Develop a community garden (±2,000-SF) on the acquisition parcel. Siting of the garden depends on final design, fencing needs, public access to SR-168, access to irrigation, and soil conditions.
- 4. Removal of palms and other non-native plants as determined by detailed analysis of the property and availability of funds.
- 5. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Evaluation of Real Property (e.g., Title Evidence, Cadastral Review, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, Relocation Assessment, Site Inspections).
  - b. Section 106 consultation per the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).
  - c. Appraisal and Appraisal Review.
  - d. Design and technical reports.
  - e. Scope of work for contracting.
  - f. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - g. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - h. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - i. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

#### 6. PROJECT LOCATION

Latitude and Longitude: 36.710953° / -114.712133°

Congressional District(s): NV-4

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion is planned within the standard 5-years for PTNA projects.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\boxtimes$  Yes -or-  $\square$  No

The SNWA is ready for project implementation. If selected for the funding, the SNWA is

prepared to complete all pre-requisites to obtain the federal award by developing an acceptable project workplan in SMART, submitting a complete SF-424 federal financial assistance application package for acceptance by the SNWA Board and approval by the BLM Grants Management Officer. Upon receipt of the fully executed federal award, SNWA staff will immediately initiate the federal environmental requirements as needed and compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA in order to proceed with implementation of the approved project (e.g., land acquisition process and improvements).

#### H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

The SNWA is financially committed to the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the site today and for many years to come. The SNWA manages the property as a natural area for the benefit of native species, one of the key purposes being to protect the endangered Moapa dace and its habitat. To date, the SNWA has fully funded staffing, operations and maintenance, restoration and stewardship planning for the Natural Area since closing on the property on September 13, 2007. The SNWA has developed a Stewardship Plan that preserves the important ecological integrity of the Natural Area's natural resources and ensures consistency with SNWA's commitments in the SNPLMA Round 6 Nomination for acquisition of the property. Management commitments found in the plan include restoration and/or enhancement of riparian and upland habitat; spring pool restoration/enhancement; bank and channel stabilization activities; invasive fish and invertebrate management; invasive plant management; trail monitoring and maintenance and construction and/or enhancement of wetlands; and public use and outreach. The SNWA maintains all, facilities and interpretative elements as allowed and approved by its Board of Directors. If structures are in suitable condition and retained, SNWA will maintain these facilities as well. The estimated annual WSNA budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 is \$600,000. Factor the annual costs over the 13 years that the SNWA has owned the site, and the SNWA's financial commitment to the project is obvious.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

The SNWA is requesting \$1,400,000 in SNPLMA appropriation for this Round 19 proposed project. Below is a summary breakdown of the requested funds:

- \$1,000,000 Real Property Acquisition of +/- 10 acres
- \$10,000 Acquisition processing costs (e.g., real property evaluation, appraisal)
- \$250,000 Design, restoration, installation and enhancements/improvements
- \$140,000 Site Improvements (Anticipated Deliverable)

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

#### J. KEY CONTACTS

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6. Object Class Categories		GRANT PROGRAM, I	FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY		Total
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act - Warm Springs Natural Area, Parcel Acquisition and Improvements				
a. Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
b. Fringe Benefits					
c. Travel					
d. Equipment					
e. Supplies					
f. Contractual	1,025,000.00				1,025,000.00
g. Construction	375,000.00				375,000.00
h. Other					
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	1,400,000.00				\$ 1,400,000.00
j. Indirect Charges					\$
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,400,000.00
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

#### **SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

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#### K. RANKING CRITERIA

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park,trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

## A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural areathat provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: Yes. This project will improve the existing Warm Springs Natural Area through:

- The acquisition of an adjacent parcel which contains a cool water pond/spring and important bird habitat, including mature cottonwoods that could support nesting endangered, yellow-billed cuckoos and woodlands that support vermilion flycatchers;
- Improved access from SR-168;
- Environmental improvements, such as palm removal and plantings;
- Educational improvements, such as creation of a community garden, installation of interpretive kiosks, panels, and signage describing the area's farming history, and site improvements for hosting educational/community outreach and events.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

While this project does not directly improve community prosperity or economic development, improvements to the Natural Area that increase visitation may also increase the economic prosperity of Moapa and nearby Glendale, Overton and Logandale. Visitors to the Natural Area will more than likely stop for gas, food, drinks, etc.

- **C.** *The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.* The Warm Springs Natural Area is regionally significant as it contains important archeological sites, historical farm and ranch areas, and more than 20 perennial springs that form the headwaters of the Muddy River. The site includes numerous landscapes including the Mojave Desert, riparian forests, mesquite woodlands and alkali meadows through which 3.8 miles of the Muddy River meanders. These resources provide ideal habitat for several protected and sensitive species, including the endangered Moapa dace (nearly 80 percent of the remaining Moapa dace habitat is found on the property) and the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher. The Natural Area also supports native and migratory birds, important wildlife populations and diverse plant communities. Given its role in the regional watershed and the number of sensitive resources supported by the area, protection and acquisition of this property was long identified by the USFWS and others as a key priority.
- **D.** *The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).* Despite a plethora of research showing the health benefits of physical activity, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that most U.S. adults and children are not active enough.<sup>1</sup> Medical professionals tout the powerful health benefits of parks, trails and natural areas as a means to promote physical activity, community engagement, and provide mental health

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/healthtopics/parks.htm</u>

benefits.<sup>2</sup> In addition, the CDC also reports that people are more likely to walk, hike or participate in outdoor activities when they feel protected from traffic and safe from crime and hazards.<sup>3</sup>

This project seeks to increase the size of the Natural Area, which will increase opportunities for outdoor recreation, physical activity and mental well-being and provide guests with a safe zone away from traffic, congestion, and crime.

E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that havelimited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Although Clark County is the most populous county in the state of Nevada, accounting for nearly three-quarters of its residents, Clark County has been identified by the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition as having a significant shortage of parks and trails compared to other urban areas of its size.

- 2. <u>**RESOURCES**</u>: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacywhile addressing the quality of the human experience.
- A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

The Warm Springs Natural Area is regionally significant as it contains important archeological sites, historical farm and ranch areas, and more than 20 perennial springs that form the headwaters of the Muddy River. The site includes numerous landscapes including Mojave Desert, riparian forest, mesquite woodlands and alkali meadows through which 3.8 miles of the Muddy River meanders. These resources provide ideal habitat for several protected and sensitive species, including the endangered Moapa dace (nearly 80 percent of the remaining Moapa dace habitat is found on the property) and the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher. The Natural Area also supports native and migratory birds, important wildlife populations and diverse plant communities. Given its role in the regional watershed and the number of sensitive resources supported by the area, protection and acquisition of this property was long identified by the USFWS and others as a key priority.

In addition, the Warm Springs Natural Area was acquired and developed as a natural area to create opportunities for low impact, controlled public access and outdoor recreation.

**B.** The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservationstewardship within communities.

The Warm Springs Natural Area was acquired and developed as a natural area to (1) create opportunities for low impact, controlled public access and outdoor recreation and (2) preserve and protect the Threatened and Endangered Species and natural resources found on the site.

As stated previously, the desired parcel is a significant property with a cool water

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/parks\_trails/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>https://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/healthtopics/parks.htm</u>

pond/spring. The land provides important bird habitat, including mature cottonwoods that could support nesting endangered, yellow-billed cuckoos and woodlands that support vermilion flycatchers. Acquisition of this important site would allow the SNWA to incorporate this property into the Natural Area, affording it with all of the protections and purposes described in the Warm Springs Natural Area Stewardship Plan.

In addition, the SNWA seeks SNPLMA funding to make improvements to enhance conservation stewardship within the community:

- Development of a community garden;
- Site improvements to host community outreach and educational events;
- Installation of kiosks, panels, and signage to interpret modern ecosystem restoration techniques; and
- Installation of kiosks, panels, and signage depicting the area's farm and ranching history.

# C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

The SNWA is a leader in sustainable water use and conservation. Restoration of formerly landscaped areas, fields, and pastures with native vegetation saves water, increases wildlife habitat, and acts as an example for sustainable changes in land use.

- D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of thenatural environment. In 2007, the Department of the Interior approved SNPLMA funding for the acquisition of the Natural Area based on the SNWA's commitment that the site:
  - Would be maintained as a natural area; and
  - Would allow and provide for low-impact public use.

The proposed acquisition will enhance the quality of the public's recreational experience at the Natural Area by increasing the size of the site and natural resources found within. The proposed educational component will encourage the community to engage in and understand the significance of the site.

- **3.** <u>**CONNECTIVITY:**</u> Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities, and unites important places across the landscape
- A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/localpark, *trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.* The project will improve access from SR-168 to existing Warm Spring Natural Area facilities.
- **B.** The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If noformal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

The WNSA is managed under a Stewardship Plan, which was created with input from many stakeholders and neighbors, including USFWS, the Moapa Valley Water District, the Moapa Band of Paiutes, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Clark County, Moapa

Town Advisory Board, and others.

C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

The proposed actions to improve the Natural Area further the intent of the Round 6 SNPLMA Warm Springs Ranch Acquisition, the purposes of the April 20, 2006, Muddy River Memorandum of Agreement, the Muddy River Recovery Implementation Program and the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

- **D.** *The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to theoutdoors.* Throughout the Natural Area, interpretative signage educates visitors about the unique natural resources found on the site, and the remnants of area's farm and ranching history (i.e., cattle scale, historic waterwheel, and corral). The proposed project will update and enhance the interpretative kiosks, panels and signage, make site improvements for the purpose of hosting more educational and community outreach events, and the development of a community garden.
- E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreationactivities.

The Natural Area seeks to engage volunteerism. In fact, has coordinated projects with many organizations, including Grant Bowler Elementary School, Ute Perkins Elementary School, Moapa Valley High School FFA, Virgin Valley High School FFA, Red Rock Audubon Society, and many scouts have conducted their service projects such as building trails and bridges, planting native vegetation, collecting, and distributing firewood and restoring historical sites. Moreover, admission to the Natural Area is free and removes the economical barrier that otherwise could prevent some visitors from enjoying this community resource.

- 2. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costsand benefits of the project.
- A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified. See Estimated Cost Detail Worksheet.
- **B.** *Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.*

Although the Natural Area serves a need for public recreation activities such as hiking, wildlife viewing, and interpretation of natural and human history, there is a need for facilities to host outreach events that include restoration activities such as collecting seeds/cuttings, repotting plants, and other restoration work. The Natural Area has hosted dozens of restoration events but having a designated area and workspace for restoration outreach is needed on the property.

C. *The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/orreplacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.* Not applicable to the acquisition.

## **D.** Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contributionin the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

As noted in the narrative, although there is no non-SNPLMA funding associated with this acquisition or educational enhancements, the SNWA is financially committed to the day-today operation and maintenance of the site today and for many years to come.

The SNWA manages the property as a natural area for the benefit of native species, one of the key purposes being to protect the endangered Moapa dace and its habitat. To date, the SNWA has fully funded staffing, operations and maintenance, restoration and stewardship planning for the Natural Area since closing on the property on September 13, 2007.

Operation of the trail system entails overseeing trail access (i.e., which portions of the trail are open or closed due to weather constraints, wildlife use and/or restoration activities), monitoring trail conditions to ensure that public use patterns are sustainable and are not impairing the integrity of the Natural Area.

Maintenance of the trails includes keeping overhanging brush and vegetation clear of the trail way, keeping trails clean of debris, keeping interface between resin coated trails and pullouts or non-resin trails tidy, and disposal of materials cleaned from trail ways. Operation, monitoring, and maintenance costs of the trails is included in the SNWA's annual budgeting process. Moreover, the SNWA has several part-time staff and three full-time employees, including a caretaker that lives on the property, dedicated to the location.

The SNWA maintains all trails, facilities and interpretative elements as allowed and approved by its Board of Directors. The estimated annual costs for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 are \$600,000. Factor the annual costs over the thirteen years that the SNWA has owned the site, and the SNWA's financial commitment to the project is obvious.

E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costsby incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting). Not applicable.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

#### A. Executive Orders (EO):

#### 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Landsto Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk

Although the Natural Area is owned by the SNWA, it neighbors the Refuge, which is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of federal lands managed by the USFWS. Much of the Natural Area is densely vegetated which provides a certain degree of risk for wildfire. Steps to reduce wildfire risk to property and habitat are implemented as part of a

fuels reduction program and outlined in The Warm Springs Natural Area Fire and Fuels Management Plan (a copy will be provided upon request). These steps include, but are not limited to:

Pre-suppression - taking preventative action to reduce the likelihood or extent of accidental or natural wildfires. Pre-suppression activities include surveying and prioritizing areas that would benefit from fuel reduction, fire breaks, and vegetative manipulation. A survey of fuels around priority wildlife areas, structures, and neighboring properties occurs on a regular basis.

Weed Management - contributes to the reduction of fine fuels. Fuel loads may be reduced using a variety of methods including mechanical, chemical, and biological treatments. Because fuel biomass will continually accrue from one growing season to the next, fuels reduction is an ongoing program requiring vigilant monitoring.

Fire Breaks - can provide an effective safeguard against fire advance from the Natural Area to nearby private and federally owned land. The SNWA does regular fire break maintenance to preserve the effectiveness of this fire reduction method. Fire break lines are monitored regularly and treated as appropriate.

- 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers Not application to the acquisition portion of this project.
- B. Secretarial Orders
- 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation. This project, and the Natural Area as a whole, align with the Secretary of the Interior's Order to advance conservation and stewardship and increase outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. As noted throughout this proposal, the Natural Area was acquired for the purpose of and developed as a natural area to connect people to the outdoors and allow for hiking, bird and wildlife viewing, and other forms of low-impact recreation.
- 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Not applicable.
- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Not applicable.
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and WatersManaged by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Not applicable.
- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to UrbanNational Wildlife Refuges.

Although the Natural Area is not federally owned, it does neighbor the Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge, which is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System and managed by the USFWS. The Natural Area and the Wildlife Refuge share a commitment for environmental stewardship as both entities endeavor to restore habitat along the Muddy River, enhance conditions for native species, and provide public access that connects the community with nature. On October 7, 2021, the Secretary of the Interior approved the SNWA's Round 18 funding request to, among other things, construct a direct connection between the Natural Area and the neighboring Wildlife Refuge.

6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior LandThrough Active Management.

Please see response for EO 13855 above.

- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased publicrecreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Not applicable.
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and *Recreation Act.* Not applicable.
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of ElectricBikes. Not applicable.
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations. Not applicable.
  - 2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy. Not applicable.
  - 3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate. Not applicable.
  - 4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. *We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate*

solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

While details of the 30 by 30 effort are still sparse, the goals of the Natural Area align with the goals of the 30 by 30 plan. Similar to the 30 by 30 effort, the Natural Area seeks to protect the area's biodiversity and natural resources; seeks to restore Threatened and Endangered Species; and its efforts are guided by science. It would appear that the existing 1,250-acre property (approximately 1,260 acres if the proposed acquisition is successful) could be added to the conservation acreage sought by 30 by 30.

5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

The SNWA has a long history of engaging with diverse stakeholder groups relative to the conservation, restoration, and limited development of the Natural Area. From the beginning, a core team of representatives from the USFWS, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, and the SNWA developed the initial shared vision for the Natural Area, with an emphasis on the recovery and conservation of the Muddy River's aquatic ecosystem. Other organizations who have served as vital partners and contributors to the overall conservation effort include: Moapa Band of Paiute Indians; Moapa Valley Water District; Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board; U.S. Geological Survey; U.S. Bureau of Land Management; Clark County; and property neighbors.

#### D. Forest Service Priorities:

#### 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic

Medical research shows that COVID-19 spreads more easily indoors than outdoors. In fact, CDC guidance states that you are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 when you attend crowded indoor events. The guidance recommends outdoor activities such as: running, walking, biking, and hiking on local trails.<sup>4</sup>

#### 2. Providing economic relief

Admission to the Natural Area is free for all visitors – making outdoor recreation available to everyone.

#### 3. Tackling climate change

By conserving nature and restoring ecosystems, we reduce vulnerability and increase resilience to climate change. Nature conservation and restoration is a major, cost-efficient ally in the world's fight against climate change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/outdoor-activities.html</u>

# 4. Advancing racial equity Not applicable.

# 5. *Improving our workforce and work environment* Not applicable.

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Warm Springs Natural Area

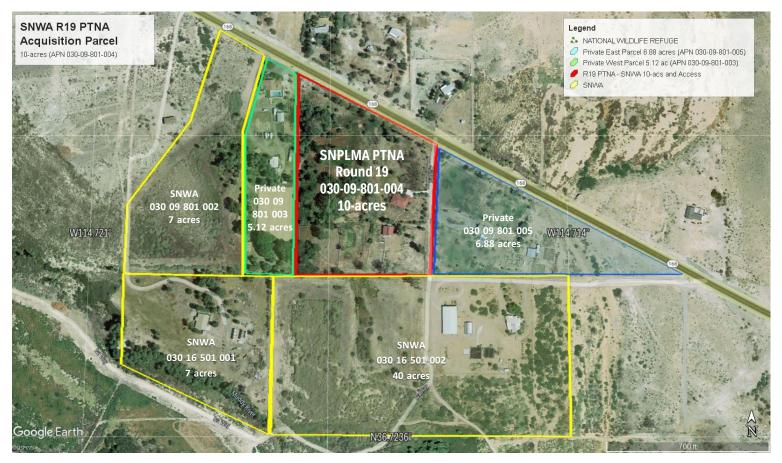
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#### Site Aerial



#### **Aerial - Assessor Parcel Numbers**



#### **Site Photos**

Photos by <u>https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/4255-State-Highway-168\_Moapa\_NV\_89025\_M21755-56024</u>



Photo 1 - Owner residence (view from east to west of property). Palms and other non-native plants to be removed.



Photo 2 – Gazebo with wood walking trail over a pond.

<u>Note:</u> Existing structures on the subject 10-acre parcel will be evaluated for condition, and, if in suitable condition, will be left in place and converted to space for community outreach and educational facilities such as classrooms, workspaces, storage areas and gardening areas.



Photo 3 - SNWA will need to assess spring for soils, vegetation and weeds; and restore for wildlife habitat.



Photo 4 – Standing near property north centerline view southeast of property residence and stables.

<u>NOTE</u>: SNWA will need to assess meadow for soils, vegetation, weeds and restore for wildlife habitat; maintain safe defensible space around boundaries and buildings.



Photo 5 – Residence back patio view of stable



Photo 6 – Stable/barn and fence line. Barn, if in good condition, could be used as an outreach workspace and storage.

<u>NOTE</u>: Existing structures will be evaluated for condition, and, if in suitable condition, will be left in place and converted to space for community outreach and educational facilities such as classrooms, workspaces, storage areas and gardening areas.



Photo 7 – Exterior south view of stable/barn



Photo 8 – Interior view of stable/barn

#### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Warm Springs Natural Area Acquisition and Site Improvements

#### **Performance Measures**

SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 1: Sustain the Quality of the Outdoor Environment by Conserving, Preserving, and Restoring Natural and Cultural Resources					
Performance Measures fo Habitat Enhancement		Quantity			
H8 - Number of Water Developments Constructed or Improved for Wildlife	*Report the number of water developments for use by wildlife constructed or improved/repaired within all habitat types. Existing projects may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements/ repairs are made as defined in the project nomination. *Report each development constructed or improved as one unit (e.g., one project may have three water developments). *	l water development improved with native plant installation			
H9 - Acres of Invasive Plant Species Treated or Restored	*Report the number of acres of weed infestation treated with chemical, mechanical, physical, or biological control agents for the purpose of weed control. Include acres treated by fire when fire is used as a physical control agent for weed control rather than as a hazardous fuels treatment. Each acre treated is counted only once during the life of the project, no matter how many re-treatments occurred during the project. *Report to the nearest whole acre.	1 acre of weed treatments			
H14 - Number of Threatened ar Endangered Species Recovery Actions Implemented	performed for threatened or endangered species recovery as identified in recovery plans, conservation management plans, or land use planning documents. Include surveys, inventories, and monitoring as recovery actions. Note: One distinct action repeated 5 times over the course of the project would report as 1 action, not 5. The same recovery action conducted at distinct sites can be counted once for each site (this does not apply to individual plots within one single project site). The number of acres over which the actions were taken are reported under either H4 or H6.	2 recovery actions (willow plantings for flycatcher, ash/cottonwood plantings for cuckoo)			
SNPLM	*Report each action as one unit. IA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2:				
· · · ·	Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by prtunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environ	0			
Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity			
<b>R5</b> - PTNA Land Acquired	<ul> <li>*Report acres of land acquired in fee for development of a park, trail, or natural area. Do not report acres of easements or rights of way that encumbered the property when acquired.</li> <li>*Report to the nearest whole acre.</li> </ul>	10 acres			
SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community					
Other Performance Measures	Other Performance Definition of Performance Measures Quantity				
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.* <i>Report each item produced as one unit</i> .	1 kiosk display 2 signs			



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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Mr. Dave Syzdek Environmental Biologist Southern Nevada Water Authority 100 City Parkway, Suite 700 Las Vegas, Nevada 89106 Email: david.syzdek@snwa.com

Dear Mr. Syzdek:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the SNWA for participating in Round 19. The SNWA has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nomination as described below.

<u>Warm Springs Natural Area</u> – This proposal is to acquire property adjacent to the Warm Springs Natural Area, complete restoration, design and construct several interpretive signs, kiosks, shade structures, and irrigation within the Warm Springs Natural Area. The proposed acquisition is approximately 9.92 acres and is located adjacent to the Warm Springs Natural Area within M.D.M., T. 14 S., R. 65 E., sec. 9. Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will be required. The proposed budget and timeline should account for Section 106 compliance. Generally, Section 106 compliance can take up to 6 months to complete but varies per project.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or by email at emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168 or mleiber@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Angelita S. Bullets District Manager

ecc: Shonna Dooman, Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office Catrina Williams, Field Manager, Red Rock/Sloan Field Office Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager, SNPLMA Division



4701 W. Russell Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Las Vegas, NV 89118-2231 Phone: (702) 455-5942 • Fax: (702) 383-9994 Marci Henson, Director

November 5, 2021

Ms. Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager BLM Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130

#### **Re: Warm Springs Natural Area**

Dear Ms. Leiber,

I am pleased to provide this letter to express our support for Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 nomination to purchase an environmentally sensitive parcel from a willing seller to add to the Warm Springs Natural Area (WSNA) in Moapa Valley, approximately seven miles northwest from the town of Moapa, Nevada.

Since acquiring the WSNA with SNPLMA funding, the SNWA has managed the property as a natural area for the benefit of native species, for the recovery of the endangered Moapa dace, and to provide controlled public access so guests can enjoy the abundant natural resources offered by the site.

The SNWA's proposed project will add an approximate 10-acre parcel that has a cool-water spring, important bird habitat, and will develop part of the WSNA shop area as a community garden that will support additional community outreach and events.

Clark County supports this project and encourages the SNPLMA Division to select it for funding. Please contact me with any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Marci Henson Director



## **United States Department of the Interior**

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 510 Alamo, Nevada 89001 Ph: (775) 725-3417



November 4, 2021

Ms. Michelle Leiber SNPLMA Program Manager BLM Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Ms. Leiber,

The Pahranagat/Moapa Valley NWR is proving a letter supporting the Southern Nevada Water Authority's SNPLMA Round 19 nomination. The Nomination proposal is to secure an environmentally sensitive parcel of land from a willing seller, in order to expand the boundary of the Warm Springs Natural Area, located adjacent to the Moapa Valley NWR.

The Moapa Valley NWR is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a 95 million-acre network of federal lands and waters managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conserve and protect fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats. Moapa Valley NWR was the first National Wildlife Refuge purchased for an endangered species, the Moapa dace. The Warm Springs Natural Area neighbors the Moapa Valley NWR and shares its commitment for environmental stewardship.

The Moapa Valley NWR and Warm Springs Natural Area both endeavor to restore habitat along the Muddy River, enhance conditions for native species, especially endangered species. Providing public access that educates the community about nature, and the importance of wildlife conservation is critical to the mission of both the Moapa Valley NWR and Warm Springs Natural Area. The proposed project will add an approximate 10-acre parcel that has a cool-water spring, important bird habitat, and will develop part of the Warm Springs Natural Area shop area as a community garden that will support additional community outreach and events.

The Pahranagat/Moapa Valley NWR's supports the Warm Springs Natural Area nomination, and encourages the SNPLMA Division to consider it for funding.

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Rob Vinson Wildlife Refuge Manager

#### FIGURE 1 TEMPLATE SNPLMA ROUND 19 PTNA Real Property Acquisition Owner Statement

Robert Wandel Assistant District Manager BLM Southern Nevada District - SNPLMA Division 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

Mr. Wandel:

I, Linda M. Brown, Trustee of the Linda M. Brown Trust, dated September 23,2005, am the legal owner of approximately 9.92 acres of real property known as the Brown Residence ("Property), located at 4255 West State Highway 168, Moapa, Clark County, Nevada. The property legal description is: Lot Two (2) as shown by map thereof in File 84 of parcel Maps, Page 98, in the office of the County Recorder, Clark County, Nevada (see attached Grant, Bargain, Sale Deed); also identified as Assessor Parcel Number 030-09-801-004.

I understand that my property is being nominated for funding through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) for acquisition by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (Entity) for use and support for a park, trail, and natural area. I have read and signed the attached document entitled "General Requirements - SNPLMA PTNA Real Property Acquisition Process" to confirm that I understand the basic federal requirements to be followed by the Entity to acquire the property through a cooperative agreement (federal financial assistance agreement) pursuant to the SNPLMA if approved by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary).

I am willing to consider sale of the property to the Entity according to applicable federal acquisition requirements if acceptable terms and conditions can be mutually agreed upon. I understand that the purchase price for the property will be determined by a federal approved appraisal prepared by a qualified professional appraiser according to industry-wide standards such as the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP), the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (UASFLA), and state/local/regional governmental entity regulations. I understand that the SNPLMA will reimburse no more than fair market value of the property; and I have the right to accept or reject the value established by that appraisal and that there is no negotiation of the appraised value.

Submittal of my property for PTNA acquisition nomination, and approval for funding by the Secretary, if provided, does not individually or together constitute an agreement for purchase of the property by the Entity. My signature below of this *Owner Statement* is proof of my willingness to consider sell of the property, but in no way creates an obligation to sell. I understand that I have the right to remove the property from purchase consideration at any time and agree to timely notify the Entity if I decide to do so.

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Linda M. Brown

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N/A

Print Owner Name

Print Owner Title

Owner Signature and Date

e-cc (*PDF signed copy*):

- Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager, mleiber@blm.gov
- Kathy Flanagan, SNWA, Sr. Management Analyst, kathy.flanagan@snwa.com

Trustee

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS SNPLMA PTNA REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCESS Linda M. Brown Residence

Any real property acquisition project nominated by an eligible Non-Federal Entity (Entity) as defined in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), as amended, that is approved by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior (DOI) for federal appropriation under the SNPLMA must comply with certain federal acquisition requirements. If approved, the Entity will become the *Recipient* of the project federal award directly from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to carry out the real property acquisition under the SNPLMA federal program and is accountable to the BLM for use of the federal funds and for compliance with applicable federal requirements generally noted below:

- A. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646; 42 U.S.C. 4601, 49 CFR Part 24, Final Rules Effective February 3, 2005) (Uniform Act)), as amended. Title I of the Uniform Act (General Policies) establishes requirements pertaining to acquisition projects by Non-Federal Entities receiving Federal assistance for the project. The Uniform Act sets acquisition standards for the acquisition process and for the treatment of any landowner or other person displaced as a result of the acquisition of private property. The purpose of the Uniform Act is to ensure an expeditious and cost-effective acquisition. All federal, state, local governments and others receiving federal financial assistance for public programs and projects that require the acquisition of real property must comply with the policies and provisions set forth in the Uniform Act and regulation. The acquisition itself does not need to be federally funded for the rules to apply. If federal funds are used in any phase of the program or project, the rules of the Uniform Act apply.
- B. <u>Permission to Enter Letter</u> Written landowner permission to enter the property for reconnaissance and survey as needed. Permission to physically enter the property will be obtained from the owner by the Entity to authorize the Entity and their employees, contractors, or authorized representatives, and agency representatives involved in the acquisition process i.e., BLM and DOI, Appraisal Valuation Services Office. The property owner's permission to enter must be current (not older than one year).
- C. <u>Evaluation of Real Property</u> The Entity, in coordination with the SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager, will perform various evaluations and studies of your property such as:
  - 1. <u>Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)</u>: Consistent with 2 CFR 200.62, Non-federal entities who become recipients of federal awards such as SNPLMA-funded PTNA projects must provide *reasonable assurance* regarding the achievement of demonstrating compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. Compliance will be through the BLM State Protocol Agreement or regulations found at 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4). If surveys, site evaluations, and mitigation measures on non-federal lands are required, the entity will need to complete the cultural surveys of the site and coordinate the data through the BLM to initiate the consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office. Implementation of the approved SNLPMA project cannot begin until the BLM SNPLMA Program confirms that the Section 106 compliance requirements have been completed.
  - 2. <u>Relocation Assessment</u> consistent with the Uniform Act. Any person (i.e., tenants, lessees) who is not the willing seller of the property and is being displaced by the project may be eligible for relocation assistance. A relocation assistance assessment must be completed at the initiation of every acquisition by obtaining information relative to occupants, tenants, lessees, or business operations. Landowners are not to remove tenants because of the proposed acquisition action. Furthermore, owner termination of an otherwise valid lease or eviction of tenants or others legally occupying the property whether with verbal or written permission, does not relieve the Entity of its obligation to pay relocation assistance to such "displaced persons" as defined in the Uniform Act. A description of the determination regarding the applicability of relocation assistance under

the Uniform Act must be provided to the SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager before purchase funds are approved for draw down through ASAP. The description should include an explanation of the circumstances of the acquisition and explain whether or not any displaced persons as defined in the regulations were impacted and, if so, what action was taken or will be taken to provide relocation assistance. Relocation assistance determinations and resolution regarding providing such assistance are to be made, prior to completion of the acquisition. Those NOT eligible for relocation assistance include willing seller of property (owner occupant); unlawful occupants; occupants occupying with the intent of collecting relocation benefits; people who knowingly become tenant-occupants after the proposed acquisition is public knowledge; people who become occupants after title of the property passes to the eligible nominating entity; people occupying parcel with a life estate reservation.

- 3. <u>Initial and Final Site Inspection</u> of the property early in the acquisition implementation process and prior to transfer of title to verify and document ownership, access, reservations, easements, and other interests such as occupants, improvements, recorded/unrecorded factors (e.g., liens, encumbrances, signage) which may affect title to the property. When inspecting the property and inquiring about it, consider the entire property, even when only acquiring a portion or an interest. The site inspection must document the common name of the property and other reference (e.g., SNPLMA round priority number and project number), site location street address, county, state, acreage [or water right permit number and acre-feet annually, if applicable], including legal description and county assessor parcel number(s); any labor or materials (e.g., roads or surveys, buildings, fences) that occurred or occurring on the property within the past six months from date of inspection. If there are property improvements document whether materials have been paid for and labor costs are paid. If there is evidence of labor, a release or affidavit stating that all payments have been made is necessary to forestall a "lien."
- 4. <u>Preliminary Report of Title</u> Entities must obtain a Title Insurance Policy for land acquisitions with liability coverage equal to the purchase price and provide a Statement of Assurance from the Entity that it has reviewed all exceptions in the policy to which the property is subject, and that there are no restrictions or encumbrances on the property that would prohibit the property from being used for its intended PTNA purpose. Title evidence must be supplemented or updated as needed to remain current, especially if over a year old.
- 5. <u>Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)</u> to identify potential for hazardous materials or substances. A Phase I ESA completed in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Final Rule for Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquires (effective 11/1/2006) must be obtained for all land acquisitions (but generally not for incidental right-of-way or easement acquisitions). The Final Rule can be complied with by following ASTM 1527-13 standards (or most recent version). The Phase I ESA must be reviewed by a qualified environmental professional as defined by the EPA Final Rule who is either employed by the Entity or hired by the Entity, where the review confirms that that there are no recognized environmental conditions (RECs) on the property. A copy of the *Executive Summary, Conclusions, and Recommendation* sections of the Phase I ESA and a copy of the review must be provided to the SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager. The Entity must provide confirmation that clean-up of potential RECs or concerns identified and recommended for removal in the Phase I ESA have been carried out by a qualified firm in an appropriate manner.
- 6. <u>Appraisal Review and Approval</u>. The Entity will obtain an appraisal that meets the USPAP, UASFLA, and local/regional governmental entity regulations. The Entity will invite the landowner to attend a pre-appraisal work conference with the appraiser to review the scope of work for the appraisal. The appraiser will make an appointment to inspect the proposed acquisition property. The landowner or a duly authorized landowner representative will be invited to accompany the appraiser when the property is inspected. The pre-work conference and inspection provide the landowner an opportunity to point out any unusual or hidden features of the property that the appraiser could overlook. Once the appraisal has been completed, a federal review appraiser will review the report to ensure that all applicable appraisal standards and requirements were met. The approved appraisal will be used to determine the amount to be

offered for acquisition of the property. This amount will never be less than the market value established through the appraisal process.

- E. <u>Offer</u>. The Entity will deliver a written offer for the sale/purchase of the real property. The Entity's offer will generally consist of a written summary statement that includes the amount of compensation (i.e., purchase price), the description of the property and any buildings or improvements that are considered to be part of the real property, and the property rights to be acquired. The Entity will give you a reasonable amount of time to consider the written offer and to ask questions or to request clarification of anything that is not understood. If you believe that all relevant material was not considered during the appraisal, you may present such information at this time.
- F. <u>Purchase Agreement</u>. When you reach an agreement with the Entity on the offer, you will be asked to sign a purchase option, or a purchase agreement prepared by the Entity. Your signature will affirm that you and the Entity are in agreement concerning the acquisition of the property, including the terms and conditions of the acquisition. If, within a reasonable time, you and the Entity are unable to reach an agreement on the acquisition of the real property, the Entity's offer will be withdrawn, and your property will be removed from the acquisition list.
- **G.** <u>**Payment.</u>** The final step in the acquisition process is closing escrow and payment for your property. Upon completion of a final inspection of your property and confirmation that an approved policy of title insurance will be issued, the Entity will deposit the appropriate amount of compensation into a previously established escrow account. At this time, you will execute a General Warranty Deed or Grant, Bargain, Sale Deed prepared by the Entity and reviewed by the SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager and DOI Regional Solicitor. The deed for land acquired with SNPLMA funds must contain a *non-revocable restrictive covenant* satisfactory to the BLM and the DOI Regional Solicitor that requires the local or regional entity to utilize the land for the intended purpose in perpetuity.</u>

Brown Linda M. Brown

Trustee

11/3/21 Owner Signature and Date

N/A

Print Owner Name

Print Owner Title

Owner Signature and Date

e-cc (*PDF signed copy*):

- Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager, mleiber@blm.gov
- Kathy Flanagan, SNWA, Sr. Management Analyst, kathy.flanagan@snwa.com

#### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**Lincoln County** 



**Alamo Sports Complex** 

Amount Requested: \$1,844,800

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Alamo Sports Complex will be developed on 1-acre of 31 acres identified as assessor parcel 0415157 and owned by Lincoln County. In 1981, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conveyed the subject land by Patent 27-81-0034 pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act to Lincoln County, on behalf of the Town of Alamo, while excepting and reserving to the United States a right-of-way for ditches and canals and all mineral deposits in the lands patented. The Alamo Sports Complex proposed recreational use is consistent with the purpose of the R&PP land patent and the plan of development.

The Complex will be constructed in the town of Alamo at 759 Box Canyon Road in Lincoln County, Nevada, situated within M.D.M., T.7S., R.61E., sec. 5. This section of land is currently barren, but at one time the area had been disturbed to grant access to other parts of the property. The County will design and construct a Sports Complex in the local area that would house two pickleball courts, a tennis court, and a basketball court. Installation of light poles will allow for recreational use as the days go dark, and construction of a parking area specific to the complex.

Alamo is an unincorporated town in southern Lincoln County, Nevada, about 90 miles north of Las Vegas along U.S. Route 93. Its elevation is 3,449 feet. The quaint community of Alamo is an extremely rural area; most activities are performed outdoors and in an outdoor recreational environment.

- 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases: This project is not part of a phasing and at this time we are not anticipating future phases.
- 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: Lincoln County acknowledges that there are no guarantee of future funding and that this project is a stand-alone project.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The project will promote these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values of connectivity, sustainability and community as described below:

1. <u>Sustainability:</u>

The Complex will be built with sustainability and durability in mind. The materials that will be used will incorporate long term usability and low maintenance costs such as post

tension concrete to enhance the longevity of the courts. This will allow use of the area for many years to come, without the burden of costs to constantly repair the facilities.

2. <u>Connectivity:</u>

The Complex will be accessible to people of all ages and those of all different physical abilities. It will be complimentary to family outings and activities along with individual activity. It is in an area that is accessible to locals and those who may be visiting and looking for activities. There is readily access to BLM managed lands within walking distances from the Sports Complex. The BLM managed lands are used frequently by outdoor enthusiasts who use the area for a multitude of activities.

3. <u>Community:</u>

The Complex would provide an area for residents of the town of Alamo and any visitors, to enjoy outdoor physical activities, with three (3) different venues to provide these activities, tennis court, basketball court and pickleball courts. The facilities will be housed in a place that allows for a wide variety of individuals to participate all at once.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Lincoln County will construct a 1-acre outdoor sports complex on county-owned land north of Box Canyon Road and west of Joshua Tree Street in Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada. The complex will consist of a basketball court, tennis court, two pickleball courts, lighting for after dark use, and a parking lot. Each court will be divided by wire fencing for safe enjoyable uses. The Alamo Sports Complex will promote community engagement and outdoor recreation.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. <u>Primary Deliverables</u>: Construct a 1-acre outdoor sports complex encompassing the following amenities (size/configurations will be based on final engineering and design):
  - a. 1 basketball court (60'x 94') including 2 hoop assemblies
  - b. 1 tennis court (60'x 120') including a netting assembly
  - c. 2 pickleball courts (71'x 80') including 2 netting assemblies
  - d. Retaining Wall (250'x 4'), size to be determined by surveying
  - e. Concrete slab (136'x 224')
  - f. 16 lights poles (approximately 10-feet tall)
  - g. Installation of court fencing (136'x 224')
  - h. Parking area to accommodate up to 15 vehicles (56' x 87')
  - i. 1 sign (estimated to be 2'x 2')
- 2. Anticipated Deliverables: None anticipated
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Public and agency scoping
  - b. Develop scope of work for contracting
  - c. Surveying
  - d. Construction and project management
  - e. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)

- f. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
- g. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
- h. SNPLMA Close-out Package

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 37.362381° / -115.172711°

Congressional District(s): NV-4

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion in five (5) years.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\Box$  Yes -or-  $\boxtimes$  No

Conceptual drawings which represent what Lincoln County would like to build have been drawn but surveying and engineering would need to be completed to move forward with the project. Also, an initial assessment of the project on September 23, 2021, by the BLM Ely District Office affirmed that the project is exempt from consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office since the site is pre-disturbed. The BLM documented this exemption on a "Cultural Resources Inventory Needs Assessment" form. This completes the Section 106 consultation.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance would be provided by Lincoln County through the town of Alamo, which is an entity of Lincoln County and The Friends of Pahranagat Valley program. Annual weed control will be addressed through The Friends of Pahranagat Valley with minimal cost. It is anticipated that eventual repairs will need to be made to all aspects of the project. We have no estimate of when this may occur or cost at this time but it will be brought before the County and in conjunction with The Friends of Pahranagat Valley the issues will be taken care of.

#### **I. PROJECT BUDGET**

Lincoln County is seeking \$1,844,800 in SNPLMA funding to complete the sports complex project. A summary of the estimated costs is outlined below in Section B of the SF-424A.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

#### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

Authorized Officer/Project Manager/Budget Officer: Denice Brown Email: <u>dbrown@lincolnnv.com</u>; Phone Number: 775-962-8063

6. Object Class Categories		GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY							Total	
	(1)	SNPLMA PTNA R19	(2	;)	(3)		(4)	)		(5)
		"Alamo Sports Complex"								
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a. Personnel	\$	4,000.00	\$		\$		\$		\$	4,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits										
c. Travel									] [	
d. Equipment										
e. Supplies										
f. Contractual		1,840,800.00								1,840,800.00
g. Construction									] [	
h. Other										
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)		1,844,800.00							\$	1,844,800.00
j. Indirect Charges									\$	
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$	1,844,800.00	\$		\$		\$		\$	1,844,800.00
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7. Program Income	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	rd Form 4244 (Poy. 7, 07)

#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria is used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

### A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

<u>Answer</u>: This project will provide for the construction of a new recreation area within the Town of Alamo. Currently, there are no other sports complexes within Lincoln County that would provide the activities that we are trying to achieve in this area.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

<u>Answer</u>: The project could improve economic impacts to Alamo as visitors use the area, they will in turn need to purchase items allowing them to enjoy the Sports Complex.

#### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Answer: Currently there is no other facility of this nature within Lincoln County.

#### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

<u>Answer</u>: This project will allow for outdoor recreation in an enclosed area, providing safety and improving public health by being physically active.

### E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

<u>Answer</u>: Alamo is a rural area that is surrounded by vast amounts of open areas. Not all individuals are interested in the activities that happen in the open areas. The Complex will provide outdoor recreation but in a stabilized/controlled environment.

2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.

### A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

<u>Answer</u>: With four different courts available with lighting, Lincoln County will be encouraging the community and visitors alike to enjoy an outdoor recreational resource day or night. The Complex is in close proximity to open areas managed by the BLM what would allow visitors to possibly do other outdoor activities that are available in this area, or simply to enjoy the view of the area.

### B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

<u>Answer</u>: There currently is no other facility with these amenities within the area. The County will be creating a new and different recreation opportunity. The Complex will allow those who like outdoor activities but are not comfortable with being out of town in order to enjoy the outdoors.

### C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

<u>Answer</u>: Lincoln County is working to make this project sustainable and manageable both in design and materials. Use of local materials and energy efficient lighting will help to accomplish this goal.

# D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

<u>Answer</u>: The Complex will be built to encourage more people to use the area. With the Complex being open to the outdoors, this will allow participants to gain a better appreciation of the natural setting surrounding them.

3. **<u>CONNECTIVITY</u>**: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

### A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

<u>Answer</u>: Alamo is in an area where the weather allows for outdoor activities all year long. Alamo has several parks with picnic and grassy areas. The Sports Complex will be an additional avenue to enjoy the outdoors.

### B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

<u>Answer</u>: The Alamo Sports Complex will be constructed on public land conveyed in 1981 to the County through R&PP patent 27-81-0034. The plan of development is for recreational use. The Alamo Sports Complex is consistent with the R&PP patent.

- C. *The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.* <u>Answer</u>: The Alamo Sports Complex will be a welcome addition to surrounding recreational facilities in Alamo such as proximity to baseball fields and rodeo arena.
- D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

<u>Answer</u>: The venues that will be available in the complex will allow those who are not familiar with or interested in more extensive outdoor activities to enjoy the outdoors.

# E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

<u>Answer</u>: The town of Alamo has a wide variety of individuals that can all be served within the Sports Complex. The Complex will be geared to individuals of all ages. It will allow for families to participate together or for an individual enjoyment.

4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.

### A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

<u>Answer</u>: The design and construction of the Alamo Sports Complex will be at an anticipated cost of \$1,844,800.00. Phasing will not be needed at this time. Lincoln County feels that the budget that has been established is justifiable, a preliminary assessment has been completed to the best of our ability.

### B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

<u>Answer</u>: This project was brought forward by the Friends of Pahranagat Valley group. This group are members of the community and are active in all aspects of the community.

### C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

<u>Answer</u>: The project has been designed to minimize maintenance and repair costs as much as possible. With new technology and products available we are confident that we will be able to save on maintenance and repair costs in the future.

D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

Answer: No other outside or non-SNPLMA funds are identified for this project.

# E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

<u>Answer</u>: The project design is incorporating new technology and products that will encourage the reduction of costs to maintain and operate the Sports Complex.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

#### A. Executive Orders (EO):

- 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. Answer: N/A

#### B. Secretarial Orders

1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

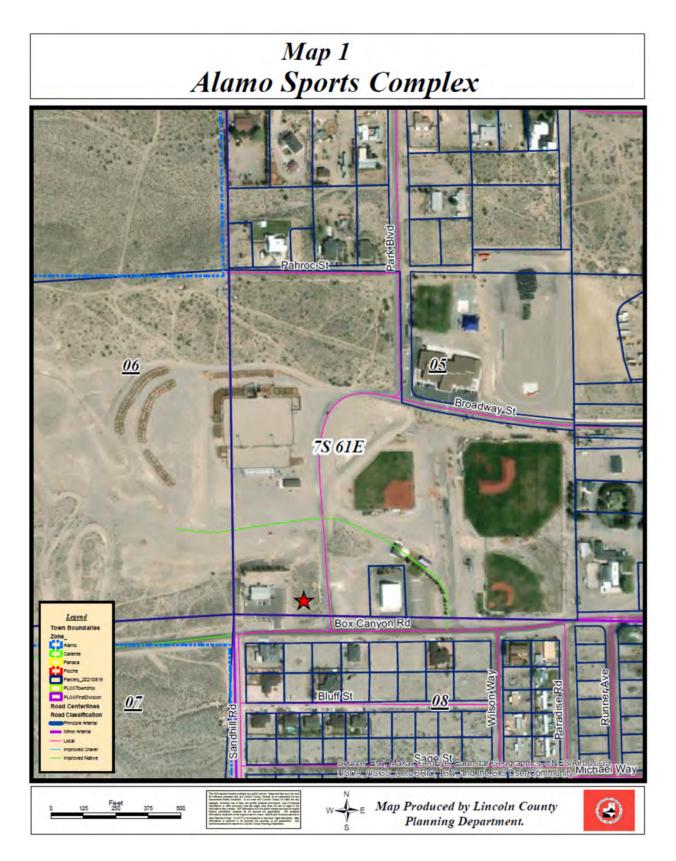
<u>Answer</u>: The Alamo Sports Complex is strictly for outdoor recreation purposes. The use of this area will improve, help maintain and manage the project in a manner to conserve the recreational area. Anyone who uses the facility will be participating and enjoying activities in the open air (outdoor). They will have the opportunity to see the open areas surrounding the complex and possibly encourage them to visit these open areas.

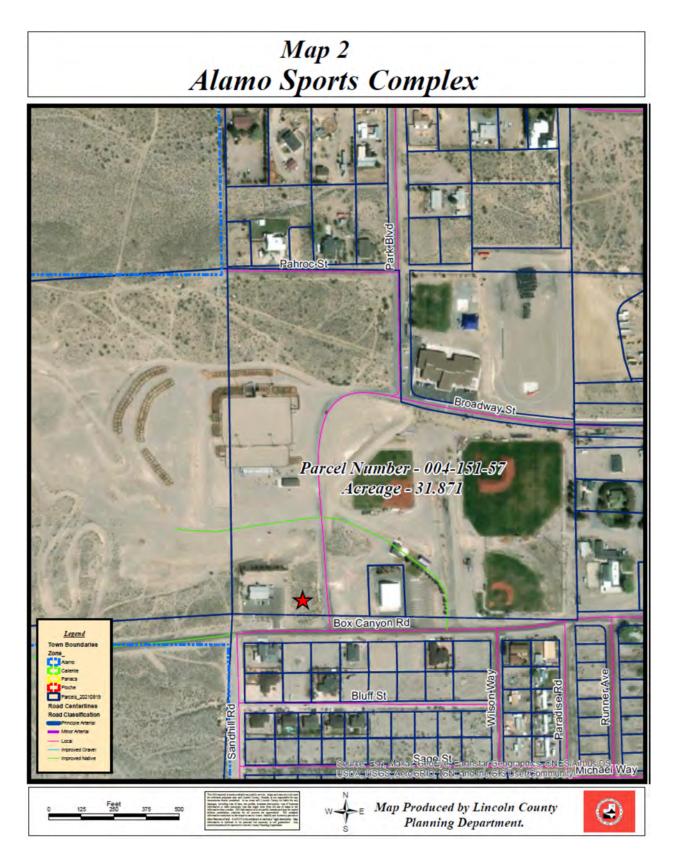
- 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: N/A
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. <u>Answer</u>: N/A

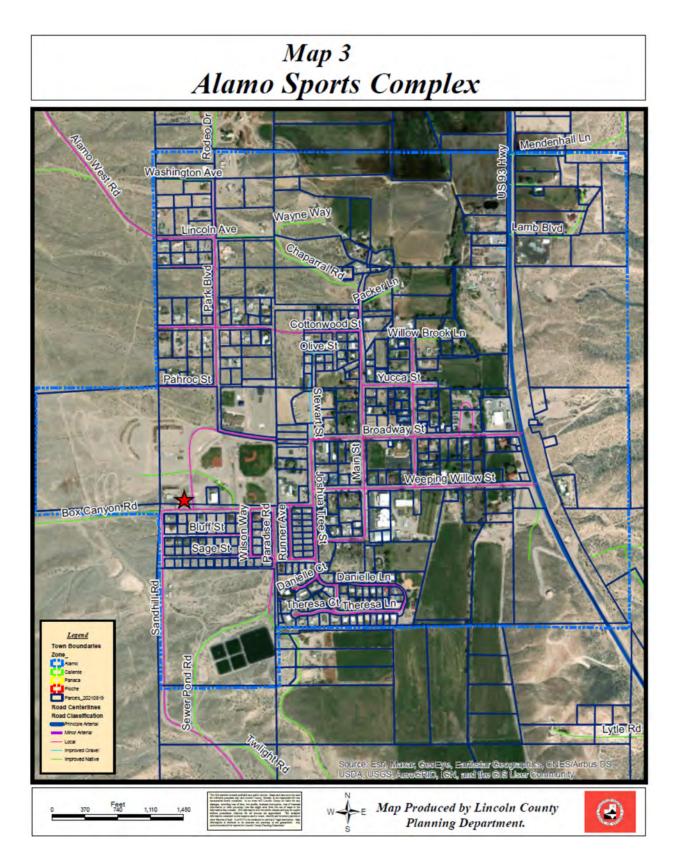
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: N/A
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations. Answer: N/A
  - 2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
  - **3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs.** *This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.* Answer: N/A
  - 4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America. Answer: N/A
  - **5.** Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities. Answer: N/A

#### D. Forest Service Priorities:

- 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic: Answer: N/A
- 2. Providing economic relief: Answer: N/A
- 3. Tackling climate change: Answer: N/A
- 4. Advancing racial equity: Answer: N/A
- 5. Improving our workforce and work environment: Answer: N/A









Aerial Site Location "1-acre Sports Complex"

#### Photos



Photo 1 – View north from Box Canyon Road (barren land)



Photo 2 – View west of 1-acre project site. A retaining wall will be erected along the slope.

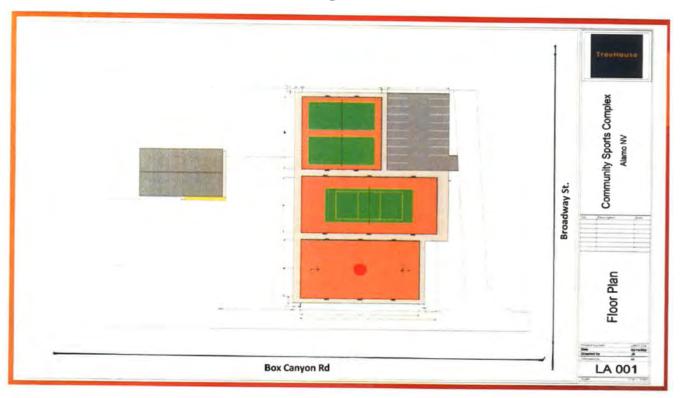


Photo 3 – View southwest of 1-acre site and proximity of open space and mountainous surrounding



Photo 4 – View northeast from Box Canyon Road

#### **Conceptual Plan**



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### United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Ely District Office 702 North Industrial Way Ely, Nevada 89301 https://www.blm.gov/nevada



In Reply Refer To: 2912 (NVL000)

Chairman Jared Brackenbury Lincoln County Board of Commissioners PO Box 90 Pioche, Nevada 89043

Dear Chairman Brackenbury:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of Lincoln County (County) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (PTNA) nomination consultation held September 23, 2021. I would like to thank the County for its interest in participating in Round 19.

The County has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the proposed PTNA projects described below:

Lincoln County Fairgrounds Phase IV - This project will continue to enhance and improve upon the current Lincoln County Fairgrounds. With Phase IV, the County would look at finishing any items that could not be accomplished in Phase III, increasing RV spaces, covering the arena and overnight pens, building a multi-purpose building, connecting the east and west arena announcers' booths, provide additional lighting, complete the concession stand and add roping slots and gates for the sorting alley. The proposed project is located at Lincoln County, Town of Panaca, Township 2 South, Range 68 East, Section 9; Coordinates: Longitude -114.374472, Latitude 37.792738; APN: 00224010; Physical Address: 1631 East State Route 319, Panaca, NV.

The proposed project is on lands patented to Lincoln County for the purpose of a public fairground. There are no issues with the proposal so long as development, operation, and maintenance remain in compliance with the Recreation and Public Purposes Act Patent. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is complete for this project.

<u>Alamo Annex</u> – Lincoln County proposes to develop an outdoor area for the community filled with plants, trees, and grassy areas, and benches and awnings to provide areas that can be used for picnicking, relaxation, and outdoor enjoyment. The project is completely located on land owned by Lincoln County. There will be no impact or encroachment on Federal lands. The project is located at: Town of Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada, Township 7 South, Range 61 East, Section 5; Coordinates: Longitude -115.168651, Latitude 37.362394; APN: 00406103; Physical Address: 121 Joshua Tree St., Alamo, NV

This project, while on private lands requires conformance with the National Historic Preservation Act, if funded through SNPLMA. The action itself is exempt from consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office due to being pre-disturbed. The BLM Ely District documented the project as being exempt from consultation on a "Cultural Resources Inventory Needs Assessment" form. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is complete for this project.

<u>Alamo Sports Complex</u> – The County proposes to build a sporting complex consisting of two pickleball courts, one tennis court, and one basketball court. Each court will be separated for individual use by wire fencing. Post tension concrete will be used to enhance the longevity of the courts. Lighting will be included for nighttime use. The proposed project is located at: Town of Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada, Township 7 South, Range 61 East, Section 5; Coordinates: Longitude -115.172711, Latitude 37.362381; APN: 00415157; Physical Address: 759 Box Canyon Rd., Alamo, NV.

This project, while on private lands requires conformance with the National Historic Preservation Act, if funded through SNPLMA. The action itself is exempt from consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office due to being pre-disturbed. The BLM Ely District documented the project as being exempt from consultation on a "Cultural Resources Inventory Needs Assessment" form. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is complete for this project.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation meeting or the PTNA program in general, please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager at (702) 515-5168 or mleiber@blm.gov. If you have any questions specific to the federal resources within the BLM Ely District, you can contact me at rmcaboy@blm.gov or (775) 289-1840.

Sincerely,

ROBBIE MCABOY Date: 2021-11-02 12:12:08 -07'00'

> Robbie McAboy District Manager Ely District Office

#### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Alamo Sports Complex

#### **Performance Measures**

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

<b>Recreation Management</b>	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity						
R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. *Report to the nearest whole acre.	1-acre new park						
<b>R3</b> - Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. *Report each facility or structure as one unit.	1 outdoor concrete area						
SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation								
of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community								
Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity						
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.* <i>Report each item produced as one unit</i> .	1 sign stating the project was provided with SNPLMA funding.						
<b>O8</b> – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable.* <i>Report each building or facility as one</i> <i>unit</i>	None						

#### SOUTHEASTERN LINCOLN COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION 181 MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 329 PIOCHE, NEVADA 89043

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

LINCOLN COUNTY GRANTS DEPARTMENT 181 MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 539

ATTENTION: Denise Brown

Dear Denise:

This letter is in reference to the SNPLMA project application: ALAMO ANNEX. This area is connected to the south end of the existing Alamo Annex and consists of approximately .17 acres. As this ground has been previously disturbed it is exempt from any habitat disturbance fees.

Thank you for contacting this office. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know

SOUTHEASTERN LINCOLN COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION

Hornbeck, Administrator

**To:** Whom it may concern

Date: October 25, 2021

**Re:** Alamo Outdoor Sports Complex

I am very pleased to write this letter of support for the newly designed Alamo Outdoor Sports Complex. The planned recreational area is critical to the health and entertainment needs of our small rural community. As a teenager living in this community, we spent many hours outside, especially during the summer, playing basketball and tennis. This outdoor sports complex will revive the ability to reengage in outdoor exercise in a safe environment for all members of the community. The design takes into consideration activities for all age groups and activity levels.

I am hopeful that this design will garner strong consideration for the community of Alamo.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Sparrow

Michael G. Sparrow, Principal Pahranagat Valley Elementary



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October 28, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lincoln County Authority of Tourism (LCAT) strongly encourages your support of the grant request for the Alamo Sports Complex.

Included in LCAT's mission, and 10 year destination development plan, is the goal to advocate for increased local infrastructure and to coordinate county events and activities with various local organizations. These efforts benefit both visitors and local residents in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County is 97% public lands, managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Even though the county is large (10,637 square miles) our population is low (<5,300). We rely heavily on tourism to drive our economy. Any support you can provide will go a long way toward achieving the goal of expanding tourism attractions and thus improving our economy.

A Sports Complex in Alamo would be a wonderful addition to the area, providing new opportunities for outdoor recreation to both visitors and residents. It would also create a potential for new community events, promote healthy lifestyles, and be an overall useful asset for the community. Not only will it improve the tourism economy, we recognize that it will also enhance the economic development of the area, thus creating jobs.

We fully support this project and look forward to the positive impacts that will come.

Sincerely,

Marcia Hurd, President 775.726.3345

Lincoln County Authority of Tourism (LCAT) P O Box 202; Caliente, Nevada 89008-0202 Info@LincolnCountyNevada.com www.LincolnCountyNevada.com



October 27, 2021

Denice Brown Grants Administrator Lincoln County Nevada P.O. Box 539 Pioche, NV 89043

Dear Ms. Brown,

The Lincoln County Regional Development Authority is pleased to support Lincoln County's nomination of the Alamo Outdoor Sports Complex for Round 19 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA).

The Alamo Outdoor Sports Complex is consistent with the Lincoln Master Plan GOAL P-1 to increase and improve community parks and facilities in Lincoln County and policy P-1A for Lincoln County to explore future funding opportunities from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act and other sources to improve and expand its community park facilities.

The Alamo Outdoor Sports Complex will improve the quality of life for the residents of Alamo and surrounding communities by enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities. Quality of life is an important consideration for businesses and remote workers who are thinking about moving to Lincoln County.

The Alamo Outdoor Sports Complex will result in positive community and economic impacts for Lincoln County.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Fontaine Executive Director

Cc: LCRDA Board of Directors



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#### 10/19/2021

RE: Lincoln County Project – Alamo Outdoor Sports Complex

To Whom It May Concern:

NyE Communities Coalition has worked with Lincoln County communities on several projects over the last several years. During this time, NyECC has observed the love of community and commitment for community wellbeing that exist throughout the towns and county.

The Alamo Outdoor Sports Complex is important for the Alamo community and is reflective of the community's commitment for their children. Sports and physical activity are important to the Alamo community members. As is the case in many small rural communities, organized activities are limited. Access to a sports complex will increase children and families physical activity, encourage adult supervision of children and provide an alternative activity for children to engage with.

NyECC supports Lincoln County in their pursuit for the Alamo Sports Complex and will provide opportunities to collaborate on organized events and activities at the facility upon its completion.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Stacy Smith, CEO

### Pahranagat Valley High/Middle School

Principal: Mike Strong PO BOX 298 ALAMO, NV 89001

Phone: 775-725-3321 Fax:775-725-3334

October 25, 2021

To whom it may concern:

**RE: SPORTS COMPLEX** 

It is with pleasure and anticipation that I write this letter in support of the proposed sports complex submitted for your consideration. As principal of the Pahranagat Valley Middle and High School, I am thrilled at the prospective opportunities this complex will provide for not only our community, but our entire student body.

Being a small community, the choices for activities are very limited. As such, kids will find their own source of entertainment, not all of which are wholesome and positive. Having access to a sports complex with so many options will appeal to a wide range of students, and will provide opportunities that will help them to learn new skills and develop existing ones in a safe environment.

We absolutely endorse this project and appreciate your consideration for funding such a worthy cause for our community.

Sincerely,

Allu Mike Strong

Principal

#### **HOME OF THE PANTHERS**

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February 16, 2021

Vern Holaday, Chairman of the Alamo Town Board Alamo Town Board PO Box 167, Alamo, NV 89001

To whom it may concern,

The Alamo Town Board writes on behalf of Ben Rowley, Sam Lytle, and Friends of Pahranagat Valley in support of the Friends of Pahranagat Valley's proposal for a grant to fund the projects wished-for to promote activities for all members of all ages in the Alamo town. We strongly support this grant application and the focus it places on encouraging the public to enjoy the great outdoors as well as enjoying the health benefits from exercise.

As a town board, we have reviewed and approved the Friends of Pahranagat Valley's proposals and encouraged them to move forward in looking for grants to make these projects feasible.

Sincerely,

The Alamo Town Board

Vern Holaday, Brad Loveday, Lola Sharp, Summer Mastin, and Mike Ray

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

#### **Lincoln County**



### **Lincoln County Fairgrounds Phase IV**

Amount Requested: \$1,852,700

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Lincoln County Fairgrounds is situated on 60 acres of County-owned land acquired from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act. In October 1997, the County acquired the land from the BLM by R&PP patent 27-98-0002. The fairgrounds are located on the eastern edge of the Town of Panaca in Lincoln County. The physical address is 1631 East State Route 319, Panaca, Nevada; APN 002-240-10.

Lincoln County has applied for and received funding through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) for three phases. Phase I the County completed a master plan of the fairgrounds. Phase II implemented the initial stages of the redevelopment of the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo Grounds. Phase I and II have been completed and the grants closed. Currently underway is Phase III for upgrading and additions to the fairground facilities. All phases are consistent with the patent in the R&PP patented land.

### 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

- Phase I SNPLMA 2006 Pre-Proposal Planning (project PL 02) completion of a master plan date 2009 of the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo Ground. A copy of the master plan has been provided to the SNPLMA Division.
- Phase II SNPLMA Round 10 (project LC11) initial stages of the redevelopment of the fairground which included the completion of Relocation and improvements to rodeo arenas, bleachers, lighting, and fencing. Utility improvements to include sewer, water and power. Replacement of announcer's booth. General earthwork and grading. Minimal hardscape features such as sidewalks, curbing and accessibility ramps.
- Phase III SNPLMA Round 17 (project LC16) Phase III is now being moved forward with the anticipation of construction completion to be done by July 2025. The County will complete the following upgrades and additions to the fairground facilities: Earthwork & grading, removal of existing panels and other appurtenances, removal and replacement of existing bleachers, grandstand canopy, announcer's booth, shade structure, fencing, roof addition, informational kiosk, RV pads with hookups, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, picnic table area, bike rack, stock area panels and gates, electrical improvements, water lines lighting and arena sound system.
- Phase IV of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds as proposed in Round 19 includes roping slots, covered overnight stalls, an overhead walkway, covered arena, a multipurpose event building (large space to hold indoor award assemblies, dinner, events in processing and other recreational public venues/services) restroom, additional RV pads with hookups, additional horshoe pits and lighting.

2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: Lincoln County does not anticipate applying for any further phases of work at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Lincoln County acknowledges that there are no guarantee of future funding and that this project is a stand-alone project.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- Goal 2: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The project promotes these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

- 1. <u>Sustainability</u>: By continuing to add upgraded features at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds we will be complimenting the existing fairground plans and resources. All features will be designed with sustainability, long term usability and low maintenance cost in mind. Lincoln County is well aware of the increased costs to repair and maintain facilities and look aggressively to find ways to keep those costs down.
- 2. <u>Connectivity:</u> Lincoln County Fairgrounds are located in an open, natural setting. The use of the fairgrounds encourage interaction with nature and increases the understanding and enjoyment of the surrounding natural landscape backdrops. The anticipated upgrades will increase the usability of the area. Public access to a number of nearby activity-related facilities will blend will with the fairgrounds.
- 3. <u>Community:</u>

The Alamo Sports Complex would provide an area for residents of the town of Alamo and any visitors, to enjoy outdoor physical activities, with three (3) different venues to provide activities, tennis court, basketball court and pickleball courts. With these facilities in place a wide variety of individuals can actively participating at once.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Lincoln County will design and construct upgrades to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds specifically the arena and stock area with a shaded structure over the arena, a covered walkway path for connectivity of the East/West announcers stands, install additional RV parking facilities, horseshoe pits and a multi-purpose events center building to provide indoor space for event awards assemblies and recreational public services. The Fairgrounds are located on the eastern edge of the Town of Panaca in Lincoln County, Nevada. Continued improvements are necessary to accommodate the increased recreational use of the Fairgrounds and to provide the public with an enjoyable recreational experience.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

All deliverables' configurations and quantity will be determined and finalized through engineering studies and final design.

- 1. Primary Deliverables:
  - a. Covered Arena (150-ft. x 250-ft.), design will determine if it will be enclosed.
  - b. Overhead Walkway (6-ft.-w x 180-LF), ADA compliant
  - c. RV panel sub metering (single meter to record RV pads usage only)
  - d. Up to 12ea RV power pedestals and electrical connections
  - e. Up to 12ea RV pads with hookups (only concrete the small housekeeping pad, foundation around pedestal)
  - f. Up to 12ea Roping Slots (gated metal pen to stage/release calf for roping competition)
  - g. 5ea Covered Overnight Stalls (12-ft. x 12-ft.)
  - h. Multi-Purpose Events Center (80-ft. x 180-ft.) newly construct a large facility to provide indoor space with a covered entrance, foyer, restrooms, convention/meeting spaces, utility storage and an office.
  - i. Up to 4 additional Horseshoe pits (East Side)
  - j. Horseshoe pit lighting equipment (This would include controller panels, conduits, wire, poles, lights and any other appurtenances to the system. Approximately 2 light poles).
- 2. Anticipated Deliverables:
  - a. Up to 4 Horseshoe pits
  - b. Horseshoe Pit lighting equipment
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Develop scope of work for contracting
  - b. Conceptual plan and design
  - c. Construction and project management
  - d. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - e. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - f. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - g. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 37.792738 º/ -114.374472 °

Congressional District(s): NV-4

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The project will be completed within the standard 5 years for PTNA projects.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\Box$  Yes -or-  $\boxtimes$  No

Drawings will need to be designed, surveying and engineering would then need to be implemented before the project is shovel ready. An initial assessment of the project on September 23, 2021, by the BLM Ely District Office affirmed that compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is complete.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The Operation and Maintenance of the Lincoln County Fairground will be provided by Lincoln County with assistance from the Lincoln County Fair Board. Due to the many moving aspects of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds we are not able to provide an acceptable projection of costs associated with the future operation and maintenance of the area. The Lincoln County Fair Board will continue to monitor the facilities, arrange and pay for any maintenance that is necessary.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

Lincoln County is seeking \$1,852,700 to complete the project. A breakdown of the estimated costs is outlined on the SF-434A budget category form.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: None

#### J. KEY CONTACTS

Authorized Officer/Project Manager/Budget Officer: Denice Brown Email: <u>dbrown@lincolnnv.com</u> Phone Number: 775-962-8063

#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

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### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

- 1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.
  - A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: This project will continue to improve and upgrade the current Lincoln County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are used not only for the yearly Lincoln County Fair but by off road races, the high school rodeo club and local residents. The area has connectivity to the town of Panaca which has a local park, BLM open areas, and is within 50 miles of all 5 State Parks that are located in Lincoln County.

- B. *The project improves community prosperity and economic development* Answer: Lincoln County is an extremely rural with 4 major towns. When there are events housed at the Fairgrounds most of the communities prosper economically from it. Visitors need to have housing, fuel, food and other supplies.
- C. *The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.* Answer: With the increase of outdoor recreational enthusiasts that have visited Lincoln County in the last few years, the fairgrounds have been an integral part of that increase. The Fairgrounds provide access to open areas that allows visitors to join in recreational events, camp, picnic and just relax.
- D. *The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).* Answer: Upgrades and improvement to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds will help to alleviate any safety concerns from the public. All upgrades and improvements are based upon current building codes and with safety in mind for everyone. The events that are performed at the fairground facilities are basically all out of doors. As we know this will help with public health concerns that may arise.
- E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.
   Answer: Lincoln County is fortunate to readily have access to outdoor recreational opportunities. With that being said we are a major area that is used by residents of other urban communities that do not have those opportunities. The Lincoln County Fairgrounds helps to encourage visitors and assists locals to access outdoor recreational opportunities on public lands.
- 2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
  - A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: The Lincoln County Fairgrounds have been a part of the community of more than 40 years. The Lincoln County Fair is part of the culture of Lincoln County and is also a historical event. The fairgrounds allow opportunity for all visitors to enjoy the BLM public lands and learn about the history of the community (featured in the kiosk).

## B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: The Fairgrounds allows for participation of outdoor recreational opportunities while encouraging conservation of those same opportunities. With education and the ability to see and enjoy the out of doors through the fairground area, visitors will want to conserve and preserve the areas for future visits.

## C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: As the building design is put together it is in the best interest of Lincoln County to use conservation efforts. We are very conscience of the cost and need to conserve energy and water along with using materials that will be long lasting.

# D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: The Lincoln County Fairgrounds are surrounded by rolling hills, sand dunes and an all-natural landscape. The area allows for all visitors to interact, see, and interact in this outdoor backdrop.

- 3. <u>CONNECTIVITY</u>: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.
  - A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: Lincoln County consists of 10,000 squares with 98% of that area being BLM managed lands. It is easy to connect from private, government or town areas to BLM. Roads and trails abound as locals and visitors travel onto the BLM lands to enjoy outdoor recreation There are a variety of trails and roads that connect the parcel that houses the Lincoln County Fairgrounds to the BLM public area. These trails and roads can then be used to connect to other trails and roads within the county that are BLM managed lands.

B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

Answer: The Lincoln County Fairgrounds are part of the 2007 Lincoln County Master Plan, Master Plan for LC Rodeo and Fair Grounds 2009, Lincoln County Open Space and Community Lands Plan 2011, and the 2015 Lincoln County Public Lands Policy Plan.

C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: The Lincoln County Fairgrounds are unique in that they are within 50 miles of the 5 State Parks within Lincoln County. The fairgrounds are also specifically used by Motorcycle Clubs as pit and staging areas for these races. The races move from the fairgrounds on BLM roads and trails and continue on to other areas within Lincoln County. The fairgrounds are also a doorway for many equestrian users who can practice within the fairgrounds and then move to a longer riding experience by following the trails or roads connected to the fairgrounds.

D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: The physical location and natural setting of this park will encourage interaction with nature and increase the understanding and enjoyment of the surrounding natural landscape back drops.

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: Conscious planning and effort has been extended to include different citizen groups and a variety of individuals who will benefit from the amenity's this park will offer. The events that happen at the fairgrounds, Lincoln County Fair/Rodeo, Lincoln County High School Rodeo and Motorcycle Race Associations, consists of a wide and diverse range of people.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: The anticipated cost for this Round 19 Phase IV project is \$1,852,700. Costs were gathered from previous resources known to the fairgrounds and the area. Currently we do not anticipate any further phases to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: We have seen a significant increase in visitors and participants to events that are being held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. In order to meet the public expectations and needs we find it necessary to upgrade and improve the facilities to meet their demand. The upgrades and improvements that are being accomplished will also encourage additional participation from the public.

C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: Materials that are being used within the design will be optimal to minimize maintenance and replacement costs.

- D. *Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).* Answer: There are no non-SNPLMA sources of funding anticipated for this project.
- E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: In previous phases it has been the Counties goal to build in a manner that will reduce operating and maintenance costs. Most components used are made of materials that would be long standing (i.e., steel, concrete)

### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

### A. Executive Orders (EO):

- 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. Answer: N/A
- 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. Answer: N/A

### B. Secretarial Orders

### 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: The Fairgrounds will help meet the expanding needs for Outdoor Recreational activities. In the last few years we have seen a dramatic increase in attendance to the fair and local rodeo's along with the addition of use by motorcycle racing associations. The fairgrounds are centrally located in Lincoln County with easy access to the town of Panaca. More and more people are looking for outdoor recreational opportunities and our local fairgrounds have become an intricate part of that connectivity to the outdoors.

- 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Answer: N/A
- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: N/A
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior

Answer: The Lincoln County Fairgrounds are adjacent to BLM lands. The Fairgrounds are used by varies programs to access those BLM lands. The Fairgrounds are used by motorcycle racing associations as a pit area because of the close proximity to the BLM lands that are being used for their races. Locals use the fairgrounds to access BLM lands to ride horses or by use of their personal ATV's.

- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: N/A
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: N/A
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: N/A
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. Answer: N/A
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: N/A
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations. Answer: N/A
  - 2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy. Answer: N/A
  - 3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate. Answer: N/A
  - 4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support

for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America. Answer: N/A

- 5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities. Answer: N/A
- D. Forest Service Priorities:
  - 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic. Answer: N/A
  - 2. Providing economic relief. Answer: N/A
  - 3. Tackling climate change. Answer: N/A
  - 4. Advancing racial equity. Answer: N/A
  - 5. Improving our workforce and work environment. Answer: N/A

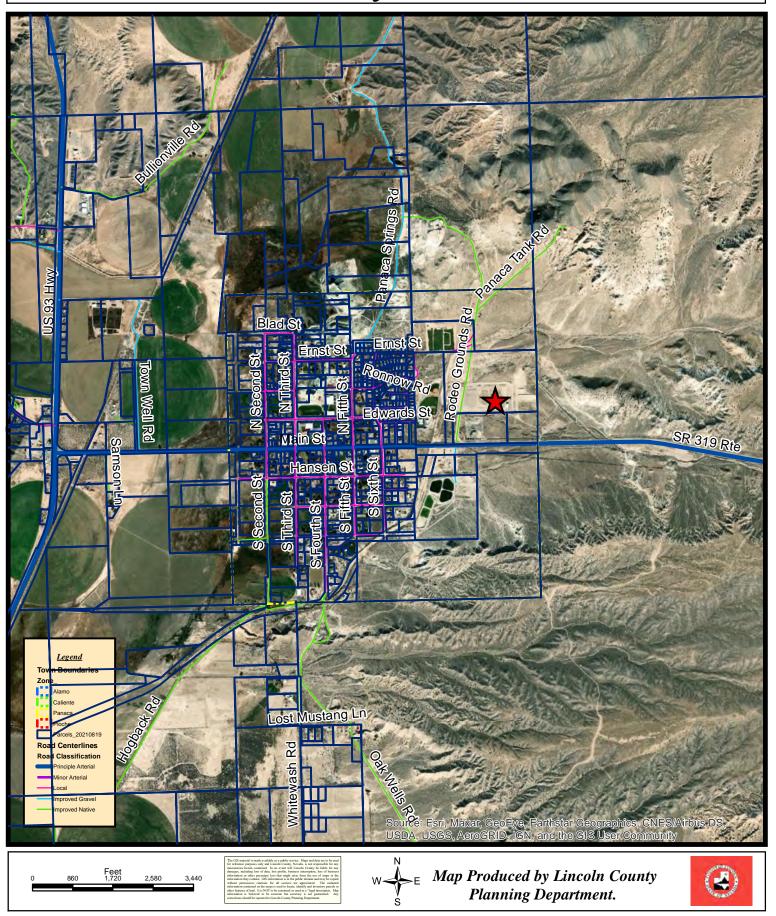
## Map 1 Lincoln County Fair Grounds



## Map 2 Lincoln County Fair Grounds



## Map 3 Lincoln County Fair Grounds



Lincoln County Fairgrounds Phase IV - SNPLMA PTNA Round 19 EVENTS CENTER FACILITY (80-ft. x 180-ft.) SKETCH - LC FARGROUNDS MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING SCALE -14400 SOLALE ST ١ţ. = 21 180'-UTILITY STORAGE MEETING CONVENTION, MEETING ] 8 RR RE 1 OFFICE FOYER COVERED ENTRANCE

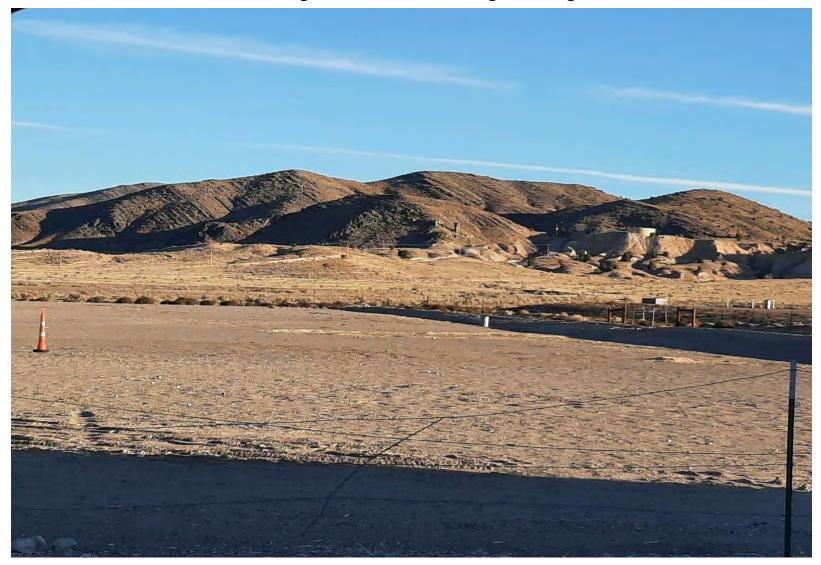
### Photo 1: East Side of Lincoln County Fairgrounds Arena

This is a picture of the current east side arena. The SNPLMA Round 17 approved "Lincoln County Fairgrounds Recreation Park Phase III" project includes installing an additional announcers stand erected to the west of the announcers stand shown in the picture. We would like to cover this arena and add a walkway between the 2 announcers stands.



### Photo 2: Proposed Site for Multi-Purpose Recreational Center

Preferred area to construct the proposed multi-purpose recreational building. You can see and gain access to the surrounding BLM managed lands.



### Photo 3: Proposed Site for Additional RV Space



You can also see to the North the surrounding mountains that provides additional recreational opportunities.

### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Lincoln County Fairgrounds Phase IV

### **Performance Measures**

### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

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<b>Performance Measures</b>					
for Recreation	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity			
Management					
<b>R2</b> - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. *Report to the nearest whole acre.	3.0 acres			
<b>R3</b> - Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. *Report each facility or structure as one unit.	<ul> <li>1 multi-purpose building</li> <li>1 covered arena</li> <li>1 overhead walkway</li> </ul>			
<b>R4-</b> Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. *Report to the nearest whole mile.	None			
<b>R5</b> - PTNA Land Acquired	*Report acres of land acquired in fee for development of a park, trail, or natural area. Do not report acres of easements or rights of way that encumbered the property when acquired. *Report to the nearest whole acre.	None			
<b>R6</b> – PTNA Rights of Way or Easements	* <b>Report the acres of rights of way or easements</b> <b>acquired</b> for a PTNA project.* <i>Report to the nearest</i> <i>whole acre.</i>	None			



### United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To: 2912 (NVL000)

Chairman Jared Brackenbury Lincoln County Board of Commissioners PO Box 90 Pioche, Nevada 89043

Dear Chairman Brackenbury:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of Lincoln County (County) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (PTNA) nomination consultation held September 23, 2021. I would like to thank the County for its interest in participating in Round 19.

The County has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the proposed PTNA projects described below:

Lincoln County Fairgrounds Phase IV - This project will continue to enhance and improve upon the current Lincoln County Fairgrounds. With Phase IV, the County would look at finishing any items that could not be accomplished in Phase III, increasing RV spaces, covering the arena and overnight pens, building a multi-purpose building, connecting the east and west arena announcers' booths, provide additional lighting, complete the concession stand and add roping slots and gates for the sorting alley. The proposed project is located at Lincoln County, Town of Panaca, Township 2 South, Range 68 East, Section 9; Coordinates: Longitude -114.374472, Latitude 37.792738; APN: 00224010; Physical Address: 1631 East State Route 319, Panaca, NV.

The proposed project is on lands patented to Lincoln County for the purpose of a public fairground. There are no issues with the proposal so long as development, operation, and maintenance remain in compliance with the Recreation and Public Purposes Act Patent. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is complete for this project.

<u>Alamo Annex</u> – Lincoln County proposes to develop an outdoor area for the community filled with plants, trees, and grassy areas, and benches and awnings to provide areas that can be used for picnicking, relaxation, and outdoor enjoyment. The project is completely located on land owned by Lincoln County. There will be no impact or encroachment on Federal lands. The project is located at: Town of Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada, Township 7 South, Range 61 East, Section 5; Coordinates: Longitude -115.168651, Latitude 37.362394; APN: 00406103; Physical Address: 121 Joshua Tree St., Alamo, NV

This project, while on private lands requires conformance with the National Historic Preservation Act, if funded through SNPLMA. The action itself is exempt from consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office due to being pre-disturbed. The BLM Ely District documented the project as being exempt from consultation on a "Cultural Resources Inventory Needs Assessment" form. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is complete for this project.

<u>Alamo Sports Complex</u> – The County proposes to build a sporting complex consisting of two pickleball courts, one tennis court, and one basketball court. Each court will be separated for individual use by wire fencing. Post tension concrete will be used to enhance the longevity of the courts. Lighting will be included for nighttime use. The proposed project is located at: Town of Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada, Township 7 South, Range 61 East, Section 5; Coordinates: Longitude -115.172711, Latitude 37.362381; APN: 00415157; Physical Address: 759 Box Canyon Rd., Alamo, NV.

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If you have any questions regarding the consultation meeting or the PTNA program in general, please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager at (702) 515-5168 or mleiber@blm.gov. If you have any questions specific to the federal resources within the BLM Ely District, you can contact me at rmcaboy@blm.gov or (775) 289-1840.

Sincerely,

ROBBIE MCABOY Digitally signed by ROBBIE MCABOY Date: 2021,11.02 12:12:08 -07'00'

> Robbie McAboy District Manager Ely District Office



October 27, 2021

Dear Lincoln County Commissioners,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Lincoln County's efforts to obtain funds through SNPLMA Round #19 for additional improvements to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Panaca, NV.

As the Administrator and CEO of Grover C. Dils Medical Center, I feel it is very important to provide opportunities for our elderly and handicapped to enjoy and be a part of. These opportunities assist our residents in feeling that they are still a valued and vital part of the community despite their physical conditions. The Long-Term Care residents at our facility enjoy the opportunity to attend the different events that are put on by our county.

Again, I would like to express my support for Lincoln County to obtain the funding required to make the additional improvements.

Respectfully,

lélissa Rowe, Administrator/CEO

Lincoln County Hospital District dba Grover C. Dils Medical Center Melissa Rowe, Administrator/CEO 700 North Spring Street P.O. Box 1010 Caliente, NV 89008



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Lincoln County Commissioners PO Box 91 Pioche, NV 89043

Re: Lincoln County Nevada SNPLMA Round 19 - Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas

Dear County Commissioners,

On behalf of University of Nevada Reno Extension 4-H, I would like to express my strong support of the SNPLMA Round 19 application. With the award of this grant, not only will it increase the events that canb e held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, yet also offer those with limited physical ability a safe and enjoyable experience while visiting the park.

4-H has always been an integral part of the youth activities throughout Lincoln County. We serve as a wide variety of interests and abilities. I am delighted to hear that you will be applying for this grant and support you 100%. With additional lighted horse shoe pits, overhead walkway to connect the east and west area announcer stands, covered west arena and covered overnight stalls, roping slots and bow gates for sorting alley, additional RV spaces with electricity and water, concession stand in exhibit building equipped, and multipurpose building, to serve as a meeting place and convention center, more people will be able to utilize the facilities and enjoy a full range of events in our county.

These facilities will serve to encourage our 4-H families and the general public to use and enjoy the Fairgrounds more often. Visitors will be able to utilize the park and all it has to offer also.

Sincerely,

Cindy Higbee

Cindy Higbee Community Based Instructor III

#### Lincoln County Nevada SNPLMA Round 19

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in to give our recommendations to help Lincoln County to get more help in getting much needed updated improvements, helping the community and all our organizations prosper and continue to thrive in Lincoln County.

I am the President of the Groundshakers motorcycle club. The oldest in Nevada. We hold an event yearly in Lincoln County. We have always been welcomed with open arms with much needed support.

I hope these words come to you with much consideration in helping our community.

Sincerely, David "Korn Dawg" Martin GroundshskersMC@yahoo.com 702-236-6482 P. O. Box 614 Caliente, Nevada 89008 AHSRA P.O. Box 355 Alamo, NV 89001

October 27, 2021

Dear Commissioner Brackenbury:

Alamo High School Rodeo Club (AHSRA) is in support of any and all improvements to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. AHSRA is pleased to hear that improvements are going to be made to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Improvements to such locations in imperative in our rural communities in order to host annual events such as rodeos, fair events, etc. Our rural communities rely majorly on grants and community funding to help these events be a success.

Our Lincoln County Fair is an iconic event for our communities within our county. It is not only a draw for Lincoln County though. People from other counties and states attend our fair. Families, friends, and strangers all come together to participate in the event through the rodeo attractions, vendor options, 4-H displays, and simply to have fun. Our Lincoln County fair is a tradition that carries on for generations and has a sentimental value to many people, present and past.

Again, we are in support of all requests for improvements to be made at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. It brings all our communities together by being able to host such events for our rural families. We hope these requests are considered to help our communities carry on important traditions and bring new events along the way.

Sincerely

Chris Christian Alamo High School Rodeo Club

## Lincoln County Fair and Recreation Board Lincoln County, Nevada



P.O. Box 246 – Alamo, Nevada 89001 Telephone (775) 962-1804 Email – lcroomtaxboard@gmail.com

**BOARD MEMBERS** 

Jared Brackenbury - President; Connie Simkins – Vice President; Susan Willingham; Pamela Broxson; Jenny Mathews Robin E Simmers – Secretary

October 27, 2021

Dear Lincoln County Commissioners

The Lincoln County Fair and Recreation Board met in regular session on October 27, 2021 to approve this letter of support for the SNPLMA Round 19 nomination for the Lincoln County Fair and Recreation Park in Panaca.

Our Board applauds the leadership of this Lincoln County Commission in the effort to add to the current Lincoln County Fairgrounds amenities. We see that your support moving forward will make it safer and easier for citizens of all abilities to visit and enjoy the facilities at the fairgrounds and the full variety of events held there throughout the year. We look forward to coordinating the content of the community highlights and area history and culture to be displayed on the new community kiosk at the Park with community leaders and tourism focused groups.

Safety and consideration for citizens and visitors to this Park is our top priority. Features of this Park and Round 19 nomination are designed to draw citizens from all interest groups and offer ADA compliant walkways and seating and accesses throughout the Park.

We ask that you give favorable consideration to this Round 19 nomination for the Lincoln County Fair and Recreation Park. Please keep us informed whenever we can assist your efforts to make Lincoln County a more wonderful place to live and to visit.

Sincerely,

Jared Brackenbury, President Lincoln County Fair and Recreation Board

### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**City of Las Vegas** 



### Lorenzi Park Tennis Court Addition

Amount Requested: \$3,248,968

### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Lorenzi Park is one of the most frequently visited parks in the urban core of the Las Vegas community. Lorenzi Park, located at 333 W Washington Ave on the corner of Washington Ave and Twin Lakes Drive, was originally constructed in 1921 in Ward 5 of the City of Las Vegas. Since then, the Lorenzi Park Tennis program has become one of the most prominent programs in the nation serving inner city youth. The park is in the heart of Ward 5. Ward 5 is a diverse community. 40% of the community is Hispanic and 20% of the community is African American. As Ward 5 has been identified as one of the City's vulnerable areas, with rich African American history, Ward 5 is currently seeing economic investment to improve employment rates, reduce crime, and provide access to workforce development and education. Unfortunately, only 25% of the community has a level income, and 10% of the community is unemployed.

Currently, the City leases the operations and maintenance of the tennis courts to maintain the tennis program that is available at no cost for inner city youth, as well as all community tennis players who visit the park. The Tennis Facility Task Force has mobilized supporting the tennis program in Las Vegas. The United States Tennis Association – Nevada has announced a need to advocate for additional courts and centers in southern Nevada. Las Vegas has gone from having one national tournament in 2004 to now having 23 junior and adult national tournaments with approximately 48,000 people visiting Las Vegas for 90 rooms a night, and at an average of \$300 per night, generating \$15 million in economic development.

The Tennis Facility Task Force was informed that they can no longer use high school courts for tournaments and are at risk of losing national events if southern Nevada does not build an additional 40-60 courts to accommodate these events. With that said, there is an overarching need to begin constructing courts, and it starts in Las Vegas at Lorenzi Park through this SNPLMA Round 19 proposal. Currently, there are 10 courts and the SNPLMA funds will add three additional courts to the facility, along with program space for youth and restrooms, shade structures and benches to surround the courts. The proposed tennis court additions will occur on approximately 0.75 acres of City-owned land generally located at 730 Twin Lakes Drive at Lorenzi Park within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 29.

## 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

In 2007, the City of Las Vegas was awarded \$28,523,000 in SNPLMA Round 6 funding for the Lorenzi Park Renovation with Trailhead Addition (Project LV23, Priority 6-15). Project funding allowed the City to renovate the Park and install the following recreational amenities 8 tennis courts, 53 picnic tables, 46 benches, 33 shade structures, 2 pedestrian bridges, 5 bike racks, 2 plazas, a trailhead, 4 softball fields, 3 basketball courts, 2 restrooms, 24 doggie bag dispensers, 11 drinking fountains, 4 tot-lots, 141 trash receptacles, 10 interpretive signage, parking, sidewalks, and bollards. The project was complete in 2013.

### 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases:

Lorenzi Park Tennis Court Addition will be a stand-alone project with no future phases.

### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- Goal 2: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

Nominated projects should meet these goals by focusing on the three SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community. Every nomination must explain how the three values are promoted by the project.

- 1. <u>Sustainability</u>: The Lorenzi Park Tennis Court Addition project will provide benefits to the community and tennis community in Las Vegas. This project will restore the existing facilities, as well as expand the facility by adding three additional courts to support the demand for tennis and need for more courts. Shared responsibility of maintenance is between the City of Las Vegas and an operator of the courts who is responsible for ongoing maintenance and repairs.
- 2. <u>Connectivity:</u> This project will add more courts to the tennis facility in order to connect the community with increased recreational opportunities. The tennis program that currently exists at the site is currently supported nationally by the United States Tennis Association and the Inspiring Children Foundation that currently provides free opportunity to inner city youth to learn and play tennis, as well as access to mental health and wellness programming that has impacted the lives of Las Vegas Youth for several years. Please refer to the 173 letters of support attached that consist of support from these participants and organizations who have been involved in the tennis program at Lorenzi Park.
- 3. <u>Community</u>: Along with providing increased access to tennis activities for the Las Vegas community, this project will also continue to foster relationships in the tennis community, referenced within the 173 attached letters of support. This project will also support the initiative of the task force to build 40-60 more courts to maintain levels of economic development.

### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The City of Las Vegas will design and construct additional tennis courts at Lorenzi Park, located centrally in the Las Vegas Valley in Clark County, Nevada. Project construction will include three new courts, as well as upgrade the entire, expanded facility. The existing restroom building will be upgraded and expanded to include programming space for the Lorenzi Tennis program to coordinate tennis use of the courts, lessons, and recreation activities. This project will provide increased access to tennis recreation opportunities and provide additional courts that are needed in the region to support tennis events and services provided to inner city youth.

### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

#### 1. PRIMARY DELIVERABLES:

- a. Restroom Building (1,900-sf)
- b. Demolition and removal of existing site conditions (e.g., trees, shrubs, concrete sidewalks, fencing, trailer, caliche), and patch and repair
- c. Tennis Courts Aggregate Base, Type II, 6" thick (420-cy)
- d. Tennis Courts Post Tension Slab and Sports Surface, Plexipave (22,680-sf)
- e. Fencing, chain-link (9 ga. 4-ft. x 12-ft. high), 1,100-LF
- f. Chain link gates 3ea
- g. Windscreens (8-ft. high)
- h. Concrete walkways through site (5-in thick), 960-sf
- i. Site furniture pre-cast concrete bench (SA-1-5), 6ea
- j. Site furniture Trash receptacle precast concrete w/ logo (SA-110), 3ea
- k. Furniture, Recyclable Receptacle, precast concrete w/ logo, 3ea
- 1. Shade Structure, Steel (12-ft. x 25-ft.) 3ea
- m. Fabric, tensile (900-sf)
- n. Lighting Control System, 1ea
- o. Pull Box 3ea
- p. Single Head, including associated conduit and wiring, 6ea
- q. Double Head, including associated conduit and wiring, 6ea
- r. 36" Box Trees, 3ea
- s. Shrub, 5-gal (40-ea)
- t. Dedication plaque and signs (e.g., construction, monument, miscellaneous court signs
- 2. Anticipated Deliverables: None.
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Section 106 compliance
  - b. Design and Construction Contract
  - c. Plan Check / Permits
  - d. Construction
  - e. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - f. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - g. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - h. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.180742° / -115.18238136°

### Congressional District(s): NV-1

### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

The project will be completed within the standard 5 years for PTNA projects.

### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"): ⊠ Yes -or- □ No

The project has been designed to Schematic Level. The City will need to finish design, obtain a construction contract, and complete Section 106 compliance prior to construction.

### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The City of Las Vegas Department of Park and Recreation will maintain Lorenzi Park and maintain an Operations and Maintenance agreement for an operator to maintain the tennis court operation and maintenance. Please refer to the agreement attached.

The City is committed to maintaining this facility to the same high standards as all other City parks to ensure it can be enjoyed for the future. The City also recognizes that the upkeep of SNPLMA funded projects rest with the SNPLMA eligible entity as identified in the SNPLMA, as amended. The City will ensure that routine maintenance of the courts is completed by the city contracted operator. Routine maintenance of the park is estimated to cost \$13,138.71 per acre; hence, \$9,854.03 for the subject 0.75-acre site. Routine operations and maintenance include trail/pathway maintenance, parking lot cleaning and repair, graffiti removal, debris removal, lighting repair, landscape and building maintenance, and playground equipment inspection and routing repairs.

### **I. PROJECT BUDGET**

The City of Las Vegas is seeking \$3,248,968 in SNPLMA funds to complete the project. A breakdown of the estimated costs is enclosed below on the SF-424A budget category form.

<u>Partnership and/or Contributed Fund</u>s: The City will match \$6,802.05. One City administrative staff member will be assigned to track construction progress and submit quarterly and annual reports to the BLM SMART system for SNPLMA project draw downs. This role is being completed currently by a Senior Management Analyst. Match funding is based on 100 hours of time at an average salary/benefits rate of \$50.02, totaling \$5,001.51; and fringe benefit rate of 36% totaling \$1,800.54, for an overall match of \$6,802.05.

### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

Authorized Officer: Steve Ford, City Engineer Phone Number: 702-229-3244; Email: <u>sford@lasvegasnevada.gov</u>

Project Manager: Katie Sears, Senior Management Analyst Phone Number: 702-229-1896; Email: <u>ksears@lasvegasnevada.gov</u>

Budget Officer: Brian Lovelin, Financial Analyst Phone Number: 702-229-6818; Email: <u>blovelin@lasvegasnevada.gov</u>

#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY								Total		
	(1)					(3)		(4)		(5)	
	CLV G	eneral Fund		SNPLMA PTNA Round 19 "Lorenzi Park Tennis Addition" nomination							
a. Personnel	\$	5,001.51	\$		\$		\$		\$	5,001.51	
b. Fringe Benefits		1,800.54								1,800.54	
c. Travel											
d. Equipment											
e. Supplies											
f. Contractual				3,236,968.00						3,236,968.00	
g. Construction				12,000.00					[	12,000.00	
h. Other											
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)		6,802.05		3,248,968.00					\$	3,255,770.05	
j. Indirect Charges									\$		
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$	6,802.05	\$	3,248,968.00	\$		\$		\$	3,255,770.05	
7. Program Income	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		

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### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria is used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

- 1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.
  - A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: The Lorenzi Park Tennis Court Addition project will improve the existing courts by adding an additional three courts to provide access and maintain tennis programming in Las Vegas that serves inner city youth and residents.

- B. *The project improves community prosperity and economic development* Answer: As mentioned, there is the Tennis Facility Task Force that is calling for 40-60 additional courts in Las Vegas in order to maintain tennis tourism and events that drive economic development and support available programming for inner city youth.
- C. *The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.* Answer: This project is significant to Ward 5 of Las Vegas and Lorenzi Park as there is a demand for more tennis courts at the site.
- D. *The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).* Answer: The Inspiring Children Foundation coordinates services with the United States Tennis Association – Nevada in order to provide access to free tennis programming at Lorenzi Park, as well as associated mental health and wellness programming that positively impacts the lives and futures of inner city youth. Three additional courts will help increase access to those services and programs.
- E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities. Answer: Lorenzi Park is located in the Ward 5 community in the City of Las Vegas that consists of approximately 73% minority communities that are also experiencing the City's most vulnerable levels of poverty and unemployment. This project will continue to support Lorenzi Park and its ability to provide access to outdoor recreation to this community.
- 2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
  - A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: this project will add three additional tennis courts to Lorenzi Park in order to enhance the access to recreation and existing tennis programming that serves the Las Vegas community and Ward 5. B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: This project advances recreation by adding additional tennis court facilities, as well as enhancing the stewardship that already exists among the tennis partnering organizations that program the Lorenzi Tennis courts.

C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: The project will consist of LED lighting on the tennis courts for conservation of energy, with surrounding desert landscaping to conserve water.

D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: The project enhances the recreational experience by adding three additional tennis courts to meet the demand of the tennis community that provides successful programming at the site.

- 3. <u>CONNECTIVITY</u>: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.
  - A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: The project enhances physical connectivity and access to tennis facilities already located at the site. The project will add three additional courts and office space to manage constant programming services for the community.

- B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.) Answer: No
- C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: No

D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: The project bridges the community to the outdoors through tennis programming that services the community and inner city youth.

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities. Answer: This project absolutely is intended to engage youth, veterans, minorities and underserved communities by providing increased access to available tennis facilities and programming.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: Yes, please reference the Budget Narrative and SF424A Budget form that outlines the costs of the project. Project deliverables will consist of the \$3,248,968 being nominated for Lorenzi Tennis Court Addition. The project will be completed with \$3,248,968 of SNPLMA funds, and future phases will not be required.

- B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.
   Answer: Yes, there has been demand for more courts at Lorenzi Park to support the task force calling for more courts in southern Nevada to maintain the tennis events that are taking place and provide high levels of economic development and provide opportunities to the community.
- C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project. Answer: Installation of LED lights will reduce future maintenance, as well as particular landscaping that requires limited maintenance. The City of Las Vegas Maintenance staff and contracted tennis court operator will ensure and provide the overall general maintenance of the tennis facility,
- D. *Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).* Answer: Not Applicable.
- E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: The City of Las Vegas Values sustainable design and construction materials that are proven to be successful while parks and grounds maintenance staff maintain inventory of park facility elements to minimize maintenance and replacement costs.

### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

- A. Executive Orders (EO):
  - 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. Answer: Not applicable

- 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. Answer: Not applicable
- B. Secretarial Orders
  - 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

Answer: The project will provide three additional tennis courts in order to increase access to tennis facilities and outdoor recreation in the community.

- 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Answer: Not applicable
- SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Answer: Not applicable
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior Answer: Not applicable
- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer:
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. Answer: Not applicable
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). Answer: Not applicable
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. Answer: Not applicable
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. Answer: Not applicable
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing

programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations.

Answer: Not applicable

2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy.

Answer: Not applicable

3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.

Answer: Not applicable

4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America.

Answer: Not applicable

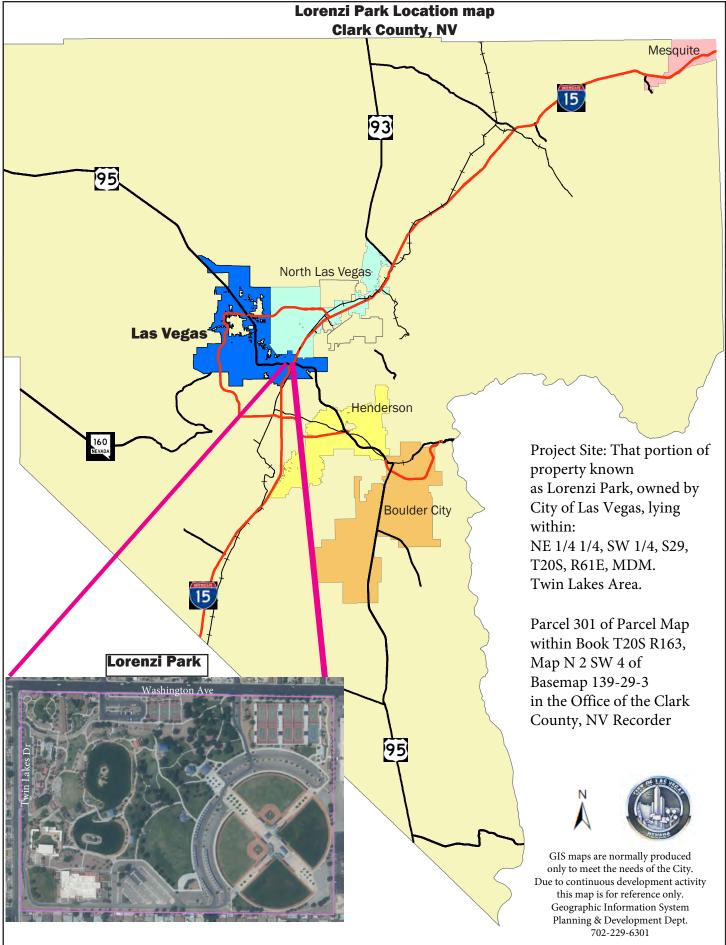
5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

Answer: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have become priorities of the City of Las Vegas. That lens will be applied to this project in order to increase access to outdoor recreation and community engagement in Ward 5. The Lorenzi Tennis Court Additions will be open to the public.

- D. Forest Service Priorities:
- 1. *Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic.* Answer: This project will provide increased access to outdoor recreation and tennis facilities to attract the community to the outdoors and provide

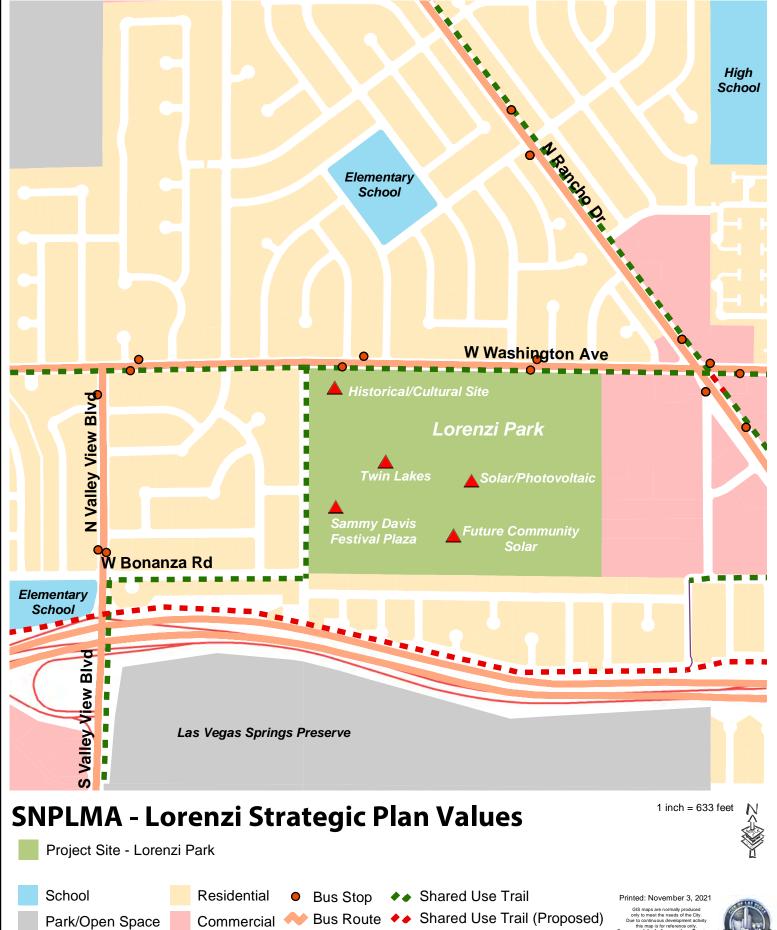
recreational resources for inner city youth.

- 2. Providing economic relief. Answer: Not applicable
- 3. Tackling climate change. Answer: Not applicable
- 4. *Advancing racial equity.* Answer: As mentioned, Ward 5 consists of 73% of minority communities. Therefore this project will serve these communities and provide increased access to outdoor recreation activities, tennis programs.
- 5. Improving our workforce and work environment. Answer: Not applicable



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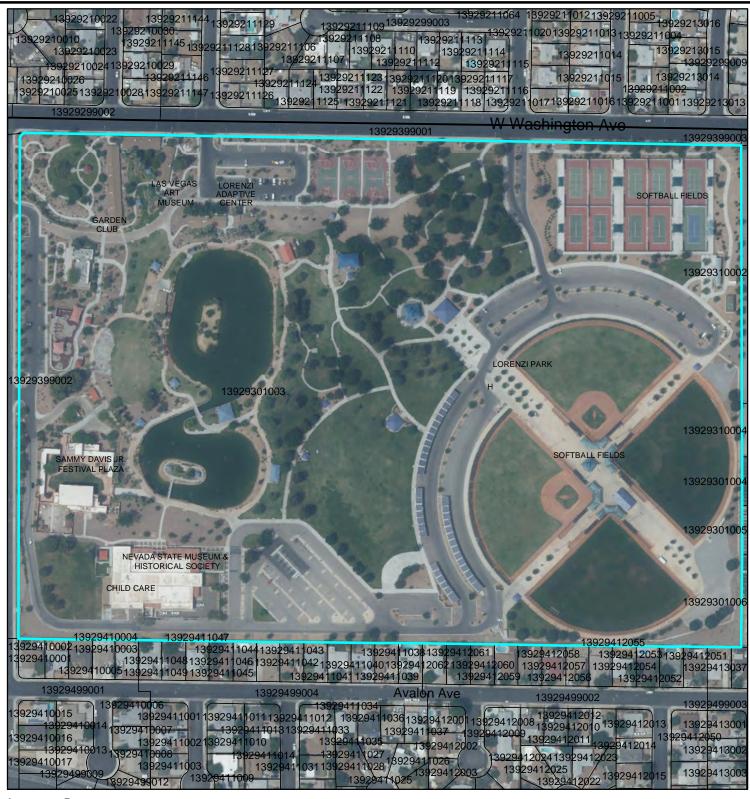
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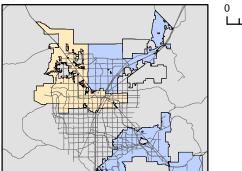


### Lorenzi Park: Assessor Parcel Aerial



Assessor Data

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#### EXISTING COURTS LORENZI PARK





#### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Lorenzi Park Tennis Addition

#### **Performance Measures**

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. *Report to the nearest whole acre.	.75 acres
R3- Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. *Report each facility or structure as one unit.	<ul> <li>3 Tennis Courts</li> <li>1 Restroom Building upgraded and expanded to include tennis programming space</li> </ul>
SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community		
Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed.* <i>Report each item produced as one unit</i> .	



### United States Department of the Interior



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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Ms. Katie Sears Senior Management Analyst Department of Parks and Recreation 441 E. Bonanza Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Email: ksears@LasVegasNevada.gov

Dear Ms. Sears:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of Las Vegas (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Northwest Regional Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a regional park with soccer and baseball fields. The proposed project is in the northwest part of the valley within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 60 E., sec. 5. The park proposal is on BLM-administered public land leased to the City pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act, (N-37125 for a park, and N-82353 for a fire station). The project is also located on BLM-administered lands reserved on behalf of the City for recreation and public purposes (SNPLMA Reservation N-77372).

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, the existing R&PP leases need to be addressed, either through relinquishment and a new application submitted for this project, or a request for a change of use/additional acreage to be added to an existing lease and the remaining leases relinquished. Changes to the existing R&PP lease will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the NEPA. During planning, the BLM also asks that invasive plant species not be included in the proposed park landscaping. Bear in mind that the minimum amount of time to process a request through NEPA is 18 months or more.

In addition, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. However, previous cultural inventories in the project area identified one unevaluated cultural site (26CK1640) and three cultural sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places – Tule Construction Camp (26CK5596), Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad Berm (26CK1649), and Las Vegas-Bullfrog/Tonopah Wagon Road (26CK5600). Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office will be required to address the potential effects of park construction to these sites and measures for mitigation of these

effects. The proposed budget and timeline should cover Section 106 compliance, which is estimated to take up to 1 year to complete because of the potential adverse effects to historic properties.

Please bear in mind that there is a legislatively designated renewable energy corridor located along the Township line as well as a planned substation that may require a change in location depending upon the project. There are no issues with the proposed project so long as development and operation and maintenance of the proposed project remain in compliance with the R&PP lease.

<u>Darling Tennis Courts</u> – This proposal is to design and construct ten new tennis courts. The proposed project is generally located within the existing Kellogg-Zaher Regional Park at 7901 West Washington Avenue within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 60 E., sec. 28.

The proposal is on BLM-administered public land patented to the City through the R&PP Act (Patent 27-2011-0017). The City will need to update the R&PP approved plan of development (POD) received when the subject land was patented to the City to incorporate any improvements not currently outlined in the POD.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Cragin Park</u> – This proposal is to replace existing soccer fields with two new synthetic turf soccer fields, trails, play equipment, and new field lights. The proposed improvements are on City owned land generally located at 984 Hinson Street within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 31.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Desert Pines Redevelopment Trail and Old Golf Course Community Center Conversion</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a recreational trail around the proposed 95.54-acre redevelopment of the Desert Pines Golf Course to connect to the Harris Drainage Alignment on the east side and the proposed US95 / I-515 Downtown Access project on the west side. The improvements would also repurpose the existing golf course clubhouse into a multi-generational recreation center. The proposed project is on City owned land generally located at 3415 East Bonanza Road, within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 36.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Lorenzi Tennis Courts Addition</u> – This proposal is to design and construct three new tennis courts at Lorenzi Park. The proposed additions are on City owned land generally located at 730 Twin Lakes Drive at Lorenzi Park within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 29.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required

because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>215 Trail Bridges</u> – This proposal is to design and construct two pedestrian bridges across Summerlin Parkway west of the 215 Beltway to facilitate trail connectivity of the existing 215 Western Beltway Trail. The proposed bridges are on City owned land generally located west of the intersection of Summerlin Parkway and the 215 Beltway.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Heers Park</u> – This proposal is to upgrade and enhance the existing Heers Park including fitness court, picnic pavilions, shade trees and benches, and a lighted soft-surface path along the perimeter of the park. The proposed pool is on City owned land generally located at 6320 Plaza Verde Place.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Oakey/Wyoming Trail</u> – This proposal is to extend on-street bike lanes that currently exist on Oakey Boulevard and to add an enhanced walking trail generally between Rancho and Las Vegas Boulevard. The proposed improvements are on City owned land generally located on Oakey from Valley View Boulevard to Interstate 15.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168.

Sincerely,

ANGELITA BULLETTS

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ecc: Shonna Dooman, Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office Catrina Williams, Field Manager, Red Rock/Sloan Field Office Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager, SNPLMA Division



11.03.2021

City of Las Vegas Parks & Recreation Department 495 S. Main St. Las Vegas, NC 89128

re: Tennis Advocacy in Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Parks & Rec Department,

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is pleased to support our partner, USTA Nevada's efforts to advocate for new tennis facilities and courts to be built at Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch in southern Nevada.

The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis and the recognized leader in promoting and developing the sport's growth on every level in the United States, from local communities to the crown jewel of the professional game, the US Open. The USTA is the largest tennis organization in the world, with 17 geographical sections, more than 520,000 members, thousands of volunteers, and a professional staff dedicated to growing the game.

As a not-for-profit organization our mission is to "promote and develop the growth of tennis." We undoubtedly believe the proposed tennis courts initiatives will be a great asset to the residents and students in the Las Vegas community. Please contact me if I can provide any additional information on the USTA's commitment.

Sincerely,

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Todd Carlson National Manager, Infrastructure Services United States Tennis Association

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3339 W. Washington Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89107 www.lnspiringChildren.net Nov 4, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Trent Alenik and I am the vice chair of the United States Tennis Association's Community Tennis Association national committee. It's my role to ensure that grassroots tennis is being maximized and we are growing the game in parks and schools around the country. Public facilities effect our community, children and families in need and create an equal playing field for all to be able to play the game for free and at affordable rates.

I am also the Executive Director of the Inspiring Children Foundation. The Foundation provides physical, mental and emotional health programming to at-risk youth from around the Valley and our primary outreach takes place at Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch Park.

100% of our youth in our Leadership Program earn college scholarships and our alumni have attended many to the best schools in the world including Stanford, Yale, Princeton, Harvard and 110 others. We have served thousands of youth, and I personally have mentored many of them.

At the age of 14, I found myself extremely lost, insecure, and on the wrong path in life. It was at Lorenzi Park where I met my mentor who completely changed the course of my life. He promised that if I worked hard, had a great attitude, and did the right thing, that I would be able to live a great life and achieve my life's goals, which at that time was earning a college scholarship for academics and athletics. Fortunately, I achieved my goal and earned a scholarship to Villanova University!

It was at Lorenzi Park where I competed in my very first tournament...it was at Lorenzi where I met the man who would change my life...it is at Lorenzi where I work at each day to do my part in helping the next generation maximize their goals and use tennis as a ticket to a better life, a high education, and a chance to see the world.

Being born and raised in Las Vegas, I've seen our city grow tremendously over the last few decades. I've also seen Vegas become a hub for tennis. We've produced hundreds of top nationally ranked players and have become home to several professionals.

Inspiring Children Through Mentoring, Tennis & Education a non-profit 501©(3) charitable organization EIN 45-3042744 We are at a point where tennis courts are completely maxed out and it's very challenging to get court time in public parks, specifically at facilities including Darling Tennis Center, Lorenzi Park, All-American Park, Craig Ranch Regional Park, and Henderson parks. Most of the larger facilities are constantly running tournaments, leagues, clinics and training for their clients and it's very hard to get a court these days. We've seen tennis grow 41% in Las Vegas and it's been one of the most popular sport during COVID as well. People are picking up their rackets again and many new players are joining the game.

Vegas is also home to 23 national tournaments, and we need new courts to be able to keep and run these national tournaments that took us 15 years to recruit. These tournaments bring 40,000 people to our state for 90 days of the year totaling \$15 million in economic development we will lose.

I would highly consider the building of additional courts in Las Vegas and I personally endorse these efforts to the highest level possible. Thank you for your time and if you would like to talk further, feel free to reach me at 702-767-7531.

Sincerely,

Trent Alenik Executive Director Inspiring Children Foundation www.InspiringChildren.org

Inspiring Children Through Mentoring, Tennis & Education a non-profit 501©(3) charitable organization EIN 45-3042744 Claire Stuart Roth 1733 Corta Bella Dríve Las Vegas, NV 89134

November 2, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to advocate for additional tennis courts at Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch Regional Park. I served on the United States Tennis Association Southern Nevada District Board of Director for 9 years from 2005-2014. I then was appointed to the United States Tennis Association National Junior Competition Committee and Collegiate Varsity Committee. While serving on the USTA National Junior Competition Committee, I chaired the Sanctions & Schedule Subcommittee which selects the sites for National Junior Tournaments.

Over the years, we here in the Las Vegas Tennis Community have advocated for more tournaments to be sited here. With the support of Mr. Mike Agassi and Andre Agassi we were successful. Over the last two years tennis participation has increased by 41% statewide. Tennis is a safe sport as it is non-contact while requiring substantial movement.

As a parent of tennis players I heartily support the opportunity to have my children learn the game and compete locally to improve. Some of their best high school experiences were the camaraderie of competing for their school's varsity team with their friends cheering them on.

The USTA National Junior Competition Committee has informed USTA Southern Nevada that we need to have a plan in place to add 60 new courts to retain and be considered for more tournaments. While I chaired the National Sanctions & Schedule Subcommittee is became apparent from player and parent evaluations that the use of school tennis courts was not meeting the required standard for National tournaments. With additional courts, we will be able to keep our current tournaments and bid for additional ones.

The growth of our participation in junior tennis has been primarily from our underserved communities. The non-profit Inspiring Children Foundation attracts young athletes to learn tennis and earn college scholarships. Being able to have enough courts to sponsor tournaments is a key element for the growth of those opportunities for our aspiring college students.

Please support the addition of more tennis courts for Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch Regional Park.

Sincerely,

Clain Roth

Claire Roth Former Harvard Varsity Tennis Player Former Treasurer, USTA Southern Nevada Former Chair, Sanctions & Schedule Subcommittee, USTA National J Junior Competition Committee Former Member, USTA Collegiate Varsity Committee



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#### 11/4/2021

Dear Mr. Wolfington,

It has come to my attention that there is an excellent opportunity on the horizon to further development and support for the NO QUIT Tennis Academy at Lorenzi Park.

That being said, it has also been brought to my attention that a "Letter of Recommendation" would further support and share a vote of confidence in all the things the Academy does for its players, families and supporting coaches.

My son, Connor Scotton (12 yrs old), went through divorce my divorce while simultaneously joining NO QUIT almost 2 years ago. At the same time, he has weathered the pandemic stresses in schooling that all families have endured for the last 18 months. Without NO QUIT, I know his mental position would have not developed the way that it has the past 2 years.

The Academy has brought stability, guidance, structure and mental support to my son and our family throughout our hardships and challenges. The NO QUIT staff (Coach Johnson) has embraced and stabilized Connor's developmental needs athletically, emotionally and academically. The adaptive style, open minded approach and progressive thinking that NO QUIT inspires is a gift to our family in so many ways, it is hard to put down in words.

If this letter can serve as evidence or support in any way to the quality of service and the spirit offered at NO QUIT, please share it. I want you to know that supporting NO QUIT is a direct investment in not only our community here in Vegas, but more importantly, an immediate return on our greatest assets....our youth.

Thank you for your time and if there is anything I can do in support of NO QUIT, please reach out. I would love to support them and the potential initiative ahead.

Sincerely,

**Barry Scotton** 

#### Barry Scotton | VP of Sales and Marketing

Main: 702.212.1300 Mobile: 216.496.1379 Email: bscotton@jsproducts.com 6445 Montessouri Street Las Vegas, NV 89113 11/4/2021 From: Neil Rose To Parks and Recreation Department City of Las Vegas:

I would like to add my support to the improvements to the tennis facility at Lorenzi Park.

This tennis facility has many out of state and even international visitors come to participate in practice at No Quit tennis Academy, (which has become a world renown academy), over the several last years there have been many players from many countries show up to practice with the No Quit Academy. Germany, Canada, Russia, Brazil, Australia, France just to mention a few of the countries. I have been visiting No Quit and the Lorenzi Park for many years, even back to the days when the Pacifica festival was held there. I also am a member of the Las Vegas Bonsai club that meets once a month in the building which is part of Lorenzi Park.

However, the buildings and facilities come second to what the spirit in Lorenzi Park that the value of the No Quit Tennis Academy has bought to the surrounding community.

This facility is in a beautiful park and a neighborhood that has turned the corner to become safer, cleaner and established a much more family friendly atmosphere. It is more common now to see families in the park having celebrations. Lorenzi park is a multi-use facility, last Friday there were people playing soccer, football, basketball, a pray group, barbequing, fishing, yoga group and many other activities all in this facility. This would not have been scene just a few years ago. A shout out as well to the grounds keepers and Marshals that have additionally played a role in the turnaround in the park. Lest we forget, the Park and recreation Department has done a fantastic job on leading the way for more people enjoying Lorenzi.

This brings back to what has No Quit added to the community around Lorenzi park and the Las Vegas community as a whole over the years. I would like to share my thoughts on the value which No Quit has had to the community and Lorenzi as a whole.

I feel that with the tennis facility is encompassing a range of children from within the local community and the greater Las Vegas area, No Quit has bought many social economical and racially diversified groups together in harmony this I believe has bought good changes into Lorenzi park. It is not unusual to see a homeless person come and watch the kids play tennis. In fact, there are occasions when strangers, homeless and neighbors, come and collect the balls from outside of the courts and return them to the courts. The community see the youth playing, practicing, cleaning up the facility with joyful smiles. I believe that these local community people take pride in having this shining star a representation on unity across all peoples in their neighborhood. Local community are stake holders in the facility, youth, and success. The No quit academy led by Tim Blenkiron has become an integral part of the community. Under his leadership of the academy Tim has taken young people with limited futures and been a part of turning their lives around and thru tennis, love, caring, humility of his leadership while with a smile leading the youth into a path of successful lives. Many of these students are now in college and have graduated form colleges, these are the success stories that Parks and Recreation has enabled No Quit and Tim Blenkiron to accomplished. Thru the courts to become future leaders, good Fathers and Mothers,

let's get the upgrade done to the facility so that this experience and opportunity can be given to more youth. Just today there was a group of elder men playing on the courts, I would say in their 70's, several times when they lost their tennis balls kids got them other balls even sometimes out of their own bags. This respect of our fellow man is just instilled into everyone that experiences No Quit. I'm sure that this on court training and self-discipline is one of the reasons these youth do so well in school.

A miracle to me is something I cant explain, Like how can a heavy plan fly. I cannot explain the reason why No Quit in turning out great young people ready to take up the mantle of life "the results of this program is astonishing". The youth are not just great tennis players they are great people. Their work ethics, love of life, respect for one another, personnel accountability in education and all areas in life is amazing to see.

This expansion and improvements will allow more people in the surrounding community to be involved in this fantastic program. It has difficult to only have 1 toilet for 100 people, the kids don't complain they take turns with congeniality. I know that Tim Blenkiron heart is sadden we the academy must turn people away because there is not enough courts or facilities to accommodate the extra numbers safely.

Tim Blenkiron is so giving to everyone, his time, talents and even to the detriment of his personal family time and finances. Let me share with you all my families experience, we are not wealthy like most of the people at No Quit, in fact I work at 7 Eleven. A family member needed to have 2 organ transfers and it required him to go to Mayo Clinic. This was a major stress financially on our family. I held my 2 boys out of tennis academy and tournaments while we were struggling with finances, this brings tears to my eyes, Tim called me and new of the situation and without hesitation said get your boys back to the Academy and he covered our fees while we could not pay. I did not ask Tim because I know that he does this on a regular basis. Tim and his team of staff emulate this same passion for the youth in the program. This No Quit tennis Academy, yes they need to stay financially viable but the staff will give of its time willingly. is not making anyone one financially rich. However, it is making the community richer in spirit and growth. An example is Ricky S. he came thru the program is now graduating from UNLV he is always there at the Academy helping out giving back. In the summer as many of the youth that are in college come back and give of their time freely at the academy, what a thought of paying it forward to those who are in your footsteps.

I would humbly ask that you approve the expansion and improvements of the facility so that more children can participate and have a brighter future in their lives because of your decision. The money will be well spent if this new facility can save one child from Drug use or the other vices that they face in everyday life. If Tim Blenkiron can reach into so many children's hearts why not lets open the door for more children to have a supportive caring experience even if they aren't a world champion in tennis but rather lean the skills to have a productive life.

May you have a blessed day.

Neil Rose

possible in large part due to the extraordinary emphasis of making tennis available to the masses, especially in underserved communities.

Thanks to the Inspiring Children Foundation and their program at Lorenzi Park children with low income and need are given the opportunity to play for free and participate in state, regional and national tournaments right here in Southern Nevada.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am an avid supporter of the Parks & Rec Department's efforts to build new courts at these public facilities, especially in underserved communities.

Sincerely,

Owen Hambrook UNLV Head Coach, Men's Tennis



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Dear Parks and Rec Department,

I am the Tennis Director at Canyon Gate Country Club and run clinics, tournaments, and USTA leagues. While I currently run a private, 5 court facility, I am very aware of the significant lack of tennis courts in Southern Nevada for more than 10 years.

Due to the lack of courts, the result has been the cancellation or limitations of adult leagues and tournaments and complicated unsustainable times of play for adults and children. Due to the dire lack of courts, we have been unable to host additional Adult & Junior tennis events which would have brought in additional revenue to the Las Vegas economy.

If this court crisis is not addressed, we may lose the 23 National tournaments and events which we spent 2 decades of tireless work to bring to our city.

I have had a close working relationship with Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch Regional Park for many years. Our partnership with these facilities is paramount in our continued growth of the sport of tennis.

Lorenzi Park, Craig Ranch Regional Park, the Darling Tennis Center, and All-American Park host many of these National tournaments. To be able to keep this event in Nevada, the city will need to build additional courts at these public facilities and include shade structures, and adequate bathrooms for these additional courts.

By having these National tournaments here in Southern Nevada, it saves local families thousands of dollars in travel, lost time at work and gives the inner-city youth the opportunity to play these events, who otherwise would not be able to afford them.

Sincere Crdmble Hatfield of Tennis

James McGee ATP Professional Tennis Player Director of Team Bryan Program Marty Hennessy Inspiring Children Foundation 470-398-6477 jamesmcgee01@hotmail.com

To Whom It May Concern,

As a professional tennis player that came off the ATP professional tour in 2018, I have turned down multiple high-paying positions at private clubs in order to work at Lorenzi Park due to the incredible work that The Inspiring Children Foundation has done to transform so many young lives.

Having competed at the highest level in professional tennis for over a decade which includes competing in all the Grand Slams, being ranked inside the world's Top 150 and representing Ireland in Davis Cup, I am extremely passionate about making tennis available to families and children in need as I have seen how this dramatically affected my own life. Had I not had access to tennis courts growing up, it is highly unlikely I would have earned a scholarship to play college tennis in the U.S. and I am certain I would never have gone on to have a 10 year career in the sport.

Building more tennis courts at Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch Park is not just about tennis, it's about giving children and families an opportunity to learn a sport for life which can open so many doors for them in the future. Tennis teaches them to become physically, emotionally and mentally fit and helps our youth develop their character and values.

I'm writing to advocate strongly for additional tennis courts at Lorenzi Park and Craig Ranch Park as The Inspiring Children Foundation is very worthy and capable of meeting the need with the free tennis program and high performance tennis program, which directly impacts hundreds of families and thousands of players. Additionally, building more courts will allow for more national tournaments which makes it more affordable for low-income families and children to earn the ranking they need to go to college.

Finally, I just want to thank you for all the hard work you have already done in our community to make it the best it can possibly be. It has been a pleasure to be part of the Las Vegas community and I look forward to seeing the impact that additional courts and facilities will have on our community. I have no doubt it will be extremely positive.

Yours Sincerely,

James McGee

From: Christine Shore <<u>ciresurfer@hotmail.com</u>> Date: November 4, 2021 at 5:44:51 PM PDT To: <u>ryanwolfington@gmail.com</u> Subject: Letter of recommendation

Dear Parks and Rec,

My daughter Darcy Shore has been a player in the NO QUIT Tennis Academy at Lorenzi Park and has been profoundly impacted by No Quit's tennis, academic and wellness program, as has thousands of other children.

For three years we have driven Darcy nearly one hour each way from Henderson because there is no other program like No Quit anywhere in the state. We recently moved to the west side of Las Vegas primarily to be closer to Lorenzi Park where No Quit is located.

No Quit has given Darcy and countless other children not only tennis, but emotional & mental health, healing & connection during Covid, growth, confidence, inspiration, project driven learning, nutrition, tutoring, leadership development, positive social life, mentoring, lifelong important friendships, volunteer opportunities, college prep support, tennis travel support, national tournament ranking help and an amazing, safe, positive place to go.

Having national and sectional tournaments at Lorenzi Park, Craig Ranch Park and Darling Tennis Center helps us tremendously financially, as traveling out of town to tournaments is extremely costly. Having tournaments locally has also given Darcy's grandparents, who are in their 80's, the joy of seeing their granddaughter play. It is so important and helpful for Darcy and other local children to have the support of friends and family when they compete. Indeed, Darcy says she plays better when her grandparents are watching.

We need more public tennis courts at Lorenzi and our other local facilities to attract and retain more tennis tournaments so our local junior tennis players are given every opportunity to succeed.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Christine Shore (702) 875-56 Nancy M. Lemcke NANCY LEMCKE LAW, LLC 10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 (702) 902-6691 Nancy.Lemcke@LemckeLawLV.com

November 3, 2021

City of Las Vegas Parks and Recreation 495 S. Main Street Las Vegas, NV 89128

#### **Re:** Proposed expansion and improvement of Lorenzi Park tennis facility

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the proposal to expand the tennis facility at Lorenzi Park. That facility changed my daughter's life. She began playing tennis there at the age of 9. With the nurturing, training and support she received at the No Quit Tennis Academy, she was able to develop in a nationally ranked tennis junior tennis player. Now a junior in high school, she is hoping to secure a spot on an NCAA D-1 tennis team an academically selective university. If this happens, we will have the tennis facility at Lorenzi Park to thank.

We are not alone. The Lorenzi tennis facility is a local treasure. Located in the heart of the city, it is a place where people from all walks of life can participate in a sport that truly lasts a lifetime. The facility serves as a constant reminder that tennis is not a sport for the privileged few, but one all can enjoy. In fact, to ensure that individuals of limited means have access to much-needed tennis equipment and instruction, Lorenzi hosts free tennis clinics on Sundays from 4-6 p.m. My daughter is one of the volunteers who provides tennis instruction to attendees of all ages and backgrounds. She loves it. And so do the participants. Some of the junior participants may go on to become scholar-athletes in high school and beyond. Expanding the tennis facility to increase the number of courts and improve on the current common-area facilities would allow us to grow this wonderful program.

It would also ensure that Las Vegas retains the multiple, national USTA events regularly awarded to our city. These events bring a multitude of players and families from all over the United States to Las Vegas, thereby contributing to our local economy. And they help minimize the oppressive cost of tennis tournament travel for our residents. Having major USTA events in our back yard eliminates the often-present financial barrier for those seeking to compete at the national level.

But events of this magnitude require large scale facilities. You need enough courts to accommodate multiple, simultaneous matches along with a central clubhouse in which players can access equipment, food, drinks, and, most importantly, restrooms. The currently existing structure, given its limited size and single bathroom, is woefully inadequate to meet this need.

Sometimes I think that we forget just how valuable local parks are to the communities they serve. They are a source of social connection, family bonding, athletic development, and,

most importantly, pure fun. They do not discriminate based on social class, race, gender, or sexual orientation. As a friend of mine once said, "Great cities have great parks." This is true. With the Lorenzi tennis facility, the City of Las Vegas has a golden opportunity to build something that will impact lives for years to come.

Accordingly, I strongly encourage you to approve the Lorenzi tennis facility expansion proposal. You won't regret it.

Very truly yours, Nancy M. Lemcke

November 4, 2021

Dear Cass and Park & Recreation Staff,

My name is Irene Frazier. I am a tennis mom, league player, tennis volunteer, and past team captain. My son trains at Lorenzi and volunteers at the free community tennis clinics at Lorenzi Park and Craigs Ranch Park.

Las Vegas can use more courts for players like myself when I would like to practice with friends. I volunteer whenever there is a national tournament in Las Vegas. It is always a struggle for USTA Nevada to find tennis centers with enough courts. Due to lack of courts availability, players often must wait to get on courts at 8pm or after.

Most unseated players have to play at 8 pm after playing singles and doubles starting at 8 am. I know from conversing with out-of-town players' families that they are frustrated with the early start and playing late only to start again the next day. This tough schedule created by lack of tennis courts plays havoc to athletic health for not having enough recovery time.

When national tournaments are in town, players like myself wouldn't have courts to play. Coaches wouldn't have courts to teach lessons. I like to add my voice to ask for approval to add more courts in Las Vegas.

Sincerely,

Irene Frazier

#### Dear Parks and Rec,

As an alumni of the Inspiring Children Foundation (ICF) at Lorenzi Park, I am only one of the thousands whose lives were positively and immeasurably changed through the opportunity to participate in their tennis, wellness and academic programming.

The ICF at Lorenzi created an environment conducive to my own personal growth and development all throughout my teen years, where positive growth and development is critical, but often most challenging to come by. As a teen, I didn't want to listen to my parents, so they wanted me to start playing a sport seriously in hopes that it would teach me valuable life lessons like discipline, hard-work, and dedication. I picked up tennis at 14 years old, and concluded that if I was going to go through all the effort, I wanted to end up playing for a division 1 athletic program on scholarship. Most tennis program's would have laughed me off the court; the ICF at Lorenzi didn't hesitate in providing me with what I needed to get it done i.e. tools, the best coaching/training, academic programming etc. As a result of this lofty goal, it was imperative I work on improving my ranking. Having national and sectional tournaments in Nevada (at Lorenzi Park, Craig Ranch Park and Darling Tennis Center) helped me fasttrack those efforts, without the high expense of travel. I was consequently able to hit fast-forward on tournament frequency / performance, improve my ranking to #1 in Nevada by my senior year and secure a full scholarship to the division 1 tennis program of my choosing.

The ICF at Lorenzi not only helped me realize this goal in tennis, they also introduced me to a world of invaluable know-how when it comes to unwinding, healing and strengthening my own mental / emotional strength and resilience in difficult situations. They do this by building a culture around tennis that actually works to solve for individual awakening, holistic health and wellbeing both on and off the court. As a result, they produce so many incredible athletes, but these athletes also go on to be high performers in life. Tennis is actually just the vehicle that allows ICF at Lorenzi to do this work and that allowed me the opportunity to surround myself with positive, impactful influences, build a strong internal foundation of peace and consequently be able to approach life lessons with curiosity, a willingness to understand and a growth mindset. These are invaluable takeaways and lessons learned in my time there that have continued to serve me in life long after graduating from college athletics.

The ICF at Lorenzi is a world-class tennis program, but it really is a school for life. If I had the power to do so, I would give the ICF at Lorenzi all the courts / other public facilities in the world to continue doing the work they do. Especially if this means more people will have this same chance to be positively influenced or have their lives be forever and completely transformed by existing in this environment and participating in this programming. I can almost guarantee they become really good at tennis along the way, which is a plus : ).

Sincerely,

Sarah Lucas P: 702-917-4742 From: Stacy Espinoza <<u>padilla4109@gmail.com</u>> Date: November 4, 2021 at 11:15:54 AM PDT To: Subject: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Parks and Rec,

As a player in the NO QUIT Tennis Academy at Lorenzi Park, my whole family has been brought closer together, I have been given opportunities and a second family through the tennis, academic and wellness programming.

My life was personally impacted by earning a scholarship and being able to be part of No Quit Academy because my family is not financially stable. Also allowed my family to know that we are at a safe and positive environment as well. This program helps me by being able to do my physical activities everyday keeping my mental health on check. I have gain great opportunities like volunteering with younger tennis players, have kept pursing my best and ranking as high as I can to be able to put on my college application.

Also having the national and sectional tournaments at Lorenzi Park, Craig Ranch Park and Darling Tennis Center helps not just me thousands more financially because it allows us to be able to play tournaments and have a great rank at a low expense on traveling.

Thank you so much!

Stacy Espinoza padilla4109@gmail.com



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February 3, 2022

SNPLMA Round 19 Committee:

The city of Las Vegas has nominated three projects within the Park, Trails and Natural Areas category of SNPLMA Round 19. These projects include the Northwest Regional Park – Phase 1A, Cragin Park Rehabilitation, and the Lorenzi Tennis Courts Addition. Please accept this letter as the city of Las Vegas' official commitment to provide contributed funds toward the costs associated with the development and implementation of these projects.

#### Northwest Regional Park – Phase 1

The city of Las Vegas requests \$24,600,000.00 of BLM SNPLMA Round 19 funds for the purpose of project construction and design of Phase 1. The proposed total construction cost is \$23,000,000.00 and total design cost is \$1,600,000.00. The city of Las Vegas commits the contributed funds in the amount of \$406,802.05. These funds include \$400,000.00 of FY23 CIP funds for the purpose of archeologist and permitting requirements associated with the project, and \$6,802.05 city of Las Vegas General Fund dollars for the purpose of personnel costs associated with the project.

#### Cragin Park Rehabilitation

The city of Las Vegas requests \$5,531,796.00 of BLM SNPLMA Round 19 funds for the purpose of project construction costs. The city of Las Vegas commits the contributed funds in the amount of \$906,688.05. These funds include \$899,886.00 of city of Las Vegas Park Bond dollars for the purpose of project design, water, sewer, power connection, permits, materials testing, and estimated contingency for soft costs. Contributed funds also include \$6,802.05 city of Las Vegas General Fund dollars for the purpose of personnel costs associated with the project.

#### Lorenzi Tennis Courts Addition

The city of Las Vegas requests \$3,248,968.00 of BLM SNPLMA Round 19 funds for the purpose of project construction, design, materials testing, and permitting requirements with estimated contingency. The city of Las Vegas commits the contributed funds in the amount of \$6,802.05 of city of Las Vegas General Fund dollars for the purpose of personnel costs associated with the project.

The city of Las Vegas looks forward to our three project nominations being considered by the Park, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) subgroup committee for SNPLMA Round 19 recommendations for the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture approval.

Please contact Steve Ford, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, at (702) 229-3244 if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**City of Las Vegas** 



### **Cragin Park Rehabilitation**

Amount Requested: \$3,697,580

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Cragin Park is centrally located in Las Vegas nestled in a residential area along the west boundary of Hyde Park Middle School, less than ½-mile north of West Charleston Blvd. and west of South Valley View Blvd. in Clark County, Nevada. This approximate 10-acre park is located at 984 Hinson Street within T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 31 (APN 139-31-801-019). The Park site is owned by the City of Las Vegas. Las Vegas Fire and Rescue (Fire Station 5) is situated on approximately 1.5 acres of the south end of Craig Park. It is currently utilized by the Ward 1 community in the City of Las Vegas and students of Hyde Park. Ward 1 has been identified as a vulnerable community, consisting of poverty rates that call for revitalization. Cragin Park is on census tract 320030001.05, block group 3. The block group has an average of 47.6% of residents at low to moderate income (LMI) based on ACS data published by HUD, with 9% unemployment rate. There are averages of over 50-75% low-income rates among residents within a one-mile radius of Cragin Park.

Currently, Cragin Park is operated and maintained by the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Recreation – Parks and Ground Maintenance staff. However, the City of Las Vegas has an agreement with the Downtown Las Vegas Soccer Club for permitting and field allocation of Cragin Park for youth soccer team practice use. The Park is open to the public, but there is limited use of the soccer fields when youth soccer groups have scheduled practice. There is currently only one field available. This project will demo the existing field and construct two synthetic turf soccer fields to increase soccer team access to the park for practice and potential tournament play, as well as additional use for the public to coincide with reserved practice times.

The existing park requires upgraded utilities and baseball field amenities. The project size is 10.65 acres and consists of new construction and park improvements. There will be a new exercise equipment area constructed. These are preferably installed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party manufacturer who is certified or recommended. The kinetic play equipment is constructed like typical play equipment using 5" round powder-coated steel posts buried in concrete footers with incorporated climbing features utilizing coated steel reinforced ropes. The system components attach to each other using tamperproof torque screws and steel or aluminum clamps.

1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases:

Cragin Park has not received prior SNPLMA funds and will not require future phases.

2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases:

This will be a stand-alone project that will not require future phases.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

• <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.

• <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

To meet these goals the project will focus on the three SNPLMA core values of connectivity, sustainability, and community, and explain how these values are promoted by the project.

- 1. <u>Sustainability</u>: This project will increase access to soccer fields with the installation of two synthetic turf fields that will require less maintenance as they will be fenced with minimal water usage.
- 2. <u>Connectivity:</u> This project will connect soccer groups throughout the city to additional field space for practice and potential tournament play. The park also provides space for baseball field use and exercise equipment, with a surround walking trail connecting all areas of the park.
- 3. <u>Community</u>: This project will continue to foster relationships in the community and with the Downtown Las Vegas Soccer Club who currently operates the field space for soccer groups.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The City of Las Vegas will construct two synthetic turf soccer fields, baseball field, walking trail, install affixed exercise equipment and upgrade utilities at the 10-acre Cragin Park located in the Las Vegas community of Ward 1 in Clark County, Nevada. The Park is situated along the west boundary of Hyde Park Middle School, less than ½-mile north of Charleston and Valley View Boulevards. These improvements are needed to meet the demand for increased soccer field space and sustainable facilities to conserve water using synthetic turf.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

Primary Deliverables:

- 1. 2 synthetic turf soccer fields
- 2. 1 upgraded baseball field
- 3. 1 exercise equipment area
- 4. 1 walking path
- 5. 1 upgraded utility box
- 6. 1 upgraded water filling station

#### Anticipated Deliverables: None

Standard Deliverables:

- 1. Complete NHPA Section 106 consultation
- 2. Contract services for design, engineering, survey, construction drawings, technical reports, cultural review, field inspections, drainage, utilities, soil/other analysis, grading, permits, site improvements, public input meetings and other necessary expenses.
- 3. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
- 4. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
- 5. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures

#### 6. SNPLMA Close-out Package Construction Contract

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 36.161495, -115.19574936°

Congressional District(s): NV-1

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion will be within the standard 5-year period of performance for PTNA projects. This includes 2 years to obtain SNPLMA funds and execute agreement and Section 106 review, 6 months to bid, 2 years to construct, 1 year to close out.

#### **G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"): □ Yes -or- ⊠ No

The project has been designed to Schematic Level. The city will need to finish the design to be shovel ready, obtain a construction contract, and complete Section 106 consultation.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The City of Las Vegas Department of Park and Recreation will maintain Cragin Park. The department is committed to maintaining this facility to the same high standards as all other City parks to ensure it can be enjoyed for the future. Routine maintenance of the park and soccer fields is estimated to cost \$13,138.71 per acre; \$131,387.10 for 10 acres. Routine operations and maintenance includes trail/pathway maintenance, parking lot cleaning and repair, graffiti removal, debris removal, lighting repair, landscape and building maintenance, and playground equipment inspection and routing repairs.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

City of Las Vegas is seeking \$3,697,580 in SNPLMA funds to complete the project. A breakdown of the estimated costs by budget category is outlined on the SF-424A budget summary form enclosed below.

Partnership and/or Contributed Funds: City of Las Vegas General Fund \$6,802 (staff labor \$5,001.51 plus fringe benefit rate of 36% for \$1,800.54); and City Park Bond (local funds) \$899,886 in contract costs (i.e., design, utility, permits, materials testing, and contingency soft costs) for a total match of \$906,688.

#### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

Authorized Officer: Steve Ford, City Engineer Phone Number: 702-229-3244; Email: sford@lasvegasnevada.gov

Project Manager: Katie Sears, Senior Management Analyst Phone Number: 702-229-1896; Email: <u>ksears@lasvegasnevada.gov</u>

Budget Officer: Brian Lovelin, Financial Analyst Phone Number: 702-229-6818; Email: <u>blovelin@lasvegasnevada.gov</u>

#### GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY Total 6. Object Class Categories (1)(2) (3) (4) (5) CLV General Fund CLV Park Bond (Local SNPLMA PTNA Round Funds) 19:Cragin Park Rehabilitation \$ 5,001.51 \$ \$ \$ 5,001.51 a. Personnel b. Fringe Benefits 1,800.54 1,800.54 c. Travel d. Equipment e. Supplies 3,697,580.00 f. Contractual 899,886.00 4,597,466.00 g. Construction h. Other \$ i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h) 3,697,580.00 4,604,268.00 6,802.05 899,886.00 \$ j. Indirect Charges \$ \$ 6,802.05 \$ 899,886.00 \$ 3,697,580.00 \$ 4,604,268.00 k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j) \$ 0.00 \$ \$ \$ \$ 0.00 7. Program Income

#### **SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. <u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

### A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

Answer: The Cragin Park Rehab project will improve the existing park utilities as well as construct two new synthetic turf soccer fields and new exercise equipment.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

Answer: The project will improve the aged conditions of the park in order to help revitalize the Ward 1 community and attract soccer events and activities to the park.

#### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

Answer: The project is significant as it will increase access to soccer facilities in Las Vegas and provide more park amenities to Hyde Park Middle School and the surrounding community.

#### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

Answer: The park requires upgraded utilities to improve the existing status of the park, as well increasing soccer faculties in order to activate the park and community presence.

# E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

Answer: The Ward 1 community is considered one of the City's vulnerable communities as it experiences low levels of employment and poverty. This park will also provide improved recreational resources to an urban core community in Las Vegas.

2. <u>**RESOURCES**</u>: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.

### A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

Answer: This project will enhance open space and recreational resources as it will increase access to soccer fields and new park amenities.

# B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

Answer: The project advances recreation and fosters relationships with the soccer community for youth sports.

# C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

Answer: The project will install two synthetic turf soccer fields in order to ensure water conservation in Las Vegas. The project also includes LED lighting.

# D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

Answer: This project enhances the recreational experiences by increasing access to soccer fields and providing new park amenities that do not currently exist on the site.

- 3. <u>CONNECTIVITY</u>: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.
  - A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

Answer: The project enhances physical connectivity and access to park amenities in Las Vegas.

- B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)
   Answer: No
- C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Answer: No

D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

Answer: Yes, the park bridges the community and students to the outdoors by providing new park amenities to enjoy

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or

# underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

Answer: The project will engage youth and the entire community, as well as underserved communities in Ward 1.

- 4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.
  - A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

Answer: Yes, please reference the Budget Narrative and SF424A Budget Category form that outlines the costs of the project. Project deliverables will consist of the \$5,531,796 being nominated for Cragin Park.

The project will be completed with \$5,531,796 of SNPLMA funds, \$6,802.05 in City general funds, and \$899,886 in City Park Bonds (local funds) for a total project estimated cost of \$6,438,484.05 to complete the project.

Future phases will not be required.

B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

Answer: Yes, there has been demand for more park amenities and soccer fields at Cragin Park.

C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

Answer: Yes. The two new soccer fields are synthetic turf which will require minimal maintenance of the grass.

 D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

Answer: No

A. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

Answer: Uses synthetic turf and LED lighting

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

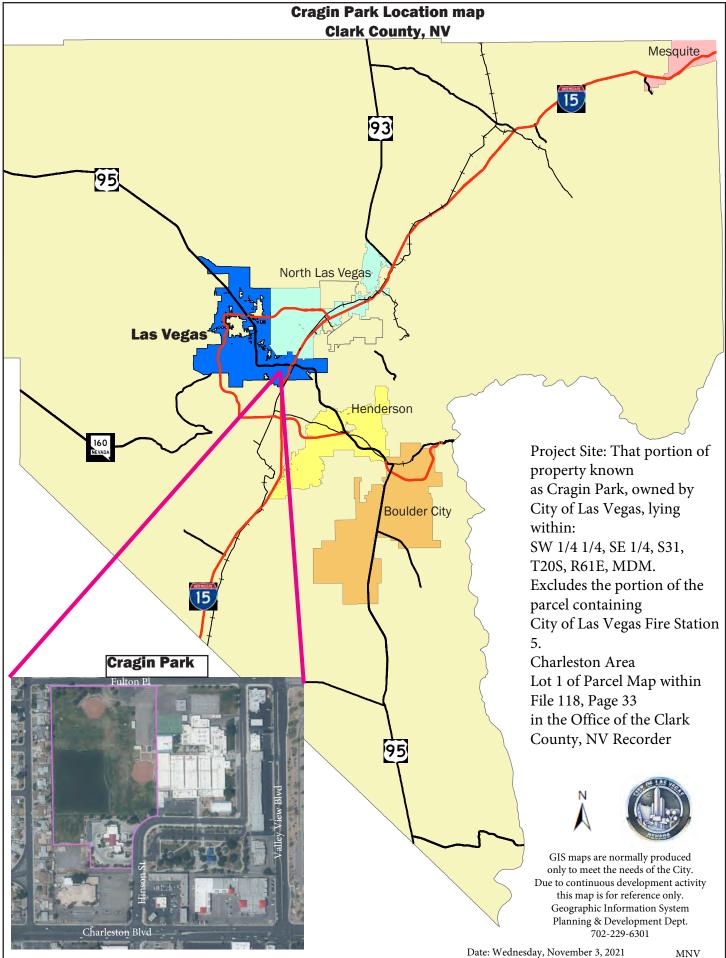
- A. Executive Orders (EO):
  - 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. Answer: Not Applicable
  - 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. <u>Answer</u>: Not Applicable
- B. Secretarial Orders
  - 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation. Answer: The project will increase access to soccer fields and new park amenities
  - 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. Answer: Not Applicable
  - 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. <u>Answer</u>: Not Applicable
  - 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior. <u>Answer</u>: Not Applicable
  - 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. Answer: Not Applicable
  - 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. <u>Answer</u>: Not Applicable
  - 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). <u>Answer</u>: Not Applicable
  - 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. <u>Answer</u>: Not Applicable
  - 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. <u>Answer</u>: Not Applicable

#### C. Department of the Interior Priorities:

- 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations. Answer: The project will use synthetic turf for the two new soccer fields as well as LED lighting
- 2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy. Answer: Not Applicable
- 3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs. This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate. Answer: Not Applicable
- 4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America. Answer: Not Applicable
- 5. Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities. Answer: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have become priorities of the City of Las Vegas. That lens will be applied to this project in order to increase access to outdoor recreation and community engagement in Ward 1. Cragin Park will be open to the public.

#### D. Forest Service Priorities:

- 1. *Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic.* <u>Answer</u>: The project will provide increased access to outdoor recreation
- 2. Providing economic relief. Answer: Not applicable
- 3. Tackling climate change. Answer: Synthetic turf to conserve water
- 4. *Advancing racial equity.* <u>Answer</u>: Increase the access to park amenities within a vulnerable community in downtown Las Vegas
- 5. Improving our workforce and work environment. Answer: Not applicable





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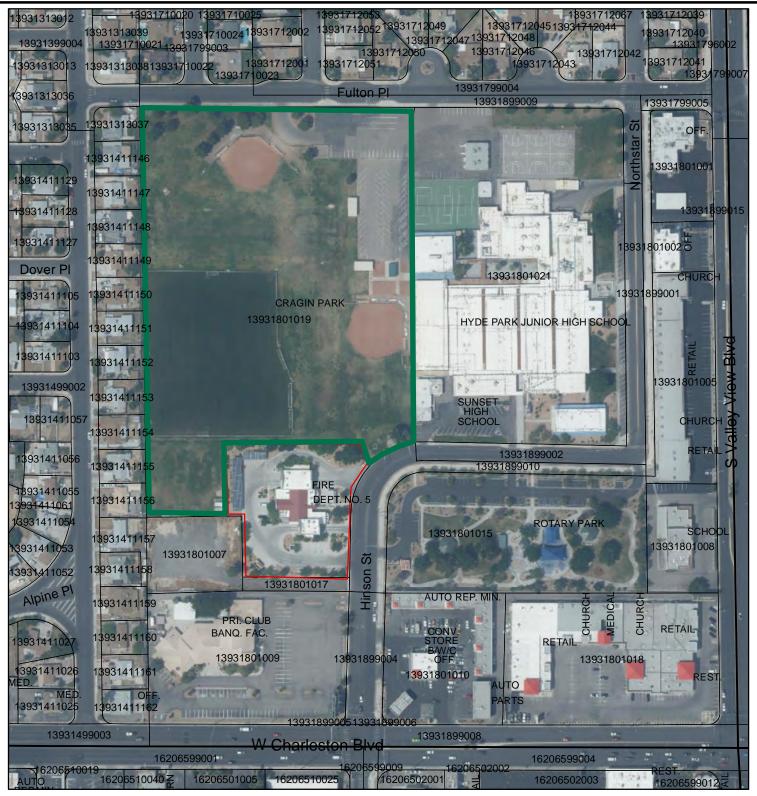
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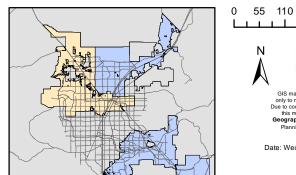


### **Cragin Park: Assessor Parcel Aerial**





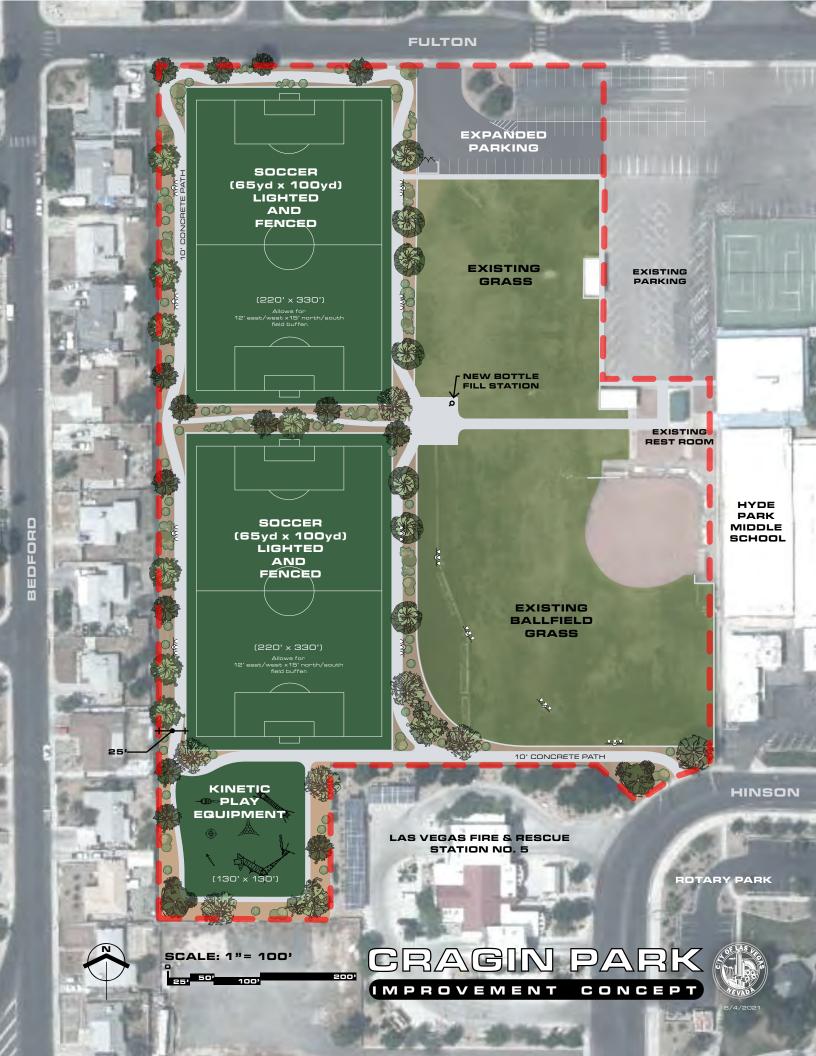
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#### **CRAGIN PARK SITE PHOTOS**



Photo 1 – Existing Southern Grass Space (Location of Kinetic Play Equipment)



Photo 2 – Existing Walkway



Photo 3 – View of existing fenced soccer field



Photo 4 - Transformer Box / Electrical Wires

#### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Cragin Park Rehabilitation

#### **Performance Measures**

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation Management	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved R3- Number of New	<ul> <li>*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2. *Report to the nearest whole acre.</li> <li>*Report the number of new recreational buildings,</li> </ul>	Rehabilitate the existing +/- 10-acre Cragin Park • 2 new synthetic turf
Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. *Report each facility or structure as one unit.	<ul> <li>2 new synthetic thir soccer fields to replace natural grass</li> <li>New kinetic sport exercise equipment affixed to park</li> <li>New lighting at baseball field</li> </ul>
R4- Miles of New Recreational Roads / Trails Constructed or Routes Improved	*Report the number of miles of new recreational roads and/or trails constructed or improved. Restoration of existing roads and/or trails may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. * <i>Report to the nearest</i> <i>whole mile</i> .	

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community

Other Performance Measures	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity
O8 – Buildings or Facilities that Support Green Sustainable Design and Construction	*Report the percent reduction in the carbon footprint accomplished through green design, water conservation, energy independence, etc. Report the Leed certification level (silver, gold, platinum), if applicable.* <i>Report each building</i> or facility as one unit	2 Synthetic Turf Soccer Fields



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In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00000)

Ms. Katie Sears Senior Management Analyst Department of Parks and Recreation 441 E. Bonanza Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Email: ksears@LasVegasNevada.gov

Dear Ms. Sears:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of the City of Las Vegas (City) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) consultation meeting held on September 22, 2021. I would like to thank the City for participating in Round 19.

The City has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the PTNA Round 19 project nominations as described below.

<u>Northwest Regional Park</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a regional park with soccer and baseball fields. The proposed project is in the northwest part of the valley within M.D.M., T. 19 S., R. 60 E., sec. 5. The park proposal is on BLM-administered public land leased to the City pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act, (N-37125 for a park, and N-82353 for a fire station). The project is also located on BLM-administered lands reserved on behalf of the City for recreation and public purposes (SNPLMA Reservation N-77372).

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, the existing R&PP leases need to be addressed, either through relinquishment and a new application submitted for this project, or a request for a change of use/additional acreage to be added to an existing lease and the remaining leases relinquished. Changes to the existing R&PP lease will require coordination with the BLM to determine any additional consultation consistent with the NEPA. During planning, the BLM also asks that invasive plant species not be included in the proposed park landscaping. Bear in mind that the minimum amount of time to process a request through NEPA is 18 months or more.

In addition, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required. However, previous cultural inventories in the project area identified one unevaluated cultural site (26CK1640) and three cultural sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places – Tule Construction Camp (26CK5596), Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad Berm (26CK1649), and Las Vegas-Bullfrog/Tonopah Wagon Road (26CK5600). Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office will be required to address the potential effects of park construction to these sites and measures for mitigation of these

effects. The proposed budget and timeline should cover Section 106 compliance, which is estimated to take up to 1 year to complete because of the potential adverse effects to historic properties.

Please bear in mind that there is a legislatively designated renewable energy corridor located along the Township line as well as a planned substation that may require a change in location depending upon the project. There are no issues with the proposed project so long as development and operation and maintenance of the proposed project remain in compliance with the R&PP lease.

<u>Darling Tennis Courts</u> – This proposal is to design and construct ten new tennis courts. The proposed project is generally located within the existing Kellogg-Zaher Regional Park at 7901 West Washington Avenue within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 60 E., sec. 28.

The proposal is on BLM-administered public land patented to the City through the R&PP Act (Patent 27-2011-0017). The City will need to update the R&PP approved plan of development (POD) received when the subject land was patented to the City to incorporate any improvements not currently outlined in the POD.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review.

<u>Cragin Park</u> – This proposal is to replace existing soccer fields with two new synthetic turf soccer fields, trails, play equipment, and new field lights. The proposed improvements are on City owned land generally located at 984 Hinson Street within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 31.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Desert Pines Redevelopment Trail and Old Golf Course Community Center Conversion</u> – This proposal is to design and construct a recreational trail around the proposed 95.54-acre redevelopment of the Desert Pines Golf Course to connect to the Harris Drainage Alignment on the east side and the proposed US95 / I-515 Downtown Access project on the west side. The improvements would also repurpose the existing golf course clubhouse into a multi-generational recreation center. The proposed project is on City owned land generally located at 3415 East Bonanza Road, within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 36.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

Lorenzi Tennis Courts Addition – This proposal is to design and construct three new tennis courts at Lorenzi Park. The proposed additions are on City owned land generally located at 730 Twin Lakes Drive at Lorenzi Park within M.D.M., T. 20 S., R. 61 E., sec. 29.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required

because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>215 Trail Bridges</u> – This proposal is to design and construct two pedestrian bridges across Summerlin Parkway west of the 215 Beltway to facilitate trail connectivity of the existing 215 Western Beltway Trail. The proposed bridges are on City owned land generally located west of the intersection of Summerlin Parkway and the 215 Beltway.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Heers Park</u> – This proposal is to upgrade and enhance the existing Heers Park including fitness court, picnic pavilions, shade trees and benches, and a lighted soft-surface path along the perimeter of the park. The proposed pool is on City owned land generally located at 6320 Plaza Verde Place.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

<u>Oakey/Wyoming Trail</u> – This proposal is to extend on-street bike lanes that currently exist on Oakey Boulevard and to add an enhanced walking trail generally between Rancho and Las Vegas Boulevard. The proposed improvements are on City owned land generally located on Oakey from Valley View Boulevard to Interstate 15.

Should this proposal be selected to receive SNPLMA funding, compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA will be required. An initial assessment of the project indicates that a cultural survey is not required because all proposed actions will occur on previously disturbed areas. However, project coordination with BLM archaeologists is required to complete the Section 106 cultural review. There are no impacts to BLM managed land.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the consultation meeting or lands and realty related questions, please contact Lisa Moody, Realty Specialist at 702-515-5084 or emoody@blm.gov. Any questions regarding the PTNA program please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA Program Manager at 702-515-5168.

Sincerely,

ANGELITA BULLETTS

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February 3, 2022

SNPLMA Round 19 Committee:

The city of Las Vegas has nominated three projects within the Park, Trails and Natural Areas category of SNPLMA Round 19. These projects include the Northwest Regional Park - Phase IA, Cragin Park Rehabilitation, and the Lorenzi Tennis Courts Addition. Please accept this letter as the city of Las Vegas' official commitment to provide contributed funds toward the costs associated with the development and implementation of these projects.

#### Northwest Regional Park - Phase 1

The city of Las Vegas requests \$24,600,000.00 of BLM SNPLMA Round 19 funds for the purpose of project construction and design of Phase 1. The proposed total construction cost is \$23,000,000.00 and total design cost is \$1,600,000.00. The city of Las Vegas commits the contributed funds in the amount of \$406,802.05. These funds include \$400,000.00 of FY23 CIP funds for the purpose of archeologist and permitting requirements associated with the project, and \$6,802.05 city of Las Vegas General Fund dollars for the purpose of personnel costs associated with the project.

#### **Cragin Park Rehabilitation**

The city of Las Vegas requests \$5,531,796.00 of BLM SNPLMA Round 19 funds for the purpose of project construction costs. The city of Las Vegas commits the contributed funds in the amount of \$906,688.05. These funds include \$899,886.00 of city of Las Vegas Park Bond dollars for the purpose of project design, water, sewer, power connection, permits, materials testing, and estimated contingency for soft costs. Contributed funds also include \$6,802.05 city of Las Vegas General Fund dollars for the purpose of personnel costs associated with the project.

#### Lorenzi Tennis Courts Addition

The city of Las Vegas requests \$3,248,968.00 of BLM SNPLMA Round 19 funds for the purpose of project construction, design, materials testing, and permitting requirements with estimated contingency. The city of Las Vegas commits the contributed funds in the amount of \$6,802.05 of city of Las Vegas General Fund dollars for the purpose of personnel costs associated with the project.

The city of Las Vegas looks forward to our three project nominations being considered by the Park, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) subgroup committee for SNPLMA Round 19 recommendations for the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture approval.

Please contact Steve Ford, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, at (702) 229-3244 if you have any additional questions or concerns.

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November 2, 2021

Roger Tabor President Downtown Las Vegas Soccer Club 900 South Valley View Blvd, #175 Las Vegas, NV 89107

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Roger Tabor, President of the Downtown Las Vegas Soccer Club and the Tournament Director for the Las Vegas Mayor's Cup International. On behalf of our club, I am proud to support the Cragin Park Rehabilitation project in the City of Las Vegas as a nomination for SNPLMA Round 19.

As existing partners with the City of Las Vegas, we are excited for the opportunity to improve the soccer facilities at Cragin Park for soccer organizations in Las Vegas. Currently, there is only one field available for soccer use. This project will replace the existing field with two synthetic turf fields. Additionally, we are pleased that the plan also includes a walking pathway connecting all areas of the park for visitors and families, and new quality field lighting improvements.

Not only will this restore Cragin Park as a soccer destination in Las Vegas, but an improved soccer facility will also support the momentum around professional soccer and other sports in southern Nevada. As soccer is already in high demand, the rehabilitation of Cragin Park will provide youth access and exposure to professional sports opportunities.

The Downtown Las Vegas Soccer Club appreciates the opportunity and looks forward SNPLMA Round 18. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank

you. Sincerely.

Boger Tabor President Downtown Las Vegas Soccer Club

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### Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Round 19

**Lincoln County** 



### **Alamo Annex Courtyard**

Amount Requested: \$849,000

#### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Alamo Annex Courtyard will be located on 2.5 acres identified as assessor parcel 00406103 owned by Lincoln County. The project area currently has an old concrete slab to be demolished and removed for construction of the courtyard addition. The Courtyard will be attached to the Alamo Courthouse Annex building. Benches, awnings, picnic tables and vegetation will provide an area for relaxation, picnics, and outdoor enjoyment.

Alamo is an unincorporated town in southern Lincoln County, Nevada, about 90 miles north of Las Vegas along U.S. Route 93. Its elevation is 3,449 feet. This quaint community includes a café, grocery store, church, motels, service stations, emergency services and a landing strip for small private airplanes. It is the social and business center of the rich Pahranagat Valley and home to the Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge.

Project conceptual designs and images have been provided by an outside source but if the project is awarded engineering and design will need to be completed.

No other projects have been implemented in this area.

- 1. Describe relationship to prior approved phases or related SNPLMA projects and anticipated future phases: This project is not part of a phasing and at this time we are not anticipating future phases.
- 2. Acknowledgement of stand-alone project and no guarantee of funding for future phases: Lincoln County acknowledges that there are no guarantee of future funding and that this project is a stand-alone project.

#### **B. SNPLMA STRATEGIC PLAN VALUES**

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) projects have two goals identified in the Strategic Plan:

- <u>Goal 1</u>: Sustain the quality of the outdoor environment by conserving, preserving, and restoring natural and cultural resources.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Improve the quality of life for all publics in urban and rural communities by enhancing recreational opportunities that connect people with the outdoor environment.

The project promotes these goals by focusing on the tree SNPLMA core values, connectivity, sustainability, and community as described below:

1. Sustainability:

Lincoln County will design the Courtyard area for durability and quality. With large costs for maintenance and repairs it is the County's intent to build the project with quality products that will allow for long term durability. The goal is to provide an area that will be available and sustainable for many years to come.

2. Connectivity:

The Courtyard will bring a natural area into the town of Alamo that will be accessible to all. With the features that will be incorporated into the courtyard it is anticipated that the

area will attract birds and animals that will help connect the public with nature. The courtyard will also allow for those who use it, to see and have the opportunity to go into other areas for outdoor recreation. The town of Alamo is surrounded by public lands and other recreational areas that are all readily accessible from the town.

3. <u>Community:</u>

The Annex Courtyard will provide the public with an outdoor recreational area that will encourage resting and relaxing in the outdoors and connection with nature. The area will allow for visiting in a quiet place and to enjoy the serenity that we hope to achieve.

#### **C. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Lincoln County will construct a courtyard addition to the existing Alamo Courthouse annex located north of Box Canyon Road and west of Joshua Tree Street in the town of Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada. The project will occur on county-owned land that will include installing seating areas/benches, picnic tables, awnings for shade, and shrubbery/grassy areas. The Alamo Annex Courtyard project will connect the community and visitors to tranquil landscapes and recreational opportunities.

#### **D. PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

- 1. <u>Primary Deliverables</u>: Size and configurations are subject to engineering and design.
  - a. Demo and remove existing concrete slab
  - b. Construct new concrete foundation for courtyard addition (11,772 sq. ft.)
  - c. Install up to 16 seating areas/benches
  - d. Install up to 10 Picnic Tables (2.5ft. x 8ft. each)
  - e. Install 5 awnings (2 each 10.5ft. x 15ft. and 3 each 11ft. x 26.5ft.)
  - f. Turf and Installation (2,700 sq. ft.)
  - g. Landscaping trees (about 8) and plants (about 29)
  - h. Install 20 outdoor light poles/posts
  - i. Install an Irrigation System
  - j. Install pavers for walkways (9,100 sq. ft.)
  - k. Concrete planters up to 4 (4ft. x 4ft. in approximate size)
  - l. Kiosks 2 each (4ft. x 4ft.)
  - m. Fencing (225 linear ft.)
  - n. Gravel edging (2,200 sq. ft.)
- 2. Anticipated Deliverables: None
- 3. <u>Standard Deliverables</u>:
  - a. Public and agency scoping
  - b. Develop scope of work for contracting
  - c. Conceptual plan and design
  - d. Construction and project management
  - e. Financial and Performance Reporting (e.g., SF-425, Performance Narrative)
  - f. SNPLMA Status Reporting (Quarterly and Annually)
  - g. SNPLMA Annual Accomplishments and Performance Measures
  - h. SNPLMA Close-out Package

#### **E. PROJECT LOCATION**

Latitude and Longitude: 37.362394° / -115.168651°

Congressional District(s): NV-4

#### F. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Project completion will be within the standard 5-year period of performance for PTNA projects.

#### G. LEVEL OF PROJECT READINESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Is this a shovel-ready project (explain if "Yes"):  $\Box$  Yes -or-  $\boxtimes$  No

Conceptual drawings have been presented which represent what Lincoln County would like to build but design and engineering would need to be completed in order to move forward with the project. An initial assessment of the project on September 23, 2021, by the BLM Ely District Office affirmed that the project is exempt from consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office since the site is pre-disturbed. The BLM documented this exemption on a "Cultural Resources Inventory Needs Assessment" form. This completes Section 106 consultation.

#### **H. FUTURE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance and future operation costs would be provided by Lincoln County through the town of Alamo, which is an entity of Lincoln County. The Friends of Pahranagat Valley program will also help as needed. Cost of future maintenance cannot be estimated. Lincoln County anticipates, that depending upon weather, the plants and trees may need to be replaced. Weeding will need to occur, mowing of turf on a regular basis will be needed. The Alamo Town Board and Friends of Pahranagat Valley will be taking care of these items with no cost to the County.

#### I. PROJECT BUDGET

Lincoln County is seeking \$849,000 in SNPLMA funding to complete the project. A summary of the estimated cost by budget categories (SF-424A) is outlined below.

<u>Partnership and/or Contributed Funds:</u> There are no partnerships or contributed funds anticipated for this project.

#### **J. KEY CONTACTS**

Authorized Officer/Project Manager/Budget Officer: Denice Brown Email: <u>dbrown@lincolnnv.com</u>; Phone Number: 775-962-8063

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY			Total
	(1) SNPLMA Round 19 - PTNA "Alamo Annex Courtyard"			(5)
a. Personnel	\$ 4,000.00	\$	\$	\$ \$ 4,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits	0.00			0.00
c. Travel	0.00			0.00
d. Equipment	0.00			0.00
e. Supplies	0.00			0.00
f. Contractual	845,000.00			845,000.00
g. Construction				
h. Other				
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	849,000.00			\$ 849,000.00
j. Indirect Charges	0.00			\$
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 849,000.00	\$	\$	\$ \$ 849,000.00
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7. Program Income	\$ 0.00	\$	\$	\$ \$ <u>0.00</u>

#### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

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#### **K. RANKING CRITERIA**

Ranking Criteria are used to evaluate the nomination against the goals for the PTNA category.

1. **<u>DEMAND FOR AND ACCESS TO</u>**: Constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands for access to recreation opportunities.

# A. The project constructs a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area that provides access to recreation within communities.

<u>Answer</u>: The Annex Courtyard will be a new area that will provide an opportunity for visitors and residents to enjoy and relax in a natural outdoor environment area. The Courtyard is in close proximity to other parks within Alamo and BLM public lands.

#### B. The project improves community prosperity and economic development

<u>Answer</u>: The Courtyard would invite residents to sit and visit or just come and relax. As visitors come to the courtyard, they would be enticed to visit nearby stores and gas stations to obtain articles that would make the visit to the courtyard more enjoyable.

#### C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.

<u>Answer</u>: This project is unique to Lincoln County. The amenities at the Courtyard are also unique to the town of Alamo. The Courtyard will provide an area that will allow for relaxation and enjoyment in the outdoors.

#### D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).

<u>Answer</u>: Relaxation and the ability to social distance within this area would be beneficial to our public health and safety concerns.

# E. The project meets the needs of communities that have faced barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to recreational opportunities.

<u>Answer</u>: The town of Alamo is in an extremely rural area surrounded by vast open space and BLM public lands. The Courtyard would be available to visitors of other outdoor recreation areas located by and adjacent to the town of Alamo.

- 2. **<u>RESOURCES</u>**: The project contributes to creating a conservation stewardship legacy while addressing the quality of the human experience.
  - A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.

<u>Answer</u>: This project is in an area that is connected to other parks and BLM public lands. It is walkable to the rodeo grounds and adjacent baseball fields and is a short distance to the other park in Alamo and also to access BLM public land.

### B. The project advances recreation opportunities while enhancing conservation stewardship within communities.

<u>Answer</u>: The Courtyard will provide a natural area that will promote outdoor recreation. This project has the ability to encourage additional recreational activities.

# C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.

<u>Answer</u>: The design of the Annex Courtyard project will be sustainably designed by conservation measures and uses of water, energy, and materials in the for front. Until engineering has been completed, we will not know specifically how this will occur. This project has the potential to use modern amenities to accomplish this in a manner that is budget friendly.

# D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the recreation experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.

<u>Answer</u>: The Courtyard could be used as a starting point to educate and increase appreciation and understanding of the natural environment by giving the opportunity to see, hear and enjoy a natural area.

3. **<u>CONNECTIVITY</u>**: Promotes connectivity that links people to recreational opportunities and unites important places across the landscape.

# A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.

<u>Answer</u>: The Alamo Annex is in an area that is readily accessible to other parks, and natural open areas within BLM public lands.

B. The park, trail, or natural area is part of an approved regional or local plan. (If no formal regional/local approved plan describes the planning process.)

<u>Answer</u>: This project is not part of a regional/local plan. It was brought forward by the Friends of Pahranagat Valley program as an amenity to the community.

# C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

<u>Answer</u>: This project is in an area that is connected to other parks and BLM public lands. It is easily walkable to the adjacent rodeo grounds and baseball fields. It is a short distance to the other park in Alamo and also to access BLM open public lands.

# D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.

<u>Answer</u>: This venue could be a starting point for those who are not familiar with or interested in more extensive outdoor activities to enjoy nature. The Courtyard gives the opportunity to see, hear and enjoy natural areas without physically being engaged.

E. The project promotes recruiting, retaining, and re-engaging people and conservationists, with an emphasis on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, or underserved communities that traditionally have low participation in recreation activities.

<u>Answer</u>: The Annex Courtyard will give an alternative option to those who wish to enjoy the outdoors but are not interested in the physical activities that are mostly present in outdoor recreational activities.

4. <u>COST AND VALUE OF INVESTMENT</u>: Evaluates, describes, and considers costs and benefits of the project.

# A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.

<u>Answer</u>: It is anticipated that this project will cost approximately \$849,000. Lincoln County feels that the budget that has been established is justifiable and a preliminary assessment has been completed to the best of our ability. Based on recent cost increases due to supply and demand over the last couple of years and the remoteness of our community it significantly impacts the cost for professional services and material resulting in our budget for this project to seem high. Lincoln County does not feel at this time that phasing is necessary.

# B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (e.g., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.

<u>Answer</u>: The Alamo Annex has many visitors that are looking for an area to wait at or a stopping point as they are traveling. The Courtyard will provide an area that will make this possible. The area residents enjoy outdoor areas to relax in also, it will be an asset to the community to have this area available to them.

# C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.

<u>Answer</u>: As the design is moved forward Lincoln County will work closely with the engineers to implement technology and avenues to minimize maintenance of the area and cost for maintenance.

D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (e.g., financial, volunteerism).

Answer: There are no committed non-SNPLMA funding or in-kind contributions.

E. Modernizes existing infrastructure to reduce the Operation and Maintenance costs by incorporating technology and engineering efficiency and sustainability (e.g., solar lighting).

<u>Answer</u>: As the design moves forward the engineering will be looking for all forms of efficiency. This will include plants that require minimal watering, sustainable benches and awnings that will last with minimal maintenance. An irrigation system will be designed to conserve water, be maintenance free, yet provide vegetation needed moisture.

#### L. ORDERS AND PRIORITIES

Respond to the Executive Orders, Secretarial Orders, Department of the Interior Priorities, and USDA Forest Service Priorities as they apply to the purpose of the nomination.

- A. Executive Orders (EO):
  - 1. EO No. 13855: Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Range Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
  - 2. EO No. 14005: Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- B. Secretarial Orders
  - 1. SO No. 3347: Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation.

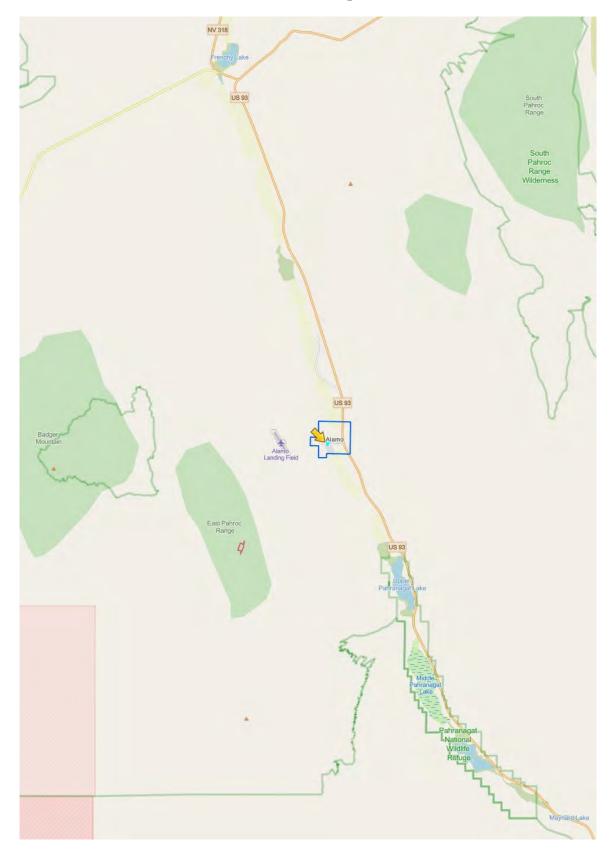
Answer: Outdoor Recreation comes in all forms of activities. The Alamo Annex Courtyard will provide an experience of relaxation and enjoyment of the outdoors. Visitors can use the area to picnic, read a book or just enjoy the outdoor ambiance. The Annex Complex will support Conservation Stewardship in an unorthodox manner by increasing the outdoor resource.

- 2. SO No. 3356: Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes and Territories. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 3. SO No. 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 4. SO No. 3366: Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

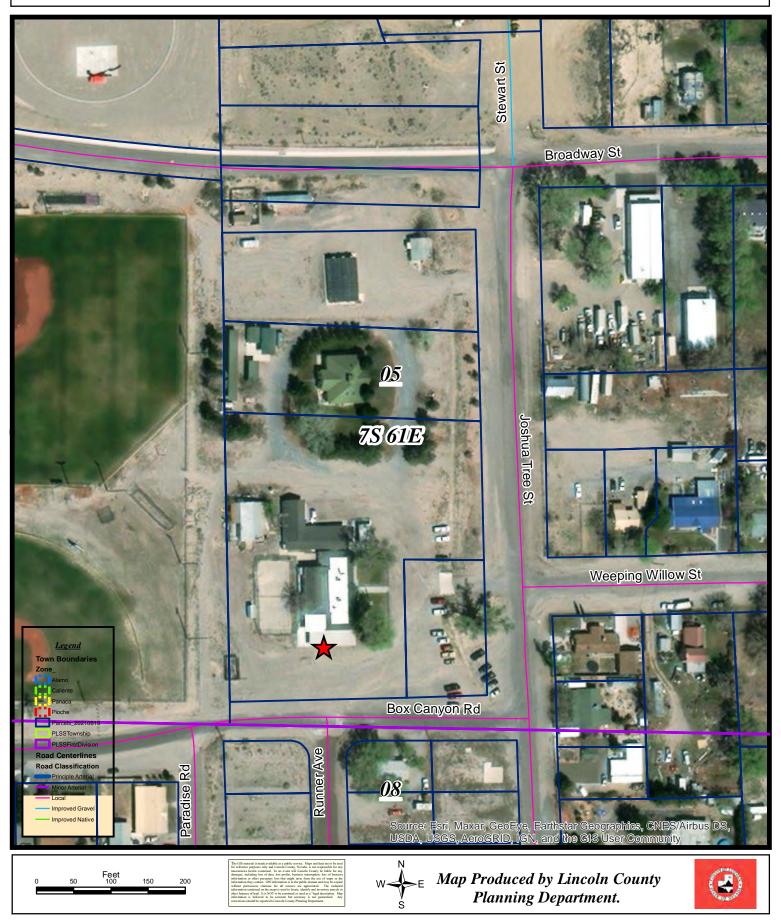
<u>Answer</u>: The Annex Courtyard is located in an area of Alamo that is in close proximity to BLM managed lands. The Courtyard can be used as a stopping or resting area for travelers to/from BLM open public land areas or other outdoor recreation.

- 5. SO No. 3370: Conservation Stewardship and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 6. SO No. 3372: Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Management. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 7. SO No. 3373: Evaluating Public Access in Bureau of land Management Public Land Disposal and Exchanges (focus is on Sec. 4.b.(3) Potential increased public recreational access to existing public lands resulting from the proposed land acquired through an exchange (acquisition). <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 8. SO No. 3374: Implementation of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- 9. SO No. 3376: Increasing Recreational Opportunities through the use of Electric Bikes. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
- C. Department of the Interior Priorities:
  - 1. Identifying steps to accelerate responsible development of renewable energy on public lands and waters. We are investing in climate research and environmental innovation to incentivize the rapid deployment of clean energy solutions, while reviewing existing programs to restore balance on America's public lands and waters to benefit current and future generations. Answer: N/A
  - 2. Strengthening the government-to-government relationship with sovereign Tribal nations. We understand that tribal sovereignty and self-governance, as well as honoring the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations, must be the cornerstones of federal Indian policy. <u>Answer</u>: N/A
  - **3. Making investments to support the Administration's goal of creating millions of family-supporting and union jobs.** *This includes establishing a new Climate Conservation Corps Initiative to put a new generation of Americans to work conserving and restoring public lands and waters, increasing reforestation, increasing carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protecting biodiversity, improving access to recreation, and addressing the changing climate.* <u>Answer</u>: N/A
  - 4. Working to conserve at least 30% each of our lands and waters by the year 2030. We will work to protect biodiversity, slow extinction rates, and help leverage natural climate solutions by conserving 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030. This relies on support for local, state, private, and tribally led conservation and restoration efforts that are underway across America. Answer: N/A

- **5.** Centering equity and environmental justice. The impacts of the multiple crises in the United States are not evenly distributed in our society. Communities of color, low-income families, and rural and indigenous communities have long suffered disproportionate and cumulative harm from air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites. At every step of the way, Interior will engage diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government's trust responsibilities. Answer: N/A
- D. Forest Service Priorities:
  - 1. Controlling the COVID-19 pandemic. Answer: N/A
  - 2. Providing economic relief. Answer: N/A
  - 3. Tackling climate change. Answer: N/A
  - 4. Advancing racial equity. Answer: N/A
  - 5. Improving our workforce and work environment. Answer: N/A



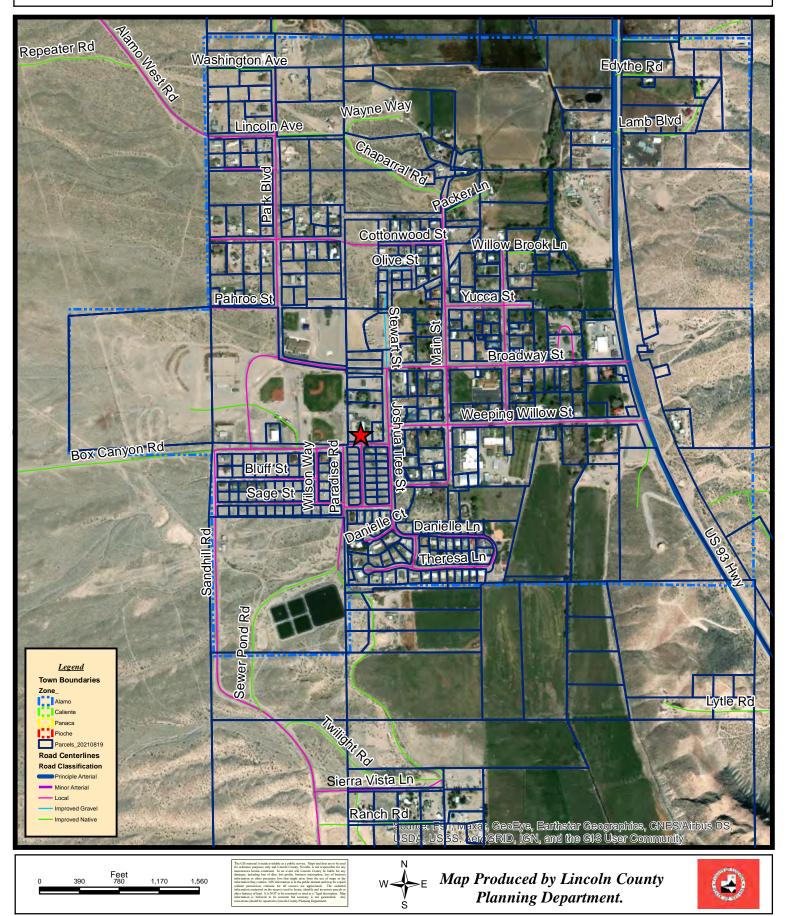
# Map 1 Alamo Annex



# Map 2 Alamo Annex



# Map 3 Alamo Annex



#### Photos





Photo 1 – View west from Joshua Tree Street of the front view of the Alamo Courthouse



Photo 2 – North of Box Canyon Road near southwest corner of existing concrete slab - view northeast



Photo 3 - Near north end of existing concrete slab view south towards Box Canyon Road



Photo 4 – North of Box Canyon Road – view of concrete slab (south to north end)



### United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Ely District Office 702 North Industrial Way Ely, Nevada 89301 https://www.blm.gov/nevada



In Reply Refer To: 2912 (NVL000)

Chairman Jared Brackenbury Lincoln County Board of Commissioners PO Box 90 Pioche, Nevada 89043

Dear Chairman Brackenbury:

This correspondence acknowledges the participation of Lincoln County (County) in the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 19 Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (PTNA) nomination consultation held September 23, 2021. I would like to thank the County for its interest in participating in Round 19.

The County has met the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consultation requirement concerning the proposed PTNA projects described below:

Lincoln County Fairgrounds Phase IV - This project will continue to enhance and improve upon the current Lincoln County Fairgrounds. With Phase IV, the County would look at finishing any items that could not be accomplished in Phase III, increasing RV spaces, covering the arena and overnight pens, building a multi-purpose building, connecting the east and west arena announcers' booths, provide additional lighting, complete the concession stand and add roping slots and gates for the sorting alley. The proposed project is located at Lincoln County, Town of Panaca, Township 2 South, Range 68 East, Section 9; Coordinates: Longitude -114.374472, Latitude 37.792738; APN: 00224010; Physical Address: 1631 East State Route 319, Panaca, NV.

The proposed project is on lands patented to Lincoln County for the purpose of a public fairground. There are no issues with the proposal so long as development, operation, and maintenance remain in compliance with the Recreation and Public Purposes Act Patent. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is complete for this project.

<u>Alamo Annex</u> – Lincoln County proposes to develop an outdoor area for the community filled with plants, trees, and grassy areas, and benches and awnings to provide areas that can be used for picnicking, relaxation, and outdoor enjoyment. The project is completely located on land owned by Lincoln County. There will be no impact or encroachment on Federal lands. The project is located at: Town of Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada, Township 7 South, Range 61 East, Section 5; Coordinates: Longitude -115.168651, Latitude 37.362394; APN: 00406103; Physical Address: 121 Joshua Tree St., Alamo, NV

This project, while on private lands requires conformance with the National Historic Preservation Act, if funded through SNPLMA. The action itself is exempt from consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office due to being pre-disturbed. The BLM Ely District documented the project as being exempt from consultation on a "Cultural Resources Inventory Needs Assessment" form. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is complete for this project.

<u>Alamo Sports Complex</u> – The County proposes to build a sporting complex consisting of two pickleball courts, one tennis court, and one basketball court. Each court will be separated for individual use by wire fencing. Post tension concrete will be used to enhance the longevity of the courts. Lighting will be included for nighttime use. The proposed project is located at: Town of Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada, Township 7 South, Range 61 East, Section 5; Coordinates: Longitude -115.172711, Latitude 37.362381; APN: 00415157; Physical Address: 759 Box Canyon Rd., Alamo, NV.

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If you have any questions regarding the consultation meeting or the PTNA program in general, please contact Michelle Leiber, SNPLMA PTNA Program Manager at (702) 515-5168 or mleiber@blm.gov. If you have any questions specific to the federal resources within the BLM Ely District, you can contact me at rmcaboy@blm.gov or (775) 289-1840.

Sincerely,

ROBBIE MCABOY Digitally signed by ROBBIE MCABOY Date: 2021,11.02 12:12:08 -07'00'

Robbie McAboy District Manager Ely District Office

#### SNPLMA ROUND 19 NOMINATION Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Alamo Courthouse Addition

#### **Performance Measures**

#### SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2: Improve the Quality of Life for all Publics in Urban and Rural Communities by Enhancing Recreational Opportunities that Connect People with the Outdoor Environment

Performance Measures for Recreation	Definition of Performance Measures	Quantity					
Management	Definition of 1 error mance weasures	Quantity					
R2 - Acres of New Parks or Natural Areas Constructed or Improved	*Report the number of acres of new parks or natural areas constructed or improved. Existing parks or natural areas may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Do not report acres of new parks or natural areas acquired, as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6. Do not report structures built, as this should be reported under performance measure R3 or O2.	11,772 sq. ft. new courthouse addition					
R3- Number of New Recreational Facilities / Structures Constructed or Improved	<ul> <li>*Report to the nearest whole acre.</li> <li>*Report the number of new recreational buildings, structures, park amenities, or similar facilities constructed or improved. Existing recreational facilities may be counted under this performance measure if functional improvements are made as defined in the project nomination. Include shade shelters, picnic areas, playgrounds, arenas, amphitheaters, pedestrian bridges, etc. Do not report acres of land acquired for new parks or natural areas as this should be reported under performance measure R5 or R6.</li> <li>*Report each facility or structure as one unit.</li> </ul>	Approx. 16 seating areas/benches; 10 picnic tables; 5 awnings for shade					
SNPLMA FY2020-FY2024 STRATEGIC PLAN: Other Performance Measures that Also Support the Three Values for SNPLMA Implementation of Sustainability, Connectivity, and Community							
Other Performance Measures	<b>Definition of Performance Measures</b>	Quantity					
O6 - Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/ Kiosks/Displays/etc. Produced	*Report the number of new interpretive or education publications produced, signs produced and installed, public informational websites or other electronic media presentations designed and implemented, and informational or interpretive kiosk displays produced and installed. *Report each item produced as one unit.	2 Kiosks					

### SOUTHEASTERN LINCOLN COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION 181 MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 329 PIOCHE, NEVADA 89043

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

LINCOLN COUNTY GRANTS DEPARTMENT 181 MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 539

ATTENTION: Denise Brown

Dear Denise:

This letter is in reference to the SNPLMA project application: ALAMO ANNEX. This area is connected to the south end of the existing Alamo Annex and consists of approximately .17 acres. As this ground has been previously disturbed it is exempt from any habitat disturbance fees.

Thank you for contacting this office. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know

SOUTHEASTERN LINCOLN COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION

Hornbeck, Administrator



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October 28, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lincoln County Authority of Tourism (LCAT) strongly encourages your support of the grant request for the Alamo Annex Courtyard.

Included in LCAT's mission, and 10 year destination development plan, is the goal to advocate for increased local infrastructure and to coordinate county events and activities with various local organizations. These efforts benefit both visitors and local residents in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County is 97% public lands, managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Even though the county is large (10,637 square miles) our population is low (<5,300). We rely heavily on tourism to drive our economy. Any support you can provide will go a long way toward achieving the goal of expanding tourism attractions and thus improving our economy.

A new courtyard at the county annex in Alamo would be a wonderful addition to the area, providing new opportunities for outdoor recreation to both visitors and residents. The annex serves as a centerpiece of the town of Alamo. The new courtyard would greatly enhance the property, creating a beautiful outdoor space for recreation and local activities. Not only will it improve the tourism economy, we recognize that it will also enhance the economic development of the area, thus creating jobs.

We fully support this project and look forward to the positive impacts that will come.

Sincerely,

Marcia Hurd, President 775.726.3345

Lincoln County Authority of Tourism (LCAT) P O Box 202; Caliente, Nevada 89008-0202 Info@LincolnCountyNevada.com www.LincolnCountyNevada.com



October 27, 2021

Denice Brown Grants Administrator Lincoln County Nevada P.O. Box 539 Pioche, NV 89043

Dear Ms. Brown,

The Lincoln County Regional Development Authority is pleased to provide this letter of support for Lincoln County's nomination of the Alamo Annex Courtyard for Round 19 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA).

The Alamo Annex Courtyard will connect people to landscapes and recreational opportunities in Lincoln County. The Alamo Annex which is the center of county government for southern Lincoln County has a viewshed of adjacent public lands. There is also a kiosk containing maps and information about local trails and recreational opportunities on the Annex property which was funded with grants awarded to LCRDA by the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicle Commission and Nevada State Parks.

The Alamo Annex Courtyard will be a significant community asset that will be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and will enhance outdoor recreation.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Fontaine Executive Director

Cc: LCRDA Board of Directors



### NYE COMMUNITIES COALITION

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RE: Lincoln County Project – Alamo Annex Complex

To Whom It May Concern:

10/19/2021

NyE Communities Coalition has worked with Lincoln County communities on several projects over the last several years. During this time, NyECC has observed the love of community and commitment for community wellbeing that exist throughout the towns and county.

The Alamo Annex Courtyard will benefit the Alamo community by proving an area for inter-generational activities and interactions, safe spaces for children and families and open areas for community members to gather.

NyECC supports Lincoln County in their pursuit for the Alamo Annex Complex and will provide opportunities to collaborate on organized events and activities at the facility upon its completion.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Stacy Smith, CEO

February 16, 2021

Vern Holaday, Chairman of the Alamo Town Board Alamo Town Board PO Box 167, Alamo, NV 89001

To whom it may concern,

The Alamo Town Board writes on behalf of Ben Rowley, Sam Lytle, and Friends of Pahranagat Valley in support of the Friends of Pahranagat Valley's proposal for a grant to fund the projects wished-for to promote activities for all members of all ages in the Alamo town. We strongly support this grant application and the focus it places on encouraging the public to enjoy the great outdoors as well as enjoying the health benefits from exercise.

As a town board, we have reviewed and approved the Friends of Pahranagat Valley's proposals and encouraged them to move forward in looking for grants to make these projects feasible.

Sincerely,

The Alamo Town Board

Vern Holaday, Brad Loveday, Lola Sharp, Summer Mastin, and Mike Ray