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BLM opens nominations for funding from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

Funds generated by the sale of land in the Las Vegas Valley will be used to increase recreation opportunities and access, improve infrastructure, and create a conservation stewardship legacy

LAS VEGAS – Today the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) opened the nomination period for Round 18 project proposals funded under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA.) The nomination period closes September 14, 2020.

Local governmental entities may seek SNPLMA funds for parks, trails, and natural areas in Clark, Lincoln and White Pine counties and portions of Carson City. Federal agencies may seek funds for capital improvements, conservation initiatives and eastern Nevada restoration projects. Federal, state and other agencies may seek SNPLMA funds for hazardous fuels reduction in the Lake Tahoe Basin, the Carson Range and the Spring Mountain Range. Federal agencies may seek funding for acquisition of environmentally sensitive land statewide.

“For more than two decades, land sales through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act have been used to improve the quality of life for millions of people in Nevada,” said **Jon Raby, BLM Nevada State Director**. “Opening Round 18 of SNPLMA for nominations will distribute revenue generated from those land sales to fund Federal, state, and local projects that support public recreation, economic diversification and new employment opportunities.”

Since land sales within the Las Vegas Valley began under SNPLMA in 1998, more than \$3.6 billion has been generated for improving communities that have enhanced a myriad of recreation opportunities, improved access and significantly modernized infrastructure important to all public land users, promoted species and habitat conservation, protected environmentally sensitive land, restored landscapes and reduced the risks to communities from wildfire. More than 1,400 projects have been approved for funding by the Secretary of the Interior.

“I commend the Department of Interior’s decision to open Round 18 of SNPLMA funding opportunities for local governments,” said **Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair of the Clark County Board of Commissioners**. “Southern Nevada has dozens of worthy projects that create parks, trails and other recreation amenities while protecting our natural resources. This



opportunity comes at a critically important time for local governments which are suffering unprecedented revenue shortfalls. This SNPLMA funding will help build shovel-ready projects that will create jobs in our local economy.”

Secretary’s Order 3373 (SO 3373), *Evaluating Public Access in BLM Land Disposals and Exchanges*, was one of the very first Secretary’s Orders signed by U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. This proposal follows the guidelines of SO 3373, which directs BLM to adequately weigh public access for outdoor recreation – including hunting and fishing – when determining the appropriateness of the disposal or exchange of public lands. Identifying lands as available for disposal or exchange is required under federal law. The sale parcels are located throughout the Las Vegas Valley. Sale of these parcels does not affect public access to outdoor recreational opportunities on public land.

In accordance with SNPLMA, 85 percent of the funds generated by sales under the Act will be used throughout Nevada for projects such as the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquisition of environmentally sensitive land, hazardous fuels reduction, and landscape restoration projects. Additionally, 5 percent of the revenue goes to the State of Nevada General Education Fund and 10 percent of the revenue goes to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Specific requirements for nominating projects in the 18th round of SNPLMA funding is available at blm.gov/snplma. Nominations must be submitted directly to the BLM Southern Nevada District Office, SNPLMA Division, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130.

For more information, please call Assistant District Manager Robert Wandel at (702) 515-5116. All Round 18 nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. PDT on September 14, 2020. Late nominations will not be accepted.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.