

# **SNPLMA Training**

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## Introduction & Purpose

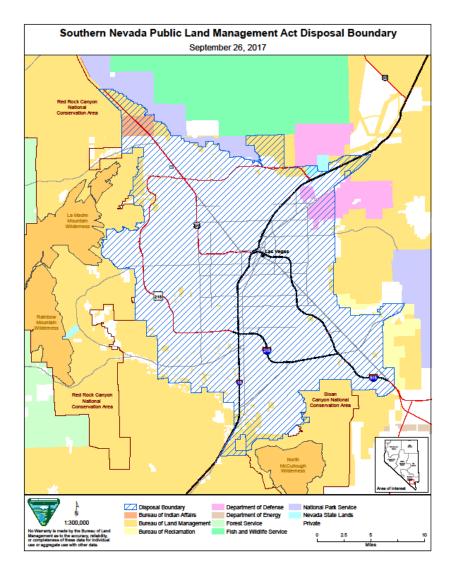
 SNPLMA provides for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and expend the sale proceeds and other revenues for purposes identified in the Act.



## Implementation of Legislation

#### **Land Disposal**

- 67,920 acres within the disposal boundary
  - 34,157 acres disposed by sale (includes R&PP and affordable housing sales)
  - 3,063 R&PP leases and reservations
  - 30,700 acres remain for disposal
- Parcels "jointly selected" by local governments and BLM
- Eight legislative amendments increase geographic scope and project categories
- 2018 736.46 acres sold for \$96,305,640
- 2019 814.84 acres sold for \$206,125,000

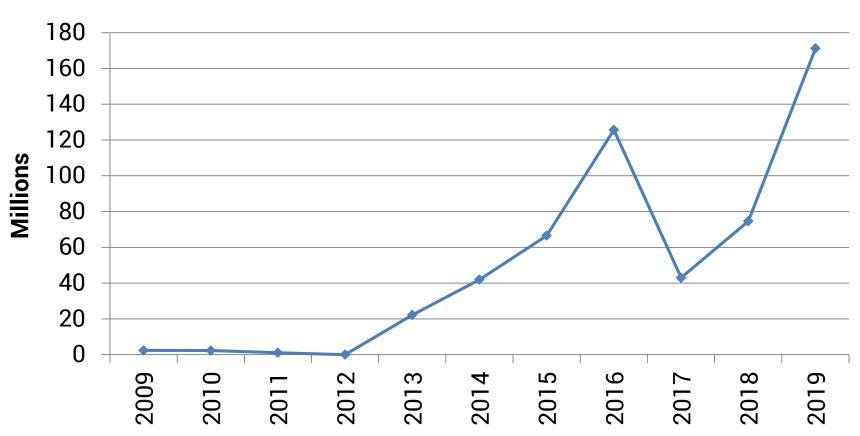




## **SNPLMA Land Sales Revenue**

#### Fiscal Years 2009 Through 2019



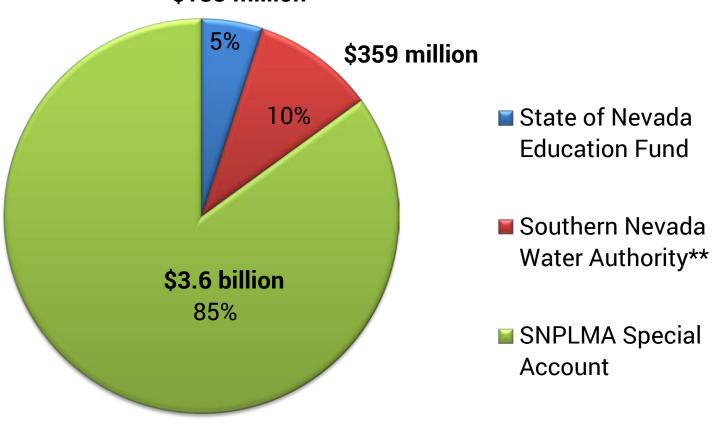


This chart represents the last 10 years of Sales Revenue data. The average of this 10 years of sales data is used in Revenue Projections for SNPLMA.



### **SNPLMA Sale Disbursements**

# Allocation of Land Sales Revenue\* \$183 million



<sup>\*</sup>As of July 31, 2019

<sup>\*\*</sup>Sale of certain parcels require payment of the 10% to the Clark County Department of Aviation (DoA) rather than to the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Of the total \$359 million in 10% payments, \$333 million has been made to the SNWA and 26 million to the DoA.



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Round 12	2011	\$877,600.00	\$1,109,275.00	\$1,319,222.00	\$996,100.00	\$1,496,600.00	\$42,976,943.34	\$92,000.00	\$1,641,671.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$52,009,411.34
Round 13	2012	\$322,800.00	\$4,487,439.00	\$1,966,278.00	\$661,690.00	\$1,688,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$858,274.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$10,985,131.00
Round 14	2013	\$381,350.00	\$475,916.00	\$1,383,805.00	\$1,262,450.00	\$1,646,902.00	\$0.00	\$473,150.00	\$1,608,376.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$8,731,949.00
Round 15	2016	\$12,230,400.00	\$5,193,251.00	\$4,753,487.00	\$4,155,412.00	\$5,740,970.00	\$0.00	\$1,291,523.00	\$5,737,540.00	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$42,102,583.00
Round 16	2016	\$12,419,000.00	\$22,306,848.00	\$58,423,322.00	\$3,343,030.00	\$29,499,942.00	\$0.00	\$5,218,000.00	\$9,189,762.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$142,399,904.00
Round 17	2019	\$21,645,600.00	\$27,720,465.00	\$26,796,123.00	\$6,157,618.00	\$5,082,290.00	\$0.00	\$1,192,071.00	\$13,271,086.00	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$106,865,253.00
Total Secretarial A	pproved Funding:	\$561,350,980.80	\$562,452,237.20	\$1,210,737,551.50	\$25,441,900.00	\$86,193,378.00	\$308,035,046.34	\$62,445,618.60	\$233,498,607.50	\$25,000,000.00	\$142,900,000.00	\$3,218,055,319.94
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by C	ategory:	\$304,860,135.46	\$111,268,082.87	\$191,570,940.06	\$1,090,734.74	\$5,805,244.60	\$62,780,820.10	\$14,911,583.07	\$31,288,342.47	\$6,394,864.04	Does Not Include Tahoe Dollars:	\$667,189,927.31



# **SNPLMA Funded Categories**

- Acquisition of Environmentally Sensitive Land and Interests in Land
- Capital Improvements
- Conservation Initiatives
- Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP)
- Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (PTNA)
- Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project (ENLRP)
- Hazardous Fuels Reduction & Wildfire Prevention
- Lake Tahoe Restoration Act Projects

The SNPLMA legislation, as amended, defines eligibility in each category.

### **SNPLMA Organization**

#### **BLM, Southern Nevada District Office (SNDO), SNPLMA Division:**

#### **Assistant District Manager (ADM)**

- 3 Program Manager for: 8 categories
- 2 Project Managers
- 1 Visual Communications Specialist
- 1 Management and Program Analyst

Contact information is at the end of this presentation and in the handout. Contact information is also available in the contacts folder in the SMART Database.

For progress/file/site inspections, please coordinate with the SNPLMA Project Managers. For all other questions or inquiries, please contact the appropriate SNPLMA Program manager.



## **SNPLMA Organization - continued**

#### **Subgroups**

- SNPLMA Division ADM is the Chair for each subgroup
- There is a subgroup for each categories (6) except MSHCP and Lake Tahoe projects
- Each Subgroup is unique to the category
- Subgroups function under Operating Guidelines
- Main responsibility is to:
  - recommend ranking criteria for approval by the Executive Committee (EC),
  - · rank and score each round of projects on approved criteria, and
  - submit funding recommendations for each round to the Partners Working Group (PWG).
- The EC and PWG may task a Subgroup with assignments



### **SNPLMA Organization - continued**

#### **Partners Working Group (PWG):**

- An inter-governmental group consisting of:
  - BLM (Chair)
  - State of Nevada (appointed by the Governor)
  - Two representatives of the local and regional governmental entities from Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties. Carson City opted not to participate in providing a representative.
  - Rural Nevada (a member of NACO per decision of the Governor)
  - National Park Service
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - U.S. Forest Service
  - Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Regional Office
- PWG members are responsible for representing their respective constituents and keeping them informed of any changes to the SNPLMA program or project implementation.



### **SNPLMA Organization - continued**

#### **SNPLMA Executive Committee:**

- An inter-governmental group consisting of:
  - BLM State Director, Nevada (Chair)
  - National Park Service (NPS) Regional Director, Pacific West Region
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pacific Southwest Regional Director
  - U.S. Forest Service Deputy Regional Forester, Inter-Mountain Region (Region 4)
  - BLM Assistant Director, Business and Fiscal Resources (non-voting financial advisor)
- The EC makes the final recommendation on new projects to the Secretary of the Interior for approval in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture.
- The EC approves the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement, the general and specific nomination requirements and ranking criteria for each round, determines the recommended annual budget for new projects in each round, and approves project modifications that exceed the SNPLMA Division authority.



# **Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions**





### **Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions**

- SNPLMA funds can be used for:
  - "the acquisition of environmentally sensitive land in the State of Nevada in accordance with subsection (h), with priority given to lands located within Clark County;"
- The SNPLMA defines "environmentally sensitive land" as land or an interest in land, the acquisition of which by the Untied States would, in the judgment of the Secretary [of the Interior] or the Secretary of Agriculture -
  - ...promote the preservation of natural, scientific, aesthetic, historical, cultural, watershed, wildlife and other values contributing to the public enjoyment and biological diversity; enhance recreational opportunities and public access; provide the opportunity to achieve better management of public land through consolidation of Federal ownership; or otherwise serve the public interests."

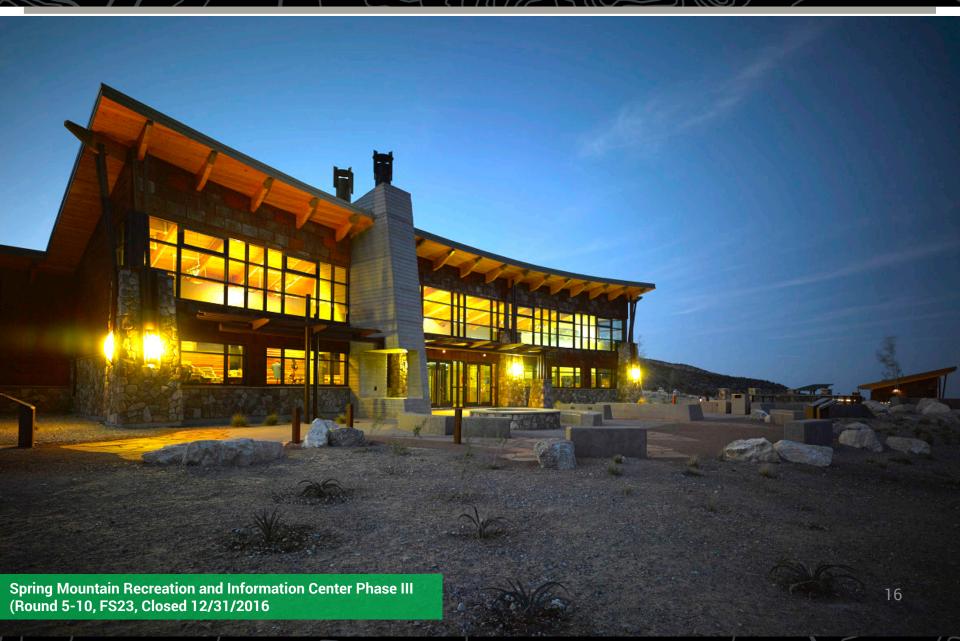


### **Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions Eligibility**

- Any entity or interested party may nominate land and/or interest in land (such as conservation easements, water rights, mineral rights, etc.) for acquisition provided the nomination includes a willing seller letter signed by the owner of record and a statement from the acquiring eligible agency supporting the nomination
- Can acquire anywhere in the State of Nevada
- The Federal agencies have acquired more land (70,455 acres) in the State of Nevada than SNPLMA acres that have been sold, reserved, or are under R&PP lease (36,540 acres).\*
- \*Funds from the sale of certain parcels within the SNPLMA disposal boundary are set-aside in the SNPLMA Special Account for acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands by the FS in the Lake Tahoe Basin pursuant to the Santini-Burton Act (94 Stat. 3381). These acquisitions do not go through the SNPLMA nomination and approval process; eligible lands are identified in a map associated with the Santini-Burton legislation.



# Capital Improvements





## **Capital Improvements**

#### SNPLMA funds can be used for:

- "capital improvements at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, the Great Basin National Park and other areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties, and the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area;"



# Capital Improvements Eligibility

- The BLM, FS, NPS, FWS, and BOR are the only eligible agencies in this category.
- The Capital Improvement Strategic Goals are to:
  - Provide opportunities for the public to meaningfully engage in the outdoors;
  - Improve public awareness and engage the public in the conservation and protection of the surrounding natural environment;
  - Protect the integrity of significant resource values; and
  - Improve the quality of the environment.



## Capital Improvement Limits

- Funding in this category <u>cannot</u> be used for operations and maintenance.
- Funding for purchase of <u>necessary equipment</u> is limited to the <u>minimum necessary</u> to carry out the project as it was nominated and approved.
- Projects in this category have a 27% limitation on planning and environmental documentation expenses.



# **Conservation Initiatives**





### **Conservation Initiatives**

#### SNPLMA funds can be used for:

— "up to 10 percent of amounts available, to be used for conservation initiatives on Federal land in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties and Carson City (subject to paragraph (5)), Nevada, administered by the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture;"



# Conservation Initiatives Eligibility

- The BLM, FS, NPS, FWS, and BOR are the only eligible agencies in this category.
  - Projects in this category have included: planning, education, OHV route inventory, cultural and biological clearances, illegal dumping clean-up, multi-media outreach, etc.
  - This category can be used to do planning and environmental clearances and/or NEPA compliance as a standalone project.
  - Projects for law enforcement must clearly identify the nexus between law enforcement and habitat enhancement, cultural resource protection, and/or public health and safety.



# Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas





### Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas

#### SNPLMA funds can be used for:

"development of parks, trails, and natural areas in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties and Washoe County (subject to paragraph 4) and Carson City (subject to paragraph (5)), Nevada, pursuant to a cooperative agreement with a unit of local government or regional governmental entity;"



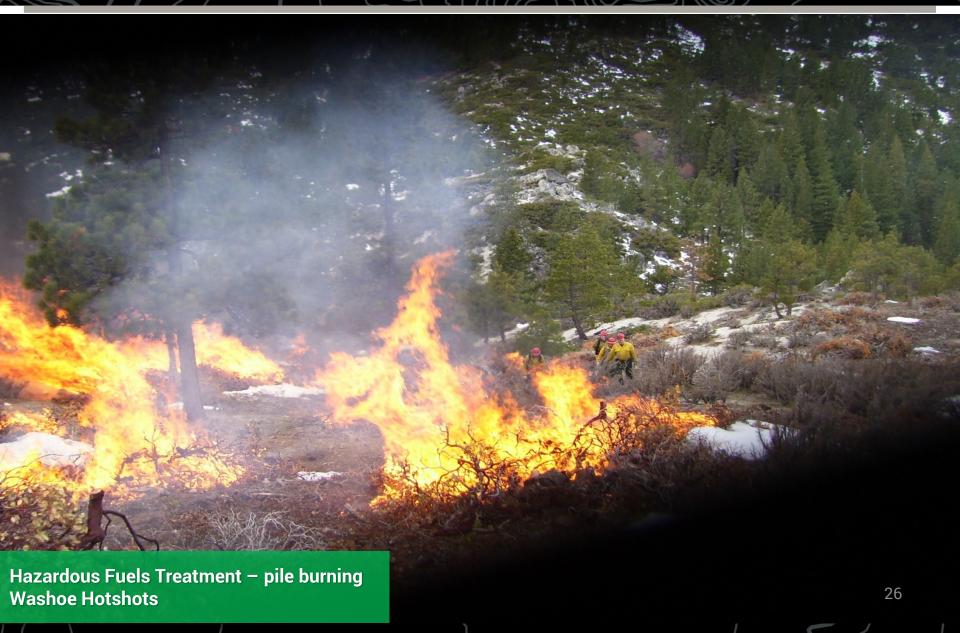
### Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Eligibility

# PTNA projects may only be nominated by local and regional governmental entities named in the act (as amended), which are:

- Clark County,
- Lincoln County,
- White Pine County,
- Carson City (with limitations),
  - Carson City is eligible to nominate PTNA development projects within the Carson City boundary. The City is also eligible to nominate land or interests in land that is both within the City boundary and within the Carson River 100-year flood plain for acquisition to develop PTNA projects.
- City of Las Vegas,
- City of North Las Vegas,
- City of Henderson,
- Southern Nevada Water Authority,
- Clark County Regional Flood Control District, and
- Clark County Water Reclamation District.



### **Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention**



#### Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention

#### SNPLMA funds can be used for:

- "development and implementation of comprehensive, cost-effective, multijurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention plans (including sustainable biomass and biofuels energy development and production activities) for the Lake Tahoe Basin (to be developed in conjunction with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency), the Carson Range in Douglas and Washoe Counties and Carson City in the State, and the Spring Mountains in the State, that are—
  - subject to approval by the Secretary; and
  - not more than 10 years in duration;"



#### Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Eligibility

- Hazardous Fuels Strategic Goals are to focus on health and safety, landscape restoration, and habitat connectivity.
  - Landscape restoration includes protecting and enhancing the vegetation, soils, habitat, and watershed processes that provide ecosystem services for human and ecological communities.
- The SNPLMA Executive Committee defines eligibility as any agency or entity that signed at least one of the multijurisdictional fuels plans for the Lake Tahoe Basin, Carson Range, or Spring Mountains Range.
- Planning and implementation involve more than 24 agencies and entities throughout the three ranges.
- Agencies and entities are encouraged to work together to identify projects that have synergistic effects from previously funded SNPLMA projects or other forest health or hazardous fuels reduction projects.



# Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project



Before After

Pioche/Caselton Wildland Urban Interface (Round 12-1, B009, Closed 2/17/2015)



### Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project

#### SNPLMA funds can be used to:

- "carry out the Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project in White Pine County, Nevada and Lincoln County, Nevada;"
- According to the "White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006," the purpose of the Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project is to:
  - "implement the Initiative; and
  - 2. restore native rangelands and native woodland (including riparian and aspen communities) in White Pine and Lincoln Counties in the State."
- The term "Initiative" is defined as the "Great Basin Restoration Initiative" and "Project" means the Eastern Nevada Land Scape Restoration Project.



### Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project

#### The ENLRP Strategic Goals are:

- To provide for activities that promote resilient and healthy ecosystems within the eligible portions of the Great Basin.
- To focus on integrated landscape restoration with priority applied to sagebrush ecosystems and sensitive species habitat.
- Prioritized using the best available vegetation, habitat, and risk assessment (likelihood of restoration success) information.
- To demonstrate the appropriate application of best available science and techniques specific to planning or implementation of restoration projects.
- Science projects should be focused on informing and improving landscape-level restoration, with a goal of improved restoration effectiveness over time.
- Research projects must demonstrate a practical application to management of lands in order to be accepted for consideration.



#### Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project Eligibility

- The BLM, FS, NPS, and FWS, are the only eligible agencies to nominate projects in this category.
- "In carrying out the Project, the Secretaries [of the Interior and Agriculture] may make grants to the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition, the Great Basin Institute, and other entities for the study and restoration of rangeland and other land in the Great Basin
  - to assist in:
    - reducing hazardous fuels; and
    - restoring native rangeland and woodland; and
  - for other related purposes.
- The Director of the BLM and the Chief of the Forest Service may enter into agreements with the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition, Great Basin Institute, and other entities to provide to conduct scientific analyses, hazardous fuels and mechanical treatments, and related work."



# Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan





### Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan

- SNPLMA funds can be used for:
- "development and implementation of a multi-species habitat conservation plan in Clark County, Nevada;"
- The Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP)
   developed by Clark County provides regional compliance with the
   Federal Endangered Species Act for land disturbance in Clark
   County, Nevada.
- The MSHCP is the framework for mitigation impacts to the threatened Desert Tortoise and 77 other species in Clark County pursuant to development of any non-federal land in Clark County, including BLM disposal properties.



## Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan

- Clark County prepares project proposals based on guidance from applicable adaptive management reports and in consultation with Permittees and FWS.
  - Proposals are developed based on budget principles and project concepts agreed upon by the FWS.
  - Proposals are ranked in order of priority based on needs of the MSHCP.
- Clark County seeks review and input from a Science Advisor on sciencebased project proposals and budget.
- Clark County posts project proposals and budgets for public comment.
- Clark County takes project proposals to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for direction to submit as nominations to SNPLMA.
- The SNPLMA Division receives the nominations approved by the BCC and forwards them to the PWG for consideration in developing the SNPLMA Preliminary Recommendation for that round of expenditures.
- The DCP project nominations then follow the remainder of the SNPLMA nomination process, including the SNPLMA public comment period, SNPLMA EC Final Recommendation, and Secretary of the Interior approval.



# **Lake Tahoe Restoration Act**





### Lake Tahoe Restoration Act

SNPLMA legislation was amended in 2003 to provide funding for the Federal share of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) set forth in the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA). The amendment provided that up to \$300 million be made available by SNPLMA to restore and protect water, air, and forest resources throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin.



## **Lake Tahoe Restoration Act**

- Projects were approved in Rounds 5 − 12.
- In total 378 EIP projects were approved in this category.
- A main focus of restoration activities is on improving the water clarity of Lake Tahoe.
- Projects range from controlling and eradicating aquatic invasive species, to local entity storm water capture and control improvements, to improving FS facilities and trails, all in an effort to reduce the sediment that ultimately could end up in the crystal blue waters of Lake Tahoe.
- As part of Round 15 the Secretary of the Interior approved a new secondary projects list that replaced the previous lists in Round 6 and 12.



# Trends and Management Tools





# SNPLMA Funding Trends

Round	Total Number of Projects Approved	Total Amount Approved*	Average Project Funding
Round 7	24	\$115.1 M	\$4.8 M
Round 8	49	\$76.4 M	\$1.6 M
Round 9	46	\$73.0 M	\$1.6 M
Round 10	42	\$52.1 M	\$1.2 M
Round 11	32	\$42.0 M	\$1.3 M
Round 12	19	\$7.5 M	\$396.4 K
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Round 11	2010	\$11,267,250.00	\$9,647,508.00	\$14,722,396.00	\$1,290,835.00	\$3,949,800.00	\$34,680,353.00	\$0.00	\$1,184,836.00	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$81,742,978.00
Round 12	2011	\$877,600.00	\$1,109,275.00	\$1,319,222.00	\$996,100.00	\$1,496,600.00	\$42,976,943.34	\$92,000.00	\$1,641,671.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$52,009,411.3
Round 13	2012	\$322,800.00	\$4,487,439.00	\$1,966,278.00	\$661,690.00	\$1,688,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$858,274.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$10,985,131.0
Round 14	2013	\$381,350.00	\$475,916.00	\$1,383,805.00	\$1,262,450.00	\$1,646,902.00	\$0.00	\$473,150.00	\$1,608,376.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$8,731,949.0
Round 15	2016	\$12,230,400.00	\$5,193,251.00	\$4,753,487.00	\$4,155,412.00	\$5,740,970.00	\$0.00	\$1,291,523.00	\$5,737,540.00	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$42,102,583.0
Round 16	2016	\$12,419,000.00	\$22,306,848.00	\$58,423,322.00	\$3,343,030.00	\$29,499,942.00	\$0.00	\$5,218,000.00	\$9,189,762.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$142,399,904.00
Round 17	2019	\$21,645,600.00	\$27,720,465.00	\$26,796,123.00	\$6,157,618.00	\$5,082,290.00	\$0.00	\$1,192,071.00	\$13,271,086.00	\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$106,865,253.00

	Funding:	\$561,350,980.80	\$562,452,237.20	\$1,210,737,551.50	\$25,441,900.00	\$86,193,378.00	\$308,035,046.34	\$62,445,618.60	\$233,498,607.50	\$25,000,000.00	\$142,900,000.00	\$3,218,055,319.94
	Returned to the Special Account						Returned to Tahoe:				Total Returned \$	s's to the Special Account:
l	by Category:	\$304,860,135.46	\$111,268,082.87	\$191,570,940.06	\$1,090,734.74	\$5,924,147.91	\$62,780,820.10	\$14,911,583.07	\$31,369,511.18	\$6,394,864.04	Does Not Include Tahoe Dollars:	\$667,389,999.33

Thursday, October 10, 2019 Virgin River MSHCP



# SNPLMA Round 17





# **SNPLMA Round 17 Nominations**

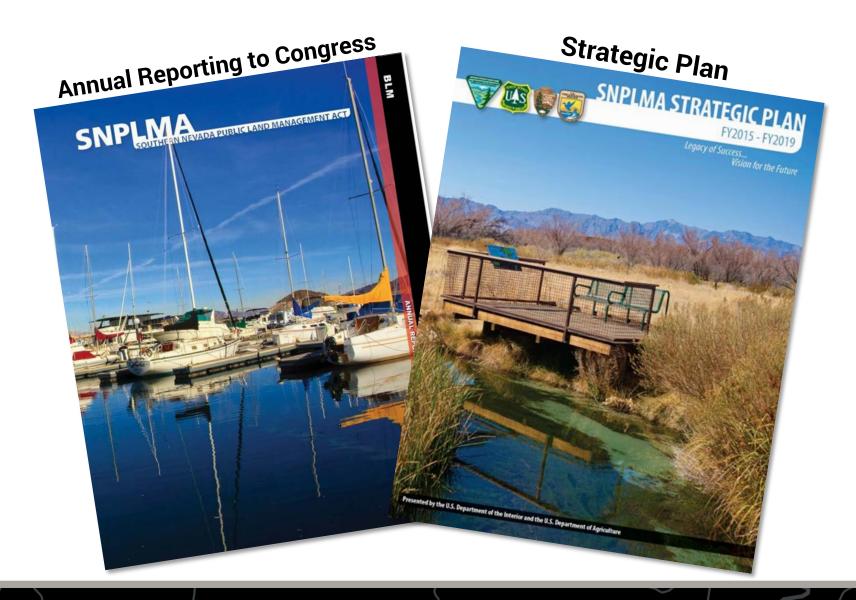
Category	Number of Nominations	Requested Amount	Number of Nominations Approved	Funding approved
Capital Improvements	12	\$29,509,879	11	\$27,720,465
Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA)	15	\$31,586,923	12	\$26,796,123
Conservation Initiatives	10	\$17,839,458	6	\$13,271,086
Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisition	6	\$29,572,400	4	\$21,645,600
Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention	5	\$5,082,290	5	\$4,609,890
Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project (ENLRP)	6	\$6,157,618	6	\$6,157,618
Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP)	3	\$1,192,071	3	\$1,192,071
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	57	\$120,940,639	47	\$101,796,123

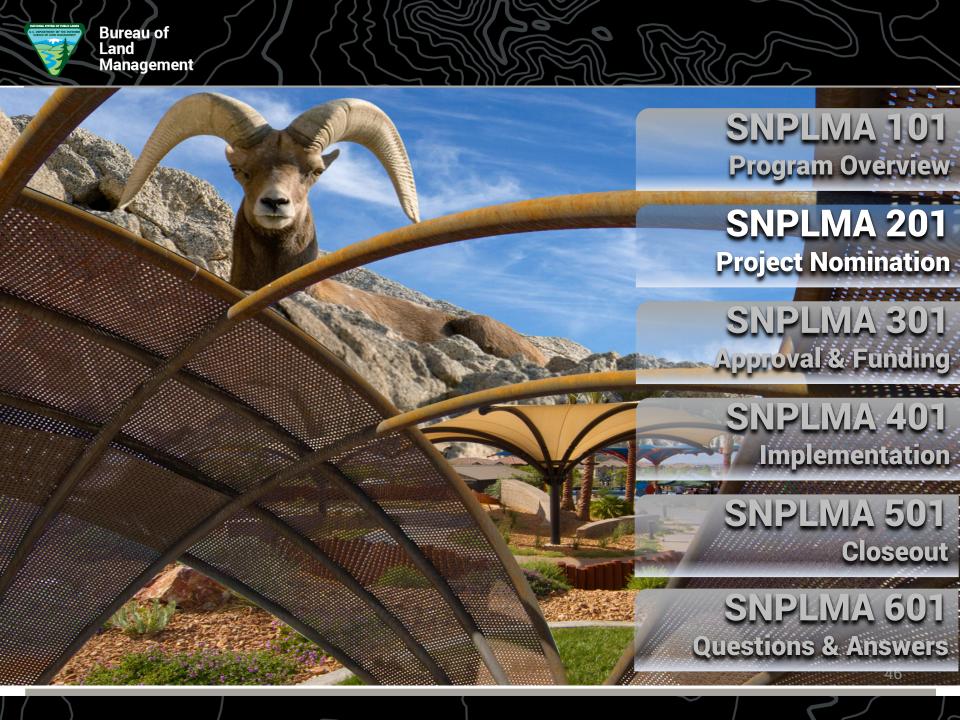
# **Typical Nomination Timeline**

Date	Action
September	Nomination period opens for 60 days
February – March	Subgroups review and rank nominations
April	Partners Working Group develops preliminary recommendation
May - June	Public Comment Period for 45 days
July – August	Executive Committee develops final recommendation
September – October	Secretary of the Interior approves the round of nominations



# **Program Accountability**







## **SNPLMA 201 – Nomination Process**

- This course will focus on the <u>Nomination</u> process.
  - Refer to the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement Part One, V(A)
- Within the Nomination process, the emphasis will be on:
  - Eligibility, qualification, and Projects of Concern
  - General and specific category guidance
  - Scoring and ranking criteria
  - Tiering to the SNPLMA Strategic Plan
  - Other tips from successful nominations



#### Acquisition of Environmentally Sensitive Land or Interests in Land

BLM, NPS, FWS, BOR, and FS within Nevada

#### **Capital Improvements (CIP)**

- BLM, NPS, BOR, FWS, and FS
- Projects must be located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area (NPS); Great Basin National Park (NPS); Desert National Wildlife Refuge [Complex] (FWS); Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (BLM); Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (FS); and other areas administered by BLM and FS in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties.
- Projects cannot be conducted on private or public in-holdings within the boundary of the eligible area that are not officially part of the eligible area.
- BOR is eligible for projects on land it manages within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area "except projects related to power generation or transmission."



#### Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (PTNA)

- <u>Local governments</u> of Clark County, the City of Las Vegas, the City of North Las Vegas, the City of Henderson, Lincoln County, White Pine County, and Carson City (with limitations).
- <u>Regional government entities</u> Southern Nevada Water Authority, Regional Flood Control District, and Clark County Water Reclamation District (formerly Clark County Sanitation District)
- <u>Carson City is eligible</u> to nominate PTNA projects within the Carson City boundary. However, Carson City nominations for PTNA land acquisitions must also be adjacent to the Carson River or within the 100-year Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain of the Carson River.
- <u>Location requirements</u> Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties, and Carson City (with limitations)



#### **Multiple Species Habit Conservation Plan (MSHCP)**

- Clark County Desert Conservation Program (DCP) and four Federal land management agencies (BLM, NPS, FWS, and FS) are eligible for funding for MSHCP development and implementation projects within Clark County.
- Only these eligible entities may submit nominations in this category. Clark County DCP may accept project proposals from other entities, but, in these cases, Clark County remains the official nominating entity and eligible recipient for approved funds.

#### **Conservation Initiative (CI)**

- BLM, NPS, FWS, FS and BOR
- Only on Federal land administered by the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Department of the Agriculture (USDA) in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties and Carson City (limited to lands within the Carson City boundary and within the 100-year FEMA flood plain of the Carson River).



#### Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention (Hazardous Fuels)

Only entities that are signatories to those plans for projects on lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin; the Carson Range in Douglas County; Washoe County; and Carson City in Nevada; and the Spring Mountains in Nevada.

- <u>Lake Tahoe Basin Eligible Entities</u> FS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit; Tahoe Regional Planning Agency; Nevada Resource Conservation District; Nevada Division of State Parks; Nevada Division of Forestry; Nevada Division of State Lands; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; California Tahoe Conservancy; California State Parks; North Tahoe Fire Protection District; North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Tahoe-Douglas Fire Protection District; Lake Valley Fire Protection District; Meeks Bay Fire Protection District; South Lake Tahoe Fire Department; and Fallen Leaf Fire Department
- <u>Carson Range Eligible Entities</u> FS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; Nevada Division of Forestry; Nevada Division of State Lands; Nevada Division of State Parks; Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities; Carson City – Parks and Recreation, Open Space Carson City Fire Department; Washoe County, Nevada; Washoe Tribe Environmental Protection Department; Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Tahoe-Douglas Fire Protection District; The Nature Conservancy; University of Nevada Cooperative Extension; and Nevada Prescribed Fire Alliance



#### Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention (continued)

 <u>Spring Mountains Range Eligible Entities</u> - FS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; BLM Southern Nevada District Office; Nevada Division of Forestry; Nevada Division of State Lands; Nevada Division of State Parks; Clark County Fire Department; Nye County Fire Department; Pahrump Valley Fire Department

#### Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Projects (ENLRP)

- Federal agencies of DOI and USDA may nominate Great Basin restoration initiatives in White Pine and Lincoln Counties, Nevada, in order to carry out ENLRP
- In carrying out ENLRP, the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture may make grants, and the BLM Director and FS Chief may enter into an agreement, with the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition, Great Basin Institute, and other entities for certain restoration actions. Through these agreements and grants, SNPLMA funding may be approved for restoration projects on non-Federal lands within White Pine and Lincoln Counties, Nevada.
- FS, BLM, and Ely Shoshone Tribe may carry out eligible ENLRP projects on Ely Shoshone Trust Lands that are beneficial to the tribe and FS or BLM. The FS and BLM will consult and coordinate with the Tribe on any proposed ENLRP project on trust lands.



## **SNPLMA Nomination Guidance**

#### SNPLMA has general and category-specific nomination guidance

- Guidance is approved each round by the SNPLMA Executive Committee (EC).
- General guidance will apply to all program categories and will be outlined in each nomination package requirements.
- Category-specific guidance addresses unique or specific aspects of each category, and information that is necessary to tease out the <u>best</u> projects for SNPLMA funding.
- The term "best" is relative to the criteria and other projects nominated in the round.



#### General guidance consists of Limitations and Direction

- <u>Limited number of submissions</u> per entity per category, except for the Hazardous Fuels category.
- Hazardous Fuels eligible entities can submit the number of allowed nominations per entity for each legislated fuel area.
- Nominations are limited to the best value option for a viable project.
- Nominations are limited to <u>one well defined project location or site</u> for PTNA and Capital Improvements. This means one campground, one park, one trail, etc.



#### ...Limitations and Directions (Continued)

- Land Acquisitions, Conservation Initiatives, MSHCP, ENLRP, and Hazardous Fuels can identify an area as the location.
- Nominations <u>may not</u> identify non-eligible recipients of sub-awards in the nomination.
  - Entities are encouraged to work with partners in developing the nomination but the nomination narrative and/or budget cannot indicate that money will go to these partners unless the law allows (White Pine Act has this for ENLRP).
- Nominations must use the SNPLMA performance measures to quantify deliverables, where appropriate.



#### ...Limitations and Directions (Continued)

# Nominations must address the three values (+/-) in the SNPLMA Strategic Plan FY2015 - FY2019:

- <u>Sustainability</u>: Projects that provide benefits in the near and long term by emphasizing healthy and resilient landscapes as well as durability, relevancy, and shared support.
- <u>Connectivity</u>: Projects that link people to nature and to recreational opportunities, and unite important places across the landscape.
- <u>Community</u>: Projects that improve quality of life for the human community and protect the integrity of biological communities.



### **Formatting and Submittal Requirements**

#### The nomination period runs for 60 days

- <u>Late submissions</u> will not be considered
  - Nominations must be <u>received</u> by the BLM SNPLMA Division NLT 4:30 pm on due date.
- One hard copy and one electronic copy must be provided
  - The electronic copy must include the full nomination as a MS-Word document and picture images (jpg format), maps, budgets (EXCEL workbooks), letters of support, etc.
- Maps must show the "big picture" of past, ongoing, and future projects, where appropriate.
- <u>Time permitting</u>, small errors or omissions will be corrected by the SNPLMA Division if appropriate, or the entity will be contacted to provide the correction or missing information.



### **Nomination Content Requirements**

- Indicate the project standard timeframe.
- Cover page with entity's name, SNPLMA round and category, title and amount requested.
- Project map with site location in decimal degrees
  - Example: Lat 36.694851° Long -114.264705°
- Address and verify like-kind contributions and/or contributed funds.
- Include a purpose statement with project deliverables categorized as:
  - Primary
  - Anticipated
  - Standard
- Identify the nominating entity's level of readiness in terms of staffing, resources, NEPA, initial planning, SHPO coordination, internal/interagency coordination, etc.



# **Category Standard Timeframes**

#### **Expected standard timeframes** (startup to closeout) by program categories:

- Land Acquisitions: <u>3</u> years
- PTNA, CIP, MSHCP, and CI projects: <u>5</u> years
- ENLRP: 4 years
- Hazardous Fuels: <u>6</u> years
- LTRA Projects: <u>5</u> years for capital projects; <u>3</u> years for science projects; and <u>6</u> years for Hazardous Fuels projects.

Standard Timeframe (work plan) includes start-up and closeout with the SNPLMA Division, except for projects that have an assistance agreement



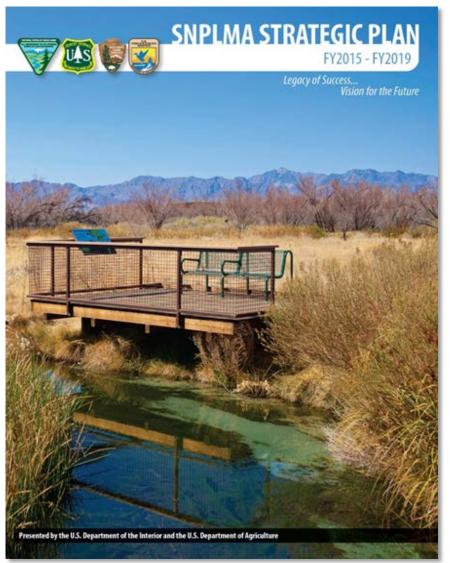
# **SNPLMA Strategic Plan**

# All nominations must be compatible with the SNPLMA EC goals:

**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 *Strategic Plan* can be found on the SNPLMA website (<a href="www.blm.gov/snplma">www.blm.gov/snplma</a>) under "Implementation." Note, however, the updated SNPLMA Performance Measures are in the IA Part Two, Appendix J-3, not in the *SNPLMA Strategic Plan – FY2015 – FY2019* 



# **Scoring and Ranking**

- Scoring and ranking is completed by the Subgroup for the category.
- Subgroups make a recommendation based on the scores.
- PWG uses Subgroup scores to develop their Preliminary Recommendation to the EC for funding.
- Scores are relatively weighted. Higher value criteria and factors have higher points.
- Ranking criteria and factors either use specific language from the enacting legislation, or are the Subgroup/PWG/EC interpretation of that legislation.
- Ranking criteria and factors are evaluated each round as if to look back and validate that the projects with the most points are the most important (relatively).
- EC makes a final recommendation to the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture for approval consideration.

# Criteria Example

#### ROUND 17 PTNA RANKING CRITERIA

**Demand:** Provides a new or improves an existing park, trail, or natural area to meet the demands and changing demographics of residents and visitors.

#### Factors:

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A. The project serves communities or identified populations within communities that have been traditionally and historically underserved in the provision of parks, trails, and natural areas facilities and services.	5
B. The project meets the needs of communities which have faced social/economic barriers that have limited their access or connectivity to healthy natural environments.	5
C. The project is unique and/or significant to the region it is or will be established in.	5
D. The project addresses, remedies or improves public health and safety concern(s).	5
Sub-Total	20

Resources: Protects or improves the integrity of resources (community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational) while addressing the quality of the human experience.

#### Factors:

actors:	
A. The project enhances community, cultural, educational, environmental, historical, open space, and recreational resources.	5
B. The project helps protect existing parks, trails, and natural areas, or other natural/cultural resources, particularly where urgent action is required.	5
C. The project utilizes a sustainable design, particularly with regard to the conservation of energy, water and materials.	5
D. The project protects and enhances the quality of the human experience by fostering an interaction with an increased understanding and appreciation of the natural environment.	5
Sub-Total	20

Connectivity: Promotes connectivity that links people to nature and to recreational opportunities, and unites important places across the landscape.

#### Factors

actors:	
A. The project enhances physical connectivity or access to or within a regional/local park, trail, or natural area, and/or federal lands.	5
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.)	5
C. The project is integral in creating a comprehensive system of parks, trails, and natural areas.	5
D. The project serves as an educational/interpretive bridge to connect people to the outdoors.	5
Sub-Total	20

#### Cost and Value of Investment: Evaluates, describes and considers the costs and benefits of the project.

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A. The projected deliverables, budget, associated costs, and phasing considerations of the proposal are stated and justified.	5
B. Public demand/use vs. investment required (i.e., service area/radius, communities benefited) is reasonable and is clearly identified.	5
C. The design or approach of the project minimizes future maintenance and/or replacement costs to the extent possible for the type of project.	5
D. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project (i.e., financial, volunteerism).	5
Sub-Total	20
Grand Total	80



### **Tips & Tricks for Successful Nominations**

#### Nominations are about realistic expectations and deliverables

- Can you deliver on your promises, re: time, scope, and budget?
- Will the project have the desired outcome?
- Does the land actually provide the habitat/resource described?
- The nature of the project must support statements made in order to gain applicable points.

#### Use accurate and reasonable cost estimates

Subgroups are quick to run calculations to compare \$ per acres, or \$ per sq. ft.

#### Propose reasonable scope/deliverables

- What can be realistically accomplished given the time and funding
- Remember to include time for closeout into the schedule



# Introduction & Purpose

The SNPLMA Program has four core processes – Nomination, Approval and Funding, Implementation, and Closeout.

- This course will focus on the <u>Approval and Funding</u> process.
- Within Approval and Funding, the emphasis will be on:
  - Secretary Decision Document terms and conditions
  - How each entity receives SNPLMA funding, e.g. Assistance Agreement, transfer, task order, etc.

# **Secretary Decision**

The Secretary decision includes conditions applicable to all project categories:

- Funds not expended to complete the approved nomination will be returned to the Special Account; reallocation of unexpended funds to previously approved projects is not authorized.
- Amounts authorized for expenditures for projects are not to be construed as approval for any particular expenditure.
- It is expected that approved projects will be implemented in accordance with the project purpose and deliverables stated in the nomination.
- Projects will be implemented within the timeframe specified in the project nomination with appropriate time allocated for project startup and closeout.

## **Secretary Decision - continued**

- Authorization for expenditures are not approved until all requisite procedures in the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement have been met:
  - 1. Receipt of a Special Account Funds Notice
  - 2. Work on the project must begin within 1 year of the date of the Special Account Funds Notice.
  - 3. Preliminary site visit to verify location and discuss scope of work with SNPLMA Division.
  - 4. Entity must request in writing project initiation and funding. Request letter must be on agency/entity letterhead signed by the authorized agency/entity manager.
  - Workplan submitted by the entity in the SNPLMA Management and Reporting Tool (SMART) and accepted by the SNPLMA Division setting forth a schedule of milestones with associated expenditures.
    - Adhere to the approved timeframes which should allow sufficient time for project close out.
    - o Include deliverables identified in the approved nomination.
  - 6. The appropriate financial instrument must be executed.
  - In addition, for Non-Federal Projects the Secretary decision specifically states:
    - A cooperative agreement or grant (i.e., Assistance Agreement) between the entity and the BLM must be executed.
    - The starting point for an identified deliverable and its associated funding start date has been reached. (This requirement is met by completing the workplan in SMART.)



### Special Account Funds Notice



#### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130 http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.l.html

In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00550)

Eligible Federal Agencies, Local and Regional Governments, and Other Non-Federal

Entities (See Distribution List)

From: Robert C. Wande

Acting Assistant District Manager, SNPLMA Division

Subject: Round 16B Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA)

Special Account Funds Notice

This memorandum provides formal notification that funds are available from land sale revenues to proceed with projects funded under SNPLMA Round 16B. Please consider Tuesday January 3, 2017 to be the official funding notification date. The funding notification date initiates a one-year (1 year) time frame to begin working on the project.

Before beginning work on a project, the agency/entity must complete several steps, including receipt of this notice, submitted of a letter requesting project initiation, approval of a project work plan, and receipt of an executed financial instrument (assistance agreement, interagency agreement, BLM task order, or 1151-direct transfer funds expenditure letter). Recipient agencies and entities should refer to the instructions and requirements for initiating project funding in the SNPLMA implementation Agreement, Part Two (IA) Part Two). Appendix J posted on the SNPLMA website at http://www.blm.gov/snplma.

The time required to fully execute a financial agreement varies depending on the nature of the agreement as well as workloads both within BLM and within the requesting agency/entity. Therefore, it is recommended that requests to initiate funds be submitted within the next six months to ensure the financial instrument is executed in time for work to begin before Tuesday January 2, 2018.

The approved projects will be entered into the SNPLMA Management and Reporting Tool (SMART) and work plan development can commence on January 1, 2017. The Fiscal Year 2017 second quarter reporting cycle will be open from January 1 through February 10, 2017.

No contingency funding was approved for Round 16B projects. Budget reallocation between projects or within the categories is no longer authorized, expect as provided in the Round 16B Decision Document for the City of Henderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Trail projects. With the exception of the Lake Tahoe Restoration category, all unused funding from completed and terminated projects is returned to the SNPLMA Special Account. Requests for additional funds for approved projects will be considered only for funding from the Special Account Reserve (SAR).

In the Round 16B Secretary's Decision Document, the Secretary directed:

- All project funds not expended to complete the project shall be returned to the SNPLMA Special Account for future rounds, the Special Account Reserve, and other authorized purposes. No reallocation of excess funds by the Executive Committee to new or previously approved projects is authorized.
- Authorization for expenditures for projects submitted in Round 16B as set forth in this
  Decision Document will not be construed as a final approval for any particular
  expenditure. The amounts authorized herein are not approved for expenditure unless and
  until all requisite procedures are followed as outlined in this document and in the
  SNPLMA Implementation Agreement.
- For Federal projects, no amount authorized herein will be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until the following have been met:

1) A notice of availability of funding has been issued.

- A work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The work plan will set forth a schedule of milestones with associated expenditures.
- For non-Federal projects, no amount authorized herein will be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until all of the following have been met:
  - 1) A notice of availability of funding has been issued.
  - A cooperative agreement or grant between the recipient entity and the BLM or other Federal agency has been fully executed.
  - A work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the BLM or other Federal agency. The work plan must set forth a schedule of milestones with associated expenditures.
  - The starting point for an identified deliverable and its associated funding start date has been reached.
- Approved projects will be implemented in accordance with the project purpose and deliverables
  and within the timeframe specified in the project nomination, with appropriate time allocated for
  project startup and closeout as agreed upon in the work plan approved by the BLM. Time
  extension requests should be considered exceptions to the expected practice of timely
  implementation of projects and therefore limited in number and scope.

If an agency or entity has not made the request to initiate a project and begun implementation of the project (i.e., conducting project work) by Tuesday January 2, 2018, the SNPLMA Division will recommend termination of the project. The termination would be recommended through a decision memorandum and sent to the SNPLMA Executive Committee for a final decision.

The table below reflects the projects approved in each category by priority and includes the total approved funding, the SNPLMA administrative project number, and the BLM 12-digit work breakdown structure (WBS) numbers from BLM's FBMS financial management system, where applicable. Correspondence

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee approved a change to the IA language regarding circumstances that would lead to a SNFLMA Division recommendation to terminate a project from "termination may be recommended" to "will be recommended" in a decision memorandum (DM) signed on January 15, 2014. The revisions in the DM became effective upon signature of the DM by the Executive Committee Chair.

# **Special Account Funds Notice - continued**

with this office should reflect the priority number, SNPLMA project number, and the WBS where applicable. Financial instruments will include the WBS number in the funding account information. If you have any questions about your project, please contact your SNPLMA Program Manager.

#### SNPLMA ROUND 16B APPROVED PROJECTS

	SNPLMA ROUND	16B PROJECT N	UMBER	REQUESTS	
Priority	Project Name	Requesting Entity	SNPLMA Project Number	WBS	Designated Amount
	(Jeff Wilb)	arks, Trails, and Natural anks, Program Manager:			
2	Las Vegas Wash Enhancement and Stabilization	Southern Nevada Water Authority	WA09	LXSNWA095600	\$4,000,00
6	McGill Ball Park Upgrade Phase II	White Pine County	WP10	LXSNWP105600	\$996,15
s	Northern Nevada Historic Railroad Museum Interpretive Trail Phase II	White Pine County	WPII	LXSNWP115600	\$1,287,99
9	Carson River Trail System Phase II - Ranch Connection	Carson City	CR03	LXSNCR035600	\$1.843.68
10	Kiel Ranch Historic Park 6.81 Acre Acquisition	City of North Las Vegas	NL25	LXSNNL255600	\$1,520,70
11	Robert E. "Bob" Price Park Improvements	Clark County	CC67	LXSNCC675600	\$2,348,17
12	Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase 1	Chrk County	CC68	LXSNCC685600	\$1,876,96
17	Craig Ranch Regional Park 5.34 Acre Acquisition	City of North Las Vegas	NL26	LXSNNL265600	\$3,824,60
18	Craig Ranch Regional Park 20.57 Acre Acquisition	City of North Las Vegas	NL27	LXSNNL275600	\$4,025,00
				PTNA Total	\$24,723,32
	(Robert To	Capital Improvements rylor, Program Manager:	702-515-5139)		
1	Colorado Rover Heritage Trail - Arizona	BOR	BR10	Transfer No WBS	\$5,999,73
2	Water in the Desert: Water Conservation Delivery System	FWS	FW39	Transfer No WBS	\$1,308,51
3	Lincoln County Partners Non-Motorized Multipurpose Trail System, Phase II	BLM	BL52	LXSNBL525200	\$1,119,68
4	Reconstruct and Restore the Historic Wheeler Peak Campground	NPS	NP99	Transfer No WBS	\$4,438,40
5	Hoover Dam Visitor Center Theater Level Refurbishment	BOR	BR11	Transfer No WBS	\$2,702,4
6	Rehabilitate Boulder Beach Campground North Loop	NPS	N100	Transfer No WBS	\$1,451,70
8	Hilltop Campground Reconstruction Project	FS	FS45	Transfer No WBS	\$5,286,30
	·				\$22,306.84

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	SNPLMA ROUND	(continued)	NUMBER	REQUESTS	
Priority	Project Name	Requesting Entity	SNPLMA Project Number	was	Designated Amount
		Conservation Initiative			
	(Cynthia I	Poff, Program Manager:	702-515-5120)		
1	Can land managers prevent the "inevitable collapse" of buts in the western US?	NPS	NP83	Transfer No WBS for NP: BL WBS is LXSNBL336100	\$1,193,63
2	Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups	NPS	NP84	Transfer No WBS (for FS, NP, and FW); BL WBS is LXSNBL846100	\$2,978,10
3	Protecting Gold Butte's Cultural Heritage	BLM	BLSS	LLXSBL856100	\$1,749.21
4	Butterfly Autecology Phase IV	FS	FS79	Transfer No WBS	\$1,608,01
5	Protection, Stabilization, and Restoration of the Lehman Caves Historic Area	NPS	NP79	Transfer No WBS	\$926,59
6	Endemic and Sensitive Species Biological Mitigations for Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Capital Improvement Projects	PS	FS80	Transfer No WBS	\$734.20
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1	Jacks Valley Ranch Conservation Easement	FS FS	FS63	Transfer No WBS	\$12,419,00
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1	Atlanta Road Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Continuation	BLM	B014	LXSNB0146800	\$566.00
2	Sagebrush Habitat Restoration  Ely District Noxious and Invasive Weeds: Inventory, Treatment, Restoration, and	FS	F017	Transfer No WBS	\$1,185,52
3	Education South String and Hamblin Valley	FS	F018	Transfer No WBS	\$920,5€
4	Watershed Restoration Plan	BLM	B015	LXSNB0156800	\$350,00
5	Forgotten Grasslands: Restoration of Basin Wildrye Ecosystems on Orest Basin National Park	NPS	N007	Transfer No WBS	\$320,95
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1	Desert Tortoise Connectivity	Clark County	CC12	LXSNCC725700	\$2,448,00
2	Riparian Restoration - Muddy River Riparian Reserve Unit	Clark County	CC13	LXSNCC735700	\$2,770,00
					\$5,218,00
				All Categories Total	\$77,199,96
				Special Account Reserve	\$2,000,00
				Round 16B Total Budget	\$79,199,96

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# Workplans – Deliverable Requirements

There are three types of deliverables (See IA Part Two, Appendix A for examples of each type):

- **Primary Deliverables**: Primary deliverables are those that must be completed in order to complete the project and accomplish the purpose.
- Anticipated Deliverables: Anticipated deliverables are those that are desirable and beneficial, but not minimally necessary to completion of the proposed project and project purpose.
- **Standard Deliverables**: Standard deliverables are those actions/activities that are generally accepted by the agency/entity, and/or by industry standards as necessary to complete the aforementioned Primary and /or Anticipated deliverables.



# **Appropriation Laws and Regulations**

#### **Three Principles of Appropriations Laws:**

- Principle of Purpose: "Appropriations may be used only for their intended purposes.
   31 U.S.C. §1301(a) ('purpose statute')." Relates to determination of expenses as necessary and to requests for project scope modifications.
- **Principle of Amount**: "Agencies may not spend, or commit themselves to spend, in advance of or in excess of appropriations. 31 U.S.C. § 1341 (Antideficiency Act)." This principle relates to the total amount available for a project and expenditure of that amount, and to necessary expenses.
- **Principle of Time**: "Appropriations made for a definite period of time may be used only for expenses properly incurred during that time. 31 U.S.C. § 1502(a) ("bona fide needs" statute). This principle relates to the period of performance for a project, the validity period of funding instruments, and expenditure of project funds within the valid period of performance.
  - It is also conditioned by Federal acquisition regulations requiring that funds be expended only for obligations incurred during the period of performance specified in the financial instrument between "buyer" and "seller" (inter-/intra-agency agreements, assistance agreements, task orders, transfer authorization letter).
  - Financial instrument must be valid for the recipient agency to incur any new expenditures or obligations whether for supplies and materials, labor or new contracts.

## Congratulations!

#### Your nomination was approved...now what

Approved Nomination

Special Account Funds Notice

Entity requests to initiate project funding

 A preliminary site visit with SNPLMA Division to review the location of project, review scope and period of performance

 SNPLMA Division approves workplan submitted in the SNPLMA Management Tool (SMART) database

 SNPLMA Division coordinates with necessary parties to produce executed funding instrument

## **Funding Instruments**

There are four methods (i.e. financial instrument formats) for receiving SNPLMA funds. The method chosen depends primarily on the nature of the receiving entity and differs in regard to how funds are distributed.

- 1. Non-federal entities (e.g. local and regional governmental entities) receive funding through **Assistance Agreements** (AA).
  - Payments are completed through the Automated Standards Application for Payment (ASAP).
- 2. The FS, NPS, FWS, and BOR (at Lake Mead only), and Federal Highway Administration have appropriation accounts and can receive **direct transfers -1151 Transfer**.
- 3. Most federal agencies receive funding through quarterly transfers or **Inter-Agency Agreements (IAA)**.
  - Payments by direct transfer allow the entity to create obligations and make payments for necessary expenses through its financial system.
  - Entity may request only the amount anticipated to be expended or obligated in the following quarter and must expend 95% of funds received before additional funds are transferred or justify the need for additional funds.
- 4. The BLM receives funding through an internal task order **BLM Task Order**. (BLM projects only)
  - BLM task orders are a direct charge mechanism allowing obligations and expenditures for necessary project expenses to be created directly in the SNPLMA Special Account against the cost structure assigned to the project.



# Funding Instruments by Agency/Entity

Entity	Assistance Agreement	Inter-Agency Agreement	Direct Charge Task Order	Transfer Authorization Letter
BLM			Χ	
BOR		Χ		Χ
California Tahoe Conservancy	Χ			
Carson City	Χ			
Clark County	Χ			
City of Las Vegas	Χ			
City of North Las Vegas	Χ			
City of Henderson	Χ			
EPA		Χ		
FWS		Χ		Χ
Lincoln County	Χ			
NRCS		Χ		
North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District	X			
NPS		Χ		Χ
Southern Nevada Water Authority	Х			
State of Nevada	Χ			
Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District	Х			
USACE		Χ		
USFS		Χ		Χ
USGS		Χ		
White Pine County	X			



# Funding Instruments - continued

- Depending on the type of funding instrument, any of the following parties may be involved:
  - 1. SNPLMA Division
  - 2. Partnering Entity Receiving Funds
    - Some agencies use service centers, State or county boards, etc.
  - 3. BLM Nevada State Office Contracting Officer and Specialists
  - 4. BLM Nevada State Office Grants Management Specialists
  - 5. National Operations Center (NOC) SNPLMA Accountant
- Transfer authorization letters, for projects funded by direct transfer, approves the expenditure of transferred funds and are signed only by the SNPLMA Division, and accordingly take the least amount of time to execute. In contrast, the process to execute Assistance Agreements is much more complex and takes the most amount of time. BLM Task Orders, fall somewhere between the other two.
- Workplans must be submitted and approved before a Funding Instrument will be executed.



# Funding Instruments and Time

- Entities have 1 year from the date the Special Account Funds Notice is issued to begin work on approved projects.
  - An executed financial instrument in and of itself does not constitute
    the beginning of work. The on-the-ground work and direct project
    implementation MUST begin within this timeframe or the project may
    be terminated.
- Project expenses incurred prior to issuance, or after the expiration of, the funding instrument are not compensable by SNPLMA with one exception:
  - Only entities with an Assistance Agreement, have 90-days from the expiration date of the agreement during which they can continue to be reimbursed for administrative costs associated with closing out the project.

### Funding Instruments Reflect the History of the Project

# Funding Instruments are not STATIC. They will require changes for any of the following:

- 1. Extension to the approved Period of Performance (POP)
- 2. Scope Changes
- 3. Adding Funds
  - a. as a result of approved SAR,
  - b. contingency, or
  - c. interagency project budget revision requests
- 4. De-obligating funds
  - a. as a result of scope changes,
  - b. project close-outs, or
  - c. interagency project budget revision requests
- 5. Project Close-Out
- 6. Administrative Actions



### Request to Initiate Project Funding - Assistance Agreement



#### **Department of Comprehensive Planning**

500 S Grand Central Pky • Box 551744 • Las Vegas NV 89155-1744 (702) 455-4314 • Fax (702) 455-3271

Nancy A. Amundson, Director

January 12, 2017

Jeff Wilbanks, Program Manager Parks, Trails and Natural Areas BLM Southern Nevada District Office 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130 SOUTHERN DATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

Request for Initiation of SNPLMA Funding CC68 Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase I Project (Priority #16-7)

Dear Jeff:

Clark County is formally requesting initiation of funding through an assistance agreement for the above referenced SNPLMA project. The County has submitted the project work plan to initiate the CC68 Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase I project in the amount of \$4,876,966.00. We understand that SNPLMA funding for the CC68 Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase I project will not be provided until the project work plan is approved, and an assistance agreement has been executed and received by Clark County. Furthermore, we understand that information about the project scope, deliverables and available budget will be shared with the public via the SNPLMA website.

By this letter, we confirm the CC68 Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase I project will be carried out in compliance with the policies, procedures, and guidelines in the current SNPLMA Implementation Agreement, the terms and conditions of the assistance agreement, Federal Acquisition Regulations, and agency contracting and constructing policies.

Further, all funds provided will be expended only for the project approved by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and as described in the nomination. Funds provided will be allocated and accounted for by project.

We understand that Federal regulations require retention of records that document expenditures of funds against funding provided (e.g., receipts, invoices, inspection reports, etc.). Clark County will retain supporting documentation and expenditure records in the project file as expenses are incurred and will make them available for periodic project review and for project closeout or termination by SNPLMA as well as for formal audit purposes.

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We confirm that the financial reports retained in the project file will be annotated to explain expenses for documents excepted from retention in the project file by SNPLMA policies and that the excepted documents are retained in agency files as dictated by agency policy and procedures and acknowledge that Clark County could be asked to produce these documents for formal audit proceedings.

We also confirm that a list of staff charging payroll to the project and the function/role of each in carrying out the project will be included in the project file.

If you have any questions relating to this correspondence, feel free to contact Ron Gregory, SNPLMA Administrator, at (702) 455-3121 or rgv@clarkcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Amundsen, Director Authorized Certifying Official

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# **Assistance Agreements**

### **Eligibility and Brief History**

All non-Federal entities eligible for SNPLMA funds, regardless of category, are required to establish an Assistance Agreement (AA) to receive funds.

Funds will be disbursed through the ASAP system.

#### Important Websites:

www.grants.gov

www.asap.gov

www.sam.gov

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# Assistance Agreement (Non-Federal)



#### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Nevada State Office 1340 Financial Boulevard Reno, Nevada 89502-7147 http://www.blm.gov/nv June 30, 2017

In Reply Refer To: NV955-1511

VIA EMAIL 6/30/2017

Ron Gregory Principal Planner County of Clark, Nevada 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 1th Floor Las Vegas, NV 89155-1745

Re: Funding Opportunity L17AS00048 BLM NV Clark County Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase 1 SNPLMA Round 16 CC68

Dear Mr. Gregory

I am pleased to notify you that your application and proposal for assistance for the above referenced program has been approved in the amount of \$4,876,966.00. Attached is the Assistance Agreement L17AC00040 which sets forth the terms and conditions. Acceptance of a financial assistance award from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with the terms and conditions of award. Awards are based on the application submitted to, and as approved by the BLM and are subject to the terms and conditions incorporated therein either directly or by reference.

Please carefully read the entire agreement and take special note of the performance goals and measures, the period of performance, the payment process, reporting requirements and due dates, and any Special Terms & Conditions. Annual submission of Financial Reports (SF-425) and Performance Reports are required under the Terms and Conditions of this agreement. Please contact your BLM Program Officer (PO) with any questions (contact information is listed on the award cover sheet).

Sincerely,

Susan Kaller

Susan Kaller Grants Management Officer

cc: Jeff Wilbanks, Program Officer



### What Does it Take to Get an Assistance Agreement?

- Y
- Entity registers as a Federal contractor in the System Award Management (SAM) program at <a href="www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> (Tip: Consider registering at <a href="www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> and <a href="www.asap.gov">www.asap.gov</a> at this time as these can be time consuming and this will help keep the process moving later on.)
- 2
- Entity submits a written request to the SNPLMA Division to initiate project funding.
- •SNPLMA Program Manager requests establishment of a project specific WBS element from SNPLMA Accountant .
- SNPLMA Program Manager submits a Statement of Work/Statement of Programmatic Involvement to the BLM Nevada State Office Contracting Division.
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- SNPLMA Program Manager creates a purchase requisition in the Department of the Interior Financial Business Management System (FBMS).
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- •BLM Nevada State Office (NSO) Contracting Office issues a Request for Application (RFA) on www.grants.gov .
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- •Entity registers and applies for the project by submitting the SF 424 "Application for Federal Assistance" and other required forms via <a href="www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a>. Entity is also responsible for sending the Appendix B-1 or B-2 "Necessary Expense" form and Detailed Cost Estimate Worksheet to the SNPLMA Program Manager.
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- BLM NSO Contracting Office reviews AA application and other materials submitted by the entity to develop a draft AA and then sends the approved AA to the entity; the BLM no longer requires a signature to the AA by the recipient for new awards.
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- Copies of the fully executed AA are distributed to the entity, the SNPLMA Program Manager, and the SNPLMA Accountant at the NOC.

# **Assistant Agreements**

### DO

- Be sure to register with SAM on <u>www.sam.gov</u>, on <u>www.asap.gov</u>, and on <u>www.grants.gov</u>
- Plan to submit the request to initiate funding for approved projects as soon as possible after the Special Account Funds Notice is issued
- Record quarterly drawdown projections in SMART
- NEW: Request a draw no less than every 90 days

### **DON'T**

- Get your agreement placed under "Agency Review" by doing any of the following:
  - Failing to submit quarterly reports
  - Failing to provide notice of pending drawdowns for PTNA projects
  - Using funds improperly or incurring costs that are not necessary expenses
  - Not responding to or correcting audit findings
  - Drawing down funds after the project is closed
- Wait too long to request an AA. It can take several months to receive a fully executed AA, more if there are significant edits, and all projects must *BEGIN* work within *1 year* of receiving the Special Account Funds Notice.



Just in case you forget all of this, you can refer to Section VIII.B or Appendix J, J-3, L, and M of the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement for a detailed explanation of receiving funds through the assistance agreement - ASAP Process.





### **Authorization to Expend Transferred Funds**

#### **Eligibility and Brief History**

The BLM can directly transfer funds to the following agencies:

- Bureau of Reclamation (Lake Mead projects only)
- Federal Highway Administration
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- All eligible agencies are expected to use the direct transfer process.



#### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130 http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html

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Genny Wilso

Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service

From:

Conservation Initiatives and MSHCP Program Manager, SNPLMA Division

Subject:

Modification of Authorization to Expend Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

(SNPLMA) Project Funds Provided by 1151 Direct Transfer

SNPLMA Implementation Agreement Date: Reissue 10/2007	Check appropriate box: Original Notification Modification Notification #: _0002_						
Under the authority of: DOI Secretary Decision Document Approving Project Dated October 28, 2003  PL 105-263, SNPLMA  Other: OMB Circular A-11							
EDUCATION IN THE ENVIRONMENT (Priority 4-3, SNPLMA Project # FS04): The purpose of this modification is to reduce the amount allocated to this project by \$90.04 and to close-out this agreement. The SNPLMA Division approved this project as closed on 7/6/2012.							

Total funding made available through the Secretary's decision and other processes contained in the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement (IA) is:

a. Total Amount Approved and Allocated to the Project:	\$0.00
b. Approved Contingency:	\$ N/A Unless Available & Approved
c. Approved Special Account Reserve (SAR):	\$ N/A Unless Available & Approved
d. Approved Budget Reallocation Account (BRA):	\$ N/A Unless Available & Approved
e. New Allowed Costs (NAC):	\$37,170.00
f. Allocation Adjustment for Close-out:	\$ (90.04)
g. Total Allocation:	\$37,079.96
h. Amount for this Project Not to Exceed:	\$37,079.96

Period of Performance: Start Date: 11/15/2004 End Date: 3/31/2012



# What Does it Take to Set Up Transfer Funding?

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 Agency submits a written request to the SNPLMA Division to initiate project funding

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 A preliminary site visit with SNPLMA Division to review the location of project, review scope and period of performance

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 SNPLMA Division approves workplan submitted in the SMART database after initial site visit

X

 SNPLMA Program Manager confirms approved amount and funding availability and drafts and signs a transfer authorization letter.

5

 SNPLMA Program Manager distributes fully executed Notification of Authorization to Expend SNPLMA Project Funds by 1151 Direct Transfer and Confirmation of Period of Performance (transfer authorization letter) to the requesting entity and SNPLMA Accountant.



# How Transferred Funds Get from "A" to "B"

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• Transfer requests are submitted through SMART during the quarterly reporting period.

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 SNPLMA Division reviews request and forwards approved request to the SNPLMA Accountant at the NOC.

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• SNPLMA Accountant ensures sufficient cash availability and forwards transfer request to the BLM Washington Office Budget Group.

• BLM Washington Office Budget Group submits transfer request data to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service.

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 Treasury reviews and approves transfer request and transfers funds to the requesting agency's headquarters office. (When Treasury changes the status of the transaction to "Star Posted," funds are available for use by the receiving agency.)

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• Once transferred funds are available, the local office must coordinate internally with their agency headquarters and regional offices to move funds into the correct project accounts.

### **Transfer Process**

### DO

- Identify quarterly transfer amounts consistent with how much you anticipate being able to obligate or expend during that next quarter.
- Submit your request through quarterly reporting in SMART
  - It is CRITICAL when doing this that you update the "Expended/Obligated" dollar figure so that the "% of funds expended/obligated" is calculated accurately.
- Provide adequate justification if you are requesting additional funds and have not yet spent 95% of previously transferred funds.
- Provide adequate justification when requesting additional funds if the overall percent complete for the project differs from the total percent of funds transferred by more than 10%.

## **DON'T**

- Request funds if there is no expectation that the funds can be obligated or expended within the quarter (a maximum of 3 MONTHS).
- Request more funds if the entity has not obligated or expended 95% of previously transferred funds without justification (e.g., additional funds are needed for a contract obligation).
- Rely on off-cycle transfer requests to receive money when needed; plan ahead and account for upcoming contracts/work when submitting quarterly requests in SMART.



Just in case you forget all of this, you can refer to Section VIII.A or Appendix N of the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement for a detailed explanation of the 1151 Transfer Process.



# Inter-Agency Agreements

#### **Eligibility and Brief History**

- All Federal agencies are eligible to receive funds through an Inter-Agency Agreement (IAA) on a reimbursable basis.
- Agencies eligible to use the direct transfer process are expected to request project funding by transfer rather than an IAA.
- The following agencies are those that will receive funding by reimbursement and therefore initiate new IAAs for SNPLMA Projects:
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - Natural Resource Conservation Service
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - U.S. Geological Survey
  - Bureau of Reclamation (for Lake Tahoe projects)
- These agreements were formerly referred to as "Inter-Governmental Orders" or "IGOs".

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Reno, NV 89502		The second second	City, NV 89005			
Finance POC: Angela Hitt, Contract		Finance POC: Scot	t Briggs, Budget Of			
Email: Phone:	Fax:	Scott_Briggs@contractor.n	Phone:	Fax:		
ahitt@blm.gov (775) 861-659.		ps.gov Technical Point of Contact:	(702) 293-8687 Kate Hanson	(702) 29	3-8763	
Technical Point of Contact: Kelly Ross, SN Email: Phone:	PLMA Program Manager Fax:	Email:	Phone:	Fax;		
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# What Does it Take to Set Up an IAA?

- Entity submits a written request to the SNPLMA Division to initiate project funding
  - SNPLMA Program Manager requests establishment of a project-specific WBS element from SNPLMA Accountant at the NOC
- SNPLMA Program Manager creates a purchase requisition in FBMS.
  - SNPLMA Program Manager drafts the IAA and forwards it to the BLM Nevada State Office (NSO) Contracting Division
  - BLM NSO Contracting Specialist forwards final version of IAA to the requesting entity for signature
  - Requesting entity signs IAA and sends it to the BLM NSO Contracting Specialist
  - BLM NSO Contracting Officer signs the IAA and a fully executed agreement is distributed to the requesting entity, the SNPLMA Program Manager, and the SNPLMA Accountant



# Inter-Agency Agreement Payments

Entity incurs and tracks expenses against a project

 Entity submits a request for reimbursement to the SNPLMA Program Manager

 SNPLMA Program Manager reviews and approves the reimbursement request and sends written notification to entity

Entity submits an IPAC bill for only the amount approved

 IPAC payment is processed through FBMS with coordination between BLM Nevada State Office Contracting Officer, SNPLMA Accountant, and SNPLMA Program Manager

# IAA's and the Reimbursement Process

- Submit reimbursement requests quarterly
- Include a consolidated financial report (financial summary) showing obligations and expenditures for the project
- Ensure that **ALL** backup documents for expenditures (invoices, contracts, receipts, etc.), with the exceptions noted, are retained in the project file for SNPLM Program Manager project reviews and formal audit purposes.
- Excepted from the Project File: Credit card statements, travel vouchers, time sheets, and vehicle logs/reports should be maintained in other appropriate agency files as dictated by agency's policy; annotate financial reports in the project file to explain these costs.
- Include a list of staff working on and charging labor to the project in the project file.

## **DON'T**

- Take longer than 60 days to sign and return the IAA to the BLM NSO Contracting **Specialist**
- Submit every invoice, receipt, contract, credit card statement, time sheet, travel voucher, vehicle log or other backup documentation with your reimbursement request
- Let expenditures pile up and wait too long to submit a reimbursement request
- Use contingency funds obligated on the initial IAA until use of those contingency funds has been approved by the SNPLMA Division in writing (Round 10 and later projects only)
- Expend or obligate funds beyond the expiration date of the IAA until and unless an approved time extension is documented in a modification to the IAA



Just in case you forget all of this, you can refer to Section VIII.C or Appendix J, J-1, and L of the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement for a detailed explanation of the IAA and Reimbursement Process.





# **BLM Task Orders**

#### **Eligibility**

The BLM is the only entity eligible to receive funds through a Task Order (TO).

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# Setting Up a BLM Task Order

 Entity submits a written request to the SNPLMA Division to initiate project funding

• SNPLMA Program Manager requests establishment of a project specific WBS element from the SNPLMA Accountant

SNPLMA Accountant creates and activates the WBS in FBMS

 SNPLMA Program Manager creates direct charge TO and distributes to BLM authorized officer for signature as the "Participating Agency"

 BLM authorized officer signs TO and returns to SNPLMA Program Manager

 SNPLMA Program Manager signs TO and distributes fully executed copy to requesting entity and SNPLMA Accountant

# Tracking Expenditures

#### **Direct Charge Projects**

1

 Entity submits estimate for direct charges for the next quarter in SMART

2

 Entity incurs expenses/obligations and codes them against the Functional Area and WBS shown in the cost structure on the TO (e.g., L58610000.IB0000 LXSNBL736100)

3

 Expenses recorded in FBMS and funds released at the time of posting

### DO

- Record direct charge estimates and reimbursement requests for the quarter in SMART.
- Ensure that ALL backup documents for expenditures (invoices, contracts, receipts, etc.), with the exceptions noted, are retained in the project file for SNPLM Program Manager project reviews and formal audit purposes.
- Excepted from the Project File: Credit card statements, travel vouchers, time sheets, and vehicle logs/reports should be maintained in other appropriate agency files as dictated by agency's policy; annotate financial reports in the project file to explain these costs.
- Include a list of staff working on and charging labor to the project in the project file.

### **DON'T**

- Charge directly to reimbursable projects!
- Mix up the numbers in your WBS otherwise charges will post to the wrong project and possibly in the wrong category.
- Include contingency funds on the original TO for projects approved in Round 10 and later; once use of contingency funds has been approved, the TO can be modified to add those funds.
- Expend or obligate funds beyond the expiration date of the TO until and unless an approved time extension is documented in a modification to the TO.



Just in case you forget all of this, you can refer to Section VIII.D or Appendix J-1, J.3 and L of the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement for a detailed explanation of the Task Order Process.



### **Document Retention**

Ensure ALL documents in support of project expenditures are retained in the agency/entity project file for SNPLMA Division project reviews and formal audit purposes. A project file should contain the following documents:

- 1. Nomination
- 2. Notice of Availability of Funds
- 3. Project Initiation Letter
- 4. Funding Instrument/Mods
- 5. Quarterly Funding Request Letters
- 6. Approved Workplan
- 7. Contracts, if applicable
- 8. Staff List (Personnel working on/charging to project)
- 9. Invoices/Receipts
- 10. Funding/Spending Tracking Spreadsheet
- 11. Special Correspondence (emails with decisions or notifications, etc.)

Credit card statements, travel vouchers, time sheets, and vehicle logs/reports should be maintained in other appropriate entity/agency files as dictated by entity's/agency's policy; however, the annotated financial reports explaining the expenditures should be retained in the project file (see IA Part 2, Sections D.3.b and F.2.c.).

### Your workplan is approved, your funding instrument is in place, and you know how to request funds – you're ready for project implementation! Just remember:

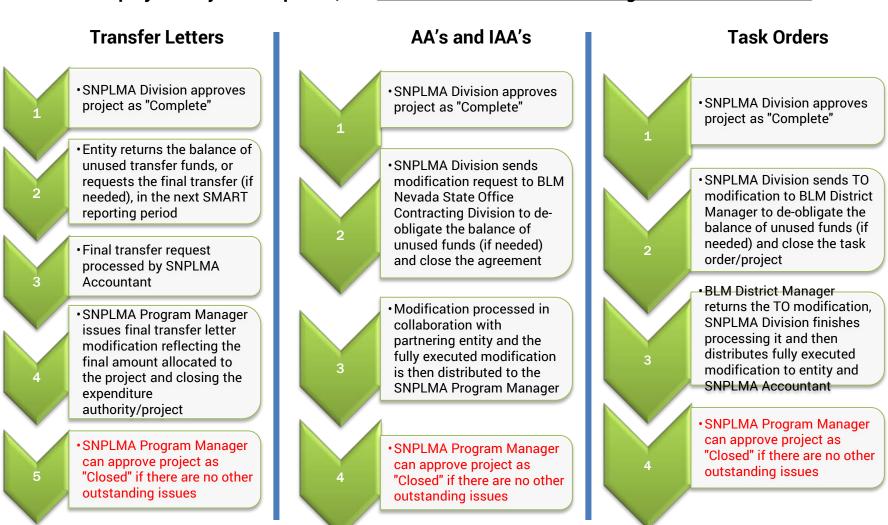
- 1. You must retain all backup documentation for expenditures (purchase orders, purchase requisitions, invoices, contracts, receipts, etc.), with the noted exceptions, in the project file for interim file reviews, review at project closeout, or formal audits.
- 2. Credit card statements, travel vouchers, time sheets, and vehicle logs/reports are excepted for retention in the project file, but must be retained in other appropriate entity files as dictated by entity policy; annotate financial reports in the project file to explain these costs.
- 3. All costs must be in accordance with the Necessary Expense Doctrine.
- 4. Your funding instrument is your authorization for project implementation over the course of your project check to make sure that your funding instrument is accurate in regards to the amount and start/end dates, and that it is updated as project changes are approved.

Just as your project cannot begin without a funding instrument, your project cannot be officially closed until your funding instrument is closed. 97



## How to Get from "Completed" to "Closed"

#### Your project may be completed, but it's not closed until the funding instrument is closed.



- Project was nominated by the agency/entity and approved by the Secretary of the Interior – Nomination Process
- Workplan in SNPLMA Database is approved Funding Process
- Financial instrument approved/awarded Funding Process
  - Task Order
  - Cooperative Agreement (Assistance Agreement)
  - Inter-agency Agreement (IAA)
  - 1151 Direct Transfer





# Introduction & Purpose

- SNPLMA Program has four core processes Nomination, Approval and Funding, Implementation, and Closeout.
- This course will focus on the **Implementation** process.
- Within the Implementation process, the emphasis will be on:
  - Project purpose, time, and amount
  - SNPLMA program and partner audits lessons learned
  - Quarterly Status Reporting in the SNPLMA online database (SMART)
  - SNPLMA project file review



# **SNPLMA Implementation Guidance**

- SNPLMA Implementation Agreement contains the business rules for core project processes.
- SNPLMA funds are appropriated funds and must be expended in accordance with Appropriations Law principles (Solicitor's Opinion, Feb-2005)
- **Appropriations Law** introduces the concept of availability, which includes <u>purpose</u>, <u>time</u>, and <u>amount</u>. All three must be observed for an expenditure to be legal.

- Purpose = Scope, what's in and what's out. The purpose statement is both inclusive and exclusive, meaning, a purpose statement to plan for hazardous fuels treatments can <u>include</u> the NEPA and clearances without directly stating so, but at the same time it <u>excludes</u> implementation-type activities.
- Purpose of the project is: Who will do What, Where and Why.
- <u>How</u> the purpose is accomplished is <u>less significant</u> because there are multiple ways to accomplish the same purpose.

- The purpose of the project is derived through the common meaning of the words in the nomination.
  - The nomination criteria, package requirements, work plan, and other available information will be used to determine the project's purpose.
  - The nomination will state the deliverables or products resulting from the project.

### **Specific vs. General:**

An appropriation for a specific object is available for that object to the
 exclusion of a more general appropriation, which might otherwise be
 considered available for the same object, and the exhaustion of the
 specific appropriation does not authorize charging any excess payment
 to the more general appropriation, unless there is something in the
 general appropriation to make it available in addition to the specific
 appropriation.

### **Specific vs. General:**

- Although rare, there are situations in which either of two appropriations can be construed as available for a particular object, but neither can reasonably be called the more specific of the two.
- The rule in this situation is: Where two appropriations are available for the same purpose, the agency may select which one to charge for the expenditure in question. Once that election has been made, the agency must continue to use the same appropriation for that purpose.



### **Knowledge Check:**

- FS has a SNPLMA project to construct the Cold Creek trail from point A to point B.
- Work has started but it is costing more than anticipated, and the trail is not likely to get finished without a significant bump in funding.
- Annual funding from Congress to the FS includes funding for the construction and maintenance of recreational trails in the Forest.

- Answer: No.
- This is not a case of two appropriations for the same purpose.
- FS has already elected a more specific appropriation with the nomination and receipt of SNPLMA funding (remember SNPLMA funds are appropriated funds).

# Key principle: The meaning of the words cannot be expanded or different definitions used to justify desired implementation actions.

- Consequences of not being familiar with the purpose of the project could be costly.
- Do you have the budget to repay the SNPLMA account for not understanding the purpose of your project?

"It is expected that approved projects will be implemented in accordance with the **project purpose** and **deliverables** stated in the nomination and within the **timeframe** specified in the project nomination, with appropriate time allocated for project startup and closeout as agreed upon in the work plan approved by the BLM.

**Time extension** requests should be considered exceptions to the expected practice of timely implementation of projects and therefore limited in

number and scope."

- SNPLMA Round Decision Document

- SNPLMA's designation as a "no year fund" for appropriation purposes does not mean time is not limited for specific projects.
- This "no year" designation effectively removes the requirement for Congress to appropriate SNPLMA funds every year and delegates the Secretary of the Interior the authority to make future "appropriations" through project approval until all funds in the Special Account are expended.
- Time differs by the category and entity receiving the funds.
- A federal agency cannot begin work on a project until funds are in hand.

- However, due to extenuating circumstances, an entity operating under an assistance agreement can request and receive authorization from the grants officer to begin work before the agreement is executed.
- Assistance agreements allow up to 90 days after the project / agreement expiration to submit closeout documentation and process final charges.

- The timeframe is a performance period <u>not</u> a payment period.
- Payments can occur on expired projects as long as they are for work / obligations that was incurred during the performance period.
- Timeframes include start-up and closeout.

- **Timeframe** of a project is determined in the nomination or derived from the supporting budget and documentation, such as the deliverables or the **Estimated Necessary Expense Form** (Appendix B-1 or B-2) or Expanded Budget.
- **Timeframe** is calculated from the earliest starting action to the latest finishing action.
  - A project begins with the receipt of the signed financial instrument and ends with a project closeout letter from the respective SNPLMA Program Manager.

#### Time Extensions

- Use form Appendix L (Refer to IA, Part Two, pg. 57)
- Submit at least 120 days before expiration of the period of performance.

#### Time extensions are limited to one year beyond the standard timeframe

- Anything more than one year is a waiver of business rules and will require more information for justification
- Unless there is a construction component or outside delay agent, the time extension beyond one year will not be considered.

- The SNPLMA Assistant District Manager can approve up to a oneyear time extension beyond the standard timeframe.
- In additional, a one-time 90-day time extension for closeout of the project can be approved, regardless of and above any previous time extensions granted.
  - This request must be made to your SNPLMA Program Manager no later than 30 days prior to expiration of the project.

- The initial amount of funding is authorized by the Secretary of the Interior's Decision Document(s).
- Each Round, the Secretary of the Interior authorizes an amount of funding for the **Special Account Reserve (SAR)** for distribution by the Executive Committee as they determine necessary.



Moving funding from one project to another project in the same category and agency is <u>not allowed</u> – even if it is a related project (e.g., Phase I to Phase II).

New rules for using contingency funds. If authorized by the Secretary, the agency/entity must demonstrate to the SNPLMA Division why the funds are needed and receive approval in writing.



- Funding is authorized for "necessary expenses" to carry out the purpose of the project, which means expenditures must:
  - Bear a direct relationship to carrying out the purpose of the project;
  - Not be prohibited by law; and
  - Not be covered by a more specific source of funding.
- Indirect cost rates are not allowed unless authorized by other laws or regulations, as in the case of grants and assistance agreements.

- Overhead charges are best as direct charges; however, they may be allocated as a percentage of the total workload.
  - For example: The SNPLMA projects for the Get-R-Done District are 25% of the total workload for the District Manager and the support staff, therefore it is reasonable to charge labor and operations at a 25% rate in a corporate budget scenario. This is not a flat rate. It must be adjusted based on current workload.
    - This can be calculated using hours, percentage of burden, etc.
  - Should be re-examined and adjusted, as appropriate, at least each year or at logical stages in your agency's/entity's budget cycle.
  - It is important to document what method and rationale the management team is using to justify overhead charges and to be consistent.
  - Standard indirect overhead charges are not allowed. It is your responsibility to get a waiver from your management to not assess standard indirect cost charges.



### **SNPLMA Program and Partner Audits**

- The SNPLMA Program has undergone multiple audits and reviews by various levels of government accountability offices, including...
  - the Office of Inspector General (OIG),
  - the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and
  - the Secretary of the Interior Office of Policy Analysis (PPA).
- SNPLMA fund recipients may also undergo audits or be required to submit annual audits under the Single Audit Act.

### **SNPLMA Program and Partner Audits**

#### Lessons Learned:

- Finding: Labor charged to the project is not specifically attributed to the purpose.
  - Charge where you work; not where you are budgeted.
  - Documentation to support direct labor charges has to include specific actions, or deliverables the personnel performed to carry out the purpose.
  - Not good enough to simply annotate John Doe as a Wildlife Biologist on a labor report.
     What did John do to contribute to the purpose? This is especially important when the persons job title is not readily apparent or logical to the purpose of the project.
- Finding: Expenditures occurring before or after the performance period of the project.
  - SNPLMA projects have a performance period and not a payment period.
  - Payments can occur after the project expires as long as the obligation was created and the work was performed within the performance or active period of the project.

#### **SNPLMA Program and Partner Audits**

#### **Lessons Learned continued:**

- Funding from one project cannot be used to supplement another, even if they are similar in scope and purpose.
- Funding from one project cannot advance the funding for a future project even though the original account will be repaid.
- SNPLMA funding cannot be "pooled" or co-mingled together with other grant funding or agency funding.
  - Separate accounting and scope accountability is required when more than one line of funding is used on contracts or agreements, etc.
- Project equipment/supplies/materials, etc., must be consumed by the project.
  - "Stocking the cache" is strictly prohibited.
  - The length of time or amount of use should be a factor in the purchase of equipment.



- The legislation requires "the Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives an Annual Report on all transactions under this Act."
- BLM interprets the phrase "all transactions under this Act" to mean the projects (i.e., land sales, affordable housing reservations, R&PP actions)
- **OIG audits** have emphasized the need for BLM to have tight controls over project and administrative expenditures.
- The direction to use the "1151 transfer" process requires more oversight on the use of the funds.

# Each quarter you must complete the following in the **SNPLMA Management and Reporting Tool** (**SMART**) on-line database:

#### Quarterly Status Update

- Overall project complete percentage
- Actual Start Dates and Percent Complete for deliverables where work has begun
- Status (progress/accomplishments) for all deliverables not 100% complete

#### Funding Process

- Amount requested for the quarter (transfer, reimbursement, and estimated ASAP drawdowns and direct charge amounts)
- Enter Total Funds Expended/Obligated Thru XX/XX/XXX (for projects funded by transfer, direct charge TO, and reimbursement by IAA)
- Less than 95% spent justification for transfer projects, as necessary
- Funding comment explaining purpose/need for amount requested

#### Work Plan / Project Contact Updates

- If a modification was approved a work plan update may be required
- Project contacts must be kept current



#### SMART Quarterly Reporting Demonstration

S - SNPLMA

M - Management

A - and

R - Reporting

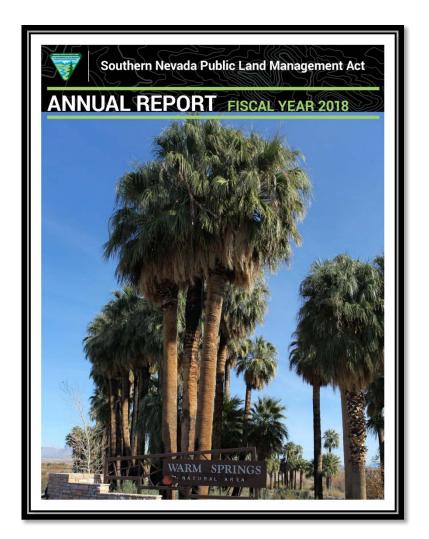
T - Tool

SMART is accessed online via the SNPLMA website under "Reporting Tools" at https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/nevada/snplma

- Reporting is used by the SNPLMA Division to determine if progress is sufficient to justify the transfer of additional funds, ASAP drawdown, anticipated direct charges, or reimbursement request.
- SNPLMA Program Managers will use <u>quarterly reporting data</u> (time, scope, funding input) to determine if a project is on the Executive Committee's **Project of Concern** (**POC**) list and the color.
  - Not reporting or inadequate reporting during a year can render your entity ineligible for future funding.
  - Failure to report or inadequate progress towards completion may also place a project on the Executive Committee's FOCUS list.
- Two consecutive quarters of no reporting can lead to recommendation for project termination.



- SNPLMA Division prepares an Annual Report to Congress to highlight the recently closed projects for the previous fiscal year.
- The Quarterly Reporting Database helps the BLM achieve this without burdening the agency/entity with meeting this requirement.





# What is the Project of Concern (POC) list and how does it affect eligibility?

- The POC list was created in 2011 during the SNPLMA Round 12 Final Recommendation meeting as a result of a program review by the DOI Office of Policy Analysis (PPA).
- The PPA report concluded that projects are taking too long to complete and program changes are necessary to close projects in a more timely fashion.
- The PPA closely follows SNPLMA's progress through regular data calls and the Annual Report to Congress.



- The SNPLMA Division uses the POC list as a tool to monitor the progress of projects.
- The POC list is designed to draw attention to issues that must be addressed because they are affecting the project's time, scope, or funding.
- Use of the POC list has become more integral with entities qualification and recommendations for future funding.
- POC "colors" are selected by the SNPLMA Program Manager and the entity can provide comments or information for the Program Manager's consideration.





All active projects (i.e., status of FA, TO, EX, CM) are assigned a color of concern.

The SNPLMA Division uses a four color system (IA, Part One, pg. 65)

- Green: no concern, project is moving forward as planned.
- Yellow: (low risk) issue exists, or an approved modification warrants closely watching.
- Orange: (moderate risk) serious issues affecting project constraints.
   The project is out of sync with time/progress/deliverables/cost variables.
- Red: (high risk) issues so great the project may be recommended for termination or the project is expired for more than 90 days without an acceptable closeout package submitted to the SNPLMA Division.



- The POC list and process for coming on or going off the list was added to the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement in January 2014.
- The POC list may be a factor in funding.

- Use Appendix J of the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement as a guide to proper project documentation.
- Contact your SNPLMA Program Manager for guidance on certain decision points, like:
  - equipment purchases,
  - scope clarifications,
  - requests for additional SAR funding,
  - cost sharing principles, etc.
- **Document, document.** The decisions we make should be documented. An agency's discretion to take a course of action is given considerable weight, but is not unlimited. Documentation can help frame and provide context to expenditures, scope implementation, time, etc.





## Introduction and Purpose

#### Within the Closeout process, 1

- Documentation requirements
- Site visit and file review
- Annual/Final Accomplishment statement
- Return transfer/de-obligation of funds



#### Nomination and Secretary Approval Process

- Project was nominated by the agency/entity
- Subgroups score, rank and recommend nominations to the PWG
- PWG develops preliminary recommendation (includes comment period)
- EC develops final recommendation to the Secretary for approval

#### **Funding Process**

- Work plan developed in SMART by agency/entity, and approved by the SNPLMA Program Manager
- Funding instrument is approved/awarded Task Order, 1151 Direct Transfer, Assistance Agreement, or Inter-agency Agreement (IAA)

#### **Implementation Process**

- Agencies/Entities are implementing according to purpose, time, amount
- Agencies/Entities are reporting in SMART SNPLMA Quarterly Reports and Annual Accomplishment Statements



#### **SNPLMA Business Rules**

**SNPLMA Implementation Agreement (IA)** contains **business rules** for our four core project processes. Latest version is November 20, 2018.

- EC approved decision memorandums modified the IA since February 2013
- Current IA has two parts Part Two are the business rules "Appendices"
- The IA is posted on the SPLMA website under "Implementation"

Constantly improving and refining the Implementation Agreement as new information is available from...

- SNPLMA program or project audits
- Solicitor Opinions on specific project implementation issues
- OMB Circular guidance, and regulations, etc.



# **SNPLMA Closeout Guidance**

#### **SNPLMA IA, Part Two - Appendix J** (Part F)

#### "Closeout Requirements"

- Once an agency/entity has terminated or completed a project it will submit
  a letter requesting project closeout along with required documentation to
  the BLM SNPLMA Division.
- Completing a project includes
  - finalizing all contract closeouts
  - conducting final inspections or reviews, and
  - reconciling financial records for necessary expenses.
- Before requesting closeout for a terminated project all steps necessary to cease project work and close down contracts, as well as reconcile financial records must be completed.



#### **Documentation Requirements**

- Project file must document the relationship of expenditures to the purpose.
- Documentation must also show how the expenditure was made within the appropriate <u>time</u>frame and within the <u>amount</u> available.
- Documentation can be in many formats, i.e.;
  - financial print-outs
  - excel spreadsheets
  - handwritten notes
  - Invoices
  - receipts, etc.



 If multiple funding sources were used, the percentage or designated amount of each fund source must be explained.



#### **Documentation Requirements**

- Project file should contain <u>supporting documentation</u> of the expenditures or a document to indicate what records are kept separately from the project file.
  - Credit card statements, travel vouchers, time sheets, and vehicle logs/reports are excepted from retention in project files, but should be maintained in other appropriate entity files as dictated by entity policy; annotate financial reports in the project file to explain these costs
  - Confirmation statements in Appendix J or the fact that SNPLMA does not perform a detailed receipt review does not relieve the agency/entity from knowing where the documents are kept and if the expenditures are valid.
  - The entity manager is responsible for certifying the expenditures were made within the project purpose, time, and amount.
  - You are preparing your management for the next audit.

- **Standard timeframe** of a project depends on the program category:
  - Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions: <u>3</u> years
  - PTNA, CIP, MSHCP, and CI projects: <u>5</u> years
  - ENLRP: 4 years
  - Hazardous Fuels: 6 years
  - LTRA Projects: <u>5</u> years for capital projects; <u>3</u> years for science projects; and <u>6</u> years for Hazardous Fuels projects
- Timeframes include start-up and a minimum of 90 days for closeout.

#### **Documenting the Time**

- All expenditures must have occurred within the timeframe on the funding instrument (authorization to expend project funds).
- A contract and/or agreement to do project work cannot exceed the time of the project (i.e. performance period in the funding instrument).
  - DO NOT issue a contract, subcontract, or agreement to expire at the same time as your project.
  - If SNPLMA funding is on a programmatic long-term contract or agreement make sure the SNPLMA portion can closeout without waiting for the master contract/agreement to finish.
  - Allow a minimum of 3 months, within the project work plan and the approved POP, to complete the documentation package for inspection at project closeout.

#### **Documenting Labor**

- The purpose and function of each person charging to the project must be annotated. This includes direct and contract labor.
  - In few instances the title of the position is self explanatory, for example, a Law Enforcement Ranger charging labor to a Law Enforcement Conservation Initiative, or a fire crew charging against a hazardous fuels project.
  - Descriptions and/or documentation of the implementation process reaffirms the labor and contracted labor expenditures.
- Service level agreements with your service center should be shown as a contract cost.
- Specific audits have required stronger documentation in this area.
  - What specifically did each person contribute towards the project purpose;
     what "project work" was performed.

#### **Documenting Labor**

- Audits will look at the number of hours charged in a pay period.
  - For example, an employee and their relationship to the project.
- This is especially true for "indirect" or overhead personnel.
- The labor should sync with the reported progress
  - If progress reports indicate "no progress this quarter" but thousands of dollars in labor funding is expended, the appearance is that labor was charged where programmed rather than where worked.
- Overhead labor, e.g., managers, administrative assistants, time keepers, etc., still must be allocable to the purpose of the project.



# Documenting the Purpose/Scope

- **Purpose** of the project is established in the nomination and then further explained in detail in the SNPLMA project work plan.
- Workplan establishes the steps (deliverables with associated tasks and subtasks) and timeframe for completing the purpose.
- A complete and detailed workplan coupled with thoughtful and detailed quarterly status reporting and annual accomplishments will suffice for most projects.
- Extra documentation will be needed when implementation appears to deviate from, or a set of actions do not appear logical to the purpose of the project.



# Documenting the Purpose/Scope

Example: A hazardous fuels project is funded to treat 3,000 acres for \$1,000,000. At project close-out 0 acres are treated and a road with a fancy retaining wall is built for access into the treatment area for the same money instead.

- This is a real example of why documentation is so crucial to the SNPLMA program, and all federal accounts as well.
- Don't let a permitting requirement, partnerships, or other contributed funding change the scope of the project.



# **Documenting the Purpose/Scope**

- The **location** of the project is embedded in the **purpose** of the project and now is often explicitly stated in the SNPLMA nomination.
- Changing the location without prior approval from the SNPLMA Executive Committee could result in all associated expenditures deemed to not be necessary expenditures and your agency may have to repay SNPLMA.



# **Documenting the Amount**

- Projects funded through SNPLMA amount to an appropriation under Federal law.
- The amount of funding provided is intended to fulfill the purpose.
- If combining funding from other sources, ratchet-up the level of documentation.
  - Documentation should show how both funding sources are appropriate for the same purpose or how each funding will accomplish a portion of the total purpose and how that it appropriate. (This goes back to the general vs. specific section of Appropriations Law Principles – Volume 1.)

- Funding is authorized for "necessary expenses" to carry out the purpose of the project.
- All expenditures must past the three part test to be considered a necessary expense:
  - 1. Must bear a direct relationship to carrying out the purpose of the project;
  - 2. Must not be prohibited by law; and
  - 3. Must not be covered by more specific source of funding.
- This is true for all Federal funds not just SNPLMA.

# Case Study: Audits

- USFS Inspector General performed an audit that was initially an investigation about unfair contracting practices by a recipient of SNPLMA funds.
  - The IG uncovered other issues, including co-mingling of funding and unsupported expenditures well over \$2 million.
  - At the time of the audit the documentation retained by the audited agency could not support the expenditures and may be required to repay all the misappropriated funds.
- This audit has triggered another audit with the BLM regarding SNPLMA funding.
- An audit won't necessarily look at only what you think is the problem.

- The SNPLMA Division will conduct periodic project inspections at logical phases of your project.
  - SNPLMA Division will make at least one visit/review, generally at project closeout.
- The file review consists of making sure the proper level of documentation is being retained. It may lead to additional documentation or including or excluding certain expenditures.
  - For example, explain why the project consumed 20 shovels, 1000 gallons of gas not purchased on a vehicle credit card, or deer repellent for a Mojave restoration project.
- For excepted documents (slide 132) follow your existing record keeping retention policies. However, it is important to know where the files are stored in case of an audit, FOIA request, etc.

#### Prior to a SNPLMA file review consider these questions:

- Is the expenditure logical to the purpose of the project?
  - Document the connection.
- How did attending training help the individual accomplish the purpose of the project?
  - Was the training necessary to accomplish the purpose of the project?
  - Who was trained?
- Why was travel necessary? If the travel is for training then the training explanation may suffice. Document all travel expenditures by name, title/position, role on the project, and purpose.
- Document that purchases.
  - What was purchased the date purchased, quantity purchased, the total cost, and the purpose.
- CIP and PTNA projects cannot exceed the 27% limitation on planning and environmental costs.



- The SNPLMA Program Manager review is not an audit. The completion of a SNPLMA review does not protect or defend an agency/entity from an audit or audit finding.
- Our goal is to help make a strong documentation package and to ensure the expenditures are documented for the authorized purpose according to the nomination approved by the Secretary.

- Set-up a schedule with the SNPLMA Division (Program Manager and/or Project Manager) to conduct multiple project reviews for multiple agencies/entities in the same visit.
- Field visits should be done when possible or practical. However, take lots of pictures of implementation activities to show progress and before and after.
  - Pictures can tell the story of project implementation and possibly serve as a surrogate to a field visit.
  - Submit photos (jpg format) with your closeout report.



# The Secretary of the Interior has approved funding for your project.

You will probably have a lot of questions.

So, when will we get the funding?
Can I begin to work on the project now?
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### Special Account Funds Notice



#### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130 http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.1.html

In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS00550)

To: Eligible Federal Agencies, Local and Regional Governments, and Other Non-Federal

Entities (See Distribution List)

From: Robert C. Wandel

Acting Assistant District Manager, SNPLMA Division

Subject: Round 16B Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA)

Special Account Funds Notice

This memorandum provides formal notification that funds are available from land sale revenues to proceed with projects funded under SNPLMA Round 16B. Please consider Tuesday January 3, 2017 to be the official funding notification date. The funding notification date initiates a one-year (1 year) time frame to begin working on the project.

Before beginning work on a project, the agency/entity must complete several steps, including receipt of this notice, submittal of a letter requesting project initiation, approval of a project work plan, and receipt of an executed financial instrument (assistance agreement, interagency agreement, BLM task order, or 1151-direct transfer funds expenditure letter). Recipient agencies and entities should refer to the instructions and requirements for initiating project funding in the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement, Part Two (IA Part Two), Appendix J posted on the SNPLMA website at http://www.blm.gov/snplma.

The time required to fully execute a financial agreement varies depending on the nature of the agreement as well as workloads both within BLM and within the requesting agency/entity. Therefore, it is recommended that requests to initiate funds be submitted within the next six months to ensure the financial instrument is executed in time for work to begin before Tuesday January 2, 2018.

The approved projects will be entered into the SNPLMA Management and Reporting Tool (SMART) and work plan development can commence on January 1, 2017. The Fiscal Year 2017 second quarter reporting cycle will be open from January 1 through February 10, 2017.

No contingency funding was approved for Round 16B projects. Budget reallocation between projects or within the categories is no longer authorized, expect as provided in the Round 16B Decision Document for the City of Henderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Trail projects. With the exception of the Lake Tahoe Restoration category, all unused funding from completed and terminated projects is returned to the SNPLMA Special Account. Requests for additional funds for approved projects will be considered only for funding from the Special Account Reserve (SAR).

In the Round 16B Secretary's Decision Document, the Secretary directed:

- All project funds not expended to complete the project shall be returned to the SNPLMA Special Account for future rounds, the Special Account Reserve, and other authorized purposes. No reallocation of excess funds by the Executive Committee to new or previously approved projects is authorized.
- Authorization for expenditures for projects submitted in Round 16B as set forth in this
  Decision Document will not be construed as a final approval for any particular
  expenditure. The amounts authorized herein are not approved for expenditure unless and
  until all requisite procedures are followed as outlined in this document and in the
  SNPLMA Implementation Agreement.
- For Federal projects, no amount authorized herein will be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until the following have been met:
  - 1) A notice of availability of funding has been issued.
  - 2) A work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The work plan will set forth a schedule of milestones with associated expenditures.
- For non-Federal projects, no amount authorized herein will be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until all of the following have been met:
  - 1) A notice of availability of funding has been issued.
  - A cooperative agreement or grant between the recipient entity and the BLM or other Federal agency has been fully executed.
  - 3) A work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the BLM or other Federal agency. The work plan must set forth a schedule of milestones with associated expenditures.
  - The starting point for an identified deliverable and its associated funding start date has been reached.
- Approved projects will be implemented in accordance with the project purpose and deliverables
  and within the timeframe specified in the project nomination, with appropriate time allocated for
  project startup and closcoul as agreed upon in the work plan approved by the BLM. Time
  extension requests should be considered exceptions to the expected practice of timely
  implementation of projects and therefore limited in number and scope.

If an agency or entity has not made the request to initiate a project <u>and</u> begun implementation of the project (i.e., conducting project work) by Tuesday January 2, 2018, the SNPLMA Division <u>will!</u> recommend termination of the project. The termination would be recommended through a decision memorandum and sent to the SNPLMA Executive Committee for a final decision.

The table below reflects the projects approved in each category by priority and includes the total approved funding, the SNPLMA administrative project number, and the BLM 12-digit work breakdown structure (WBS) numbers from BLM's FBMS financial management system, where applicable. Correspondence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee approved a change to the IA language regarding circumstances that would lead to a SNPLMA Division recommendation to terminate a project from "termination may be recommended" to "will be recommended" in a decision memorandum (DM) signed on January 15, 2014. The revisions in the DM became effective upon signature of the DM by the Executive Committee Chair.

with this office should reflect the priority number, SNPLMA project number, and the WBS where applicable. Financial instruments will include the WBS number in the funding account information. If you have any questions about your project, please contact your SNPLMA Program Manager.

#### SNPLMA ROUND 16B APPROVED PROJECTS

Priority	Project Name	Requesting Entity	SNPLMA Project Number	WBS	Designated Amount
		arks, Trails, and Natural . anks, Program Manager:			
2	Las Vegas Wash Enhancement and Stabilization	Southern Nevada Water Authority	WA09	LXSNW A095600	\$4,000,00
6	McGill Ball Park Upgrade Phase II	White Pine County	WP10	LXSNWP105600	\$996,19
8	Northern Nevada Historic Railroad Museum Interpretive Trail Phase II	White Pine County	WP11	LXSNWP115600	\$1,287,99
9	Carson River Trail System Phase II - Ranch Connection	Carson City	CR03	LXSNCR035600	\$1,843,68
10	Kiel Ranch Historic Park 6.81 Acre Acquisition	City of North Las Vegas	NL25	LXSNNL255600	\$1,520,70
11	Robert E. "Bob" Price Park Improvements	Clark County	CC67	LXSNCC675600	\$2,348,17
12	Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase 1	Clark County	CC68	LXSNCC685600	\$4,876,96
17	Craig Ranch Regional Park 5.34 Acre Acquisition	City of North Las Vegas	NL26	LXSNNL265600	\$3,824,60
18	Craig Ranch Regional Park 20.57 Acre Acquisition	City of North Las Vegas	NL27	LXSNNL275600	\$4,025,00
				PTNA Total	\$24,723,32
	(Robert Ta	Capital Improvements			
1	Colorado Rover Heritage Trail - Arizona	BOR	BR10	Transfer No WBS	\$5,999,77
2	Water in the Desert: Water Conservation Delivery System	FWS	FW39	Transfer No WBS	\$1,308,51
3	Lincoln County Partners Non-Motorized Multipurpose Trail System, Phase II	BLM	BL52	LXSNBL525200	\$1,119,68
4	Reconstruct and Restore the Historic Wheeler Peak Campground	NPS	NP99	Transfer No WBS	\$4,438,40
5	Hoover Dam Visitor Center Theater Level Refurbishment	BOR	BR11	Transfer No WBS	\$2,702,47
6	Rehabilitate Boulder Beach Campground North Loop	NPS	N100	Transfer No WBS	\$1,451,70
8	Hilltop Campground Reconstruction Project	FS	FS45	Transfer No WBS	\$5,286,30
					\$22,306,84

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	SNPLMA ROUND		NUMBER	REQUESTS		
		(continued)				
Priority	Project Name	Requesting Entity	SNPLMA Project Number	WBS	Designated Amount	
		Conservation Initiativ				
	(Cynthia I	off, Program Manager:	702-515-5120)			
1	Can land managers prevent the "inevitable collapse" of bals in the western US?	NPS	NP83	Transfer No WBS for NP; BL WBS is LXSNBL336100	\$1,193,6	
2	Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups	NPS	NP84	Transfer No WBS (for FS, NP, and FW); BL WBS is LXSNBL846100	\$2,978,1	
3	Protecting Gold Butte's Cultural Heritage	BLM	BL85	LLXSBL856100	\$1,749,2	
4	Butterfly Autecology Phase IV	FS	FS79	Transfer - No WBS	\$1,608,0	
5	Protection, Stabilization, and Restoration of the Lehman Caves Historic Area	NPS	NP79	Transfer No WBS	\$926,5	
6	Endemic and Sensitive Species Biological Mitigations for Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Capital Improvement Projects	FS	FS80	Transfer No WBS	\$734.2	
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		mentally Sensitive Land I, Acting Program Mana		116		
1	Jacks Valley Ranch Conservation Easement	FS	FS63	Transfer No WBS	\$12,419,0	
					\$12,419,0	
		vevada Landscape Restor ndel, Program Manager				
	Atlanta Road Sage Grouse Habitat					
11	Improvement Continuation	BLM	B014	LXSNB0146800	\$566,	
2	Sagebrush Habitat Restoration Ely District Noxious and Invasive Weeds:	FS	F017	Transfer No WBS	\$1,185.	
3	Inventory, Treatment, Restoration, and Education	FS	F018	Transfer No WBS	\$920,	
4	South Spring and Hamblin Valley Watershed Restoration Plan	BLM	B015	LXSNB0156800	\$350,	
5	Forgotten Grasslands: Restoration of Basin Wildryc Ecosystems on Great Basin National Park	NPS	N007	Transfer No WBS	\$320.	
,	National Park	NPS	15007	Halisier - No Wils	\$3,343,	
		species Habitat Conserv			33,343,	
		nks, Program Manager:	T			
2	Desert Tortoise Connectivity Riparian Restoration - Muddy River Riparian Reserve Unit	Clark County  Clark County	CC72 CC73	LXSNCC725700 LXSNCC735700	\$2,448, \$2,770,	
2	Expansi Aeserve Utit	CRITE COUNTY	CC/3	EASINGC/33/00	\$2,770, \$5,218,	
				All Categories Total	\$77,199,	
				Special Account Reserve	\$2,000,	
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# **Funding Instrument Process**

There are four methods, each with its own financial instrument format, used to provide funds for approved projects. The method used depends primarily upon which agency or entity is the recipient of the funding.

- Authorization to Expend Transferred Funds Letter: Certain Federal agencies are eligible to receive project funding by "1151" direct transfer of project funds.
- Assistance Agreement: Non-Federal recipients (e.g., local and regional governmental entities) receive project funds pursuant to a cooperative agreement/assistance agreement between the BLM and the local or regional governmental entity or other non-Federal entity.
- Inter-agency Agreement: Some Federal projects receive project funding by reimbursement pursuant to the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535) utilizing an IAA (formerly referred to as Intergovernmental Order or IGO). This is not used anymore, if possible
- BLM Task Order: BLM receives project funds utilizing an internal management document referred to throughout this IA as a "BLM task order." BLM projects approved prior to Round 6 were funded using internal reimbursable task orders; projects beginning with some in Round 6 and all projects in Round 7 and forward are funded by direct charge to the SNPLMA Special Account financial sub-activity for the applicable project category following execution of the BLM Task Order.



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# Task Order (BLM only)

Form 1891-3 (May 1998)  REIMBURSABLE WORK AUTHORE (BLM to perform work as described he named in item 6)		E INTERIOR NAGEMENT NTER/INTRA-AGENC R-AGENCY/INTRA-AG ve work performed for BL	ENCY ACREEMENT 1	1. Fiscal Year (s) (Period of Fund Availability NO YEAR MONEY		NO YEAR funding only refers to the
2. BLM RWA Project No./BLM IA No. Implementation Agreement, 10/2007  3. Check appropriate box: Original Modification No. 0 Task Order LXSNBL525200						SNPLMA program
4. Under the sutherity of (Cite authorities).  43.U.S.C. 1701 of seq. (PLPMA) 31  5. Description of work (Timore space is modeled, attoching the Country Partners Non-Mot The purpose of this notification is to 6, 2016, and confirmation of the period SEE THE ATTACHED TERMS AN	the additional sheets):  orized Multipurpose Trail Sobbligate funding for the subject of of performance, beginning  D CONDITIONS.	System, Phase II(pri ct project as approve on March 28, 2017 a	ority 16-3, project #BL	52): Interior on December arch 27, 2023.		Purpose and Period of Performance is taken from the
Address 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130 Organization NV-055 Project Manager: Rob Phone (include area): 702-515-5139		Address HC	33, Box 33500 NV 89130 Phone (include area	code) 303-236-9359		nomination and work plan
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9. Account/Cost Structure 9a. LLNVS00550 L58520000 9a. LX SN BL525200 253G00						Funding Code
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a. Current amount		a. This obligation		\$1,119,683.00		
b. Modification: Amount of Increase or Decrease (circle one)		b. Previous Obligation		\$0.00		
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Upon approval, this agreement constitutes an obligation reimbursement.	on against BLM if requesting the work; or a	authority to proceed with wor	k by BLM for the herein named agen	ncy in anticipation of		
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(Authorized Sign	ature)		(Signature)			required
15a. Nume (79ps) Robert Taylor 16a. Nume (79ps) Michael J. Herder						
15b. Title Capital Improvement Program Manager, SNPLMA	III 15c. Date	16b. Title BLM I	Ely District Manager	16c. Date		



# **Transfer Authorization (Federal only)**



#### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Southern Nevada District 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130 http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.l.html

In Reply Refer To: 2710 (NVS0055)

To: Marc Maynard

Chief, Resource Management Office

From: Robert Taylor

Capital Improvements Program Manager, SNPLMA Division

Subject: Notification of Authorization to Expend Southern Nevada Public Land Management

Act (SNPLMA) Project Funds Provided by 1151 Direct Transfer and Confirmation of

Period of Performance



Hoover Dam – Memorial Bridge Plaza Upgrades and Safety Enhancements SNPLMA Priority 15-5 SNPLMA Project # BR09

The purpose of this notification is to initiate direct transfer funding to accomplish the purpose of the subject project as described in the nomination approved by the Secretary of the Interior and further detailed in the SNPLMA project work plan. The purpose of the project is to provide safety enhancements to the subject project.

The scope of work and deliverables to be completed are:

1) Planning and design of a safety railing system for the Memorial Bridge Plaza trail system

2) Contract for the fabrication, installation of the railing.

Capital Improvements Projects are allowed 5 years from the date of the initial funding approval for completion; additional time beyond the approved completion date, shown in the funding authorization, must be requested at least 120 days prior to the approved expiration date of the project. This notification advises regarding the requirements for expenditure of funds as detailed below, the amount of funding available, and the start and end dates of the project.

Initial agency notification to request funding for the project

Project title, Round and priority, and SNPLMA project number.

Scope of Work to be completed, taken from the nomination and the work plan.



# **Conditions (continued)**

Hoover Dam – Memorial Bridge Plaza Upgrades and Safety Enhancements (SNPLMA Priority 15-5, Project # BR09) Recipient Agency: Bureau of Reclamation Notification of Authorization to Expend Funds & Period of Performance

SECRETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS: The National Park Service (NPS) has requested a direct transfer of funds for the SNPLMA project described above. Upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior, SNPLMA funds are appropriated for the approved project and are to be expended in conformance with appropriation law including the "purpose statute" and "necessary expense" doctrine. The Secretary's decision document includes requirements applicable to Federal projects as a prerequisite before funds are "authorized for expenditure." These requirements are:

- 1. adherence to all requisite procedures . . . in the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement;
- 2. workplans to be submitted and accepted by the BLM; and
- workplans that include a schedule of periodic expenditures reflecting logical phases of the project and "associated deliverables."
- 4. "...projects will be implemented within the time frame specified in the project nomination, with appropriate time allocated for project startup and closeout as agreed upon in the work plan approved by the BLM. The Executive Committee will determine an appropriate process to approve exceptions to the timeframes specified in the nomination where special circumstances warrant a time extension. Such extension requests should be considered exceptions to the expected practice of timely implementation of projects and therefore limited in number and scope."

Funding is provided by the BLM to the recipient agency as requested on a quarterly basis. Supplemental or off-cycle transfers will be done on a case-by-case basis, and subject to the agencies compliance with the aforementioned requirements. This direct transfer documentation will be updated each time the subject project is modified through an approved decision memorandum for a change in time, scope, or funding.

Total funding made available through the Secretary's decision and other processes contained in the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement (IA) is:

c.	SNPLMA Funding Available for Transfer NOT TO EXCEED	\$570,167.00
b.	Approved Contingency:	\$0.00
a.	Total Amount Approved and Allocated to the Project:	\$570,167.00

Construction is to be complete by July 15, 2018 and the period of performance and authorization to expend SNPLMA project funds expires January 1, 2019.

Period of Performance: Start Date: 11/21/2016 End Date: 01/01/2019

#### THE BLM CONFIRMS THAT:

The recipient Federal agency has complied with the Secretarial requirements listed above.

Agency requirements to accept the appropriation

Projects are to be completed and closed out within the timeframe in the approved work plan

Approved appropriation for the project.

Period of performance is taken from the nomination and work plan

# Conditions (continued)

Hoover Dam – Memorial Bridge Plaza Upgrades and Safety Enhancements (SNPLMA Priority 15-5, Project # BR09) Recipient Agency: Bureau of Reclamation Notification of Authorization to Expend Funds & Period of Performance

- The BLM accepts the project workplan submitted for the subject project as (1) accurately reflecting the purpose of the project and project deliverables as described in the nomination and approved by the Secretary, (2) containing target start and end dates for deliverables that will lead to completion of the project within the timeframe specified in the nomination as reflect by the start and end dates above, and (3) containing sufficient detail in terms of tasks and subtasks for the deliverables.
- · Funds will be provided through the direct transfer process outlined in the IA.
- Because the Secretary's requirements have been met and the workplan has been accepted by BLM as confirmed above, funds are, therefore, authorized for expenditure <u>upon</u> the agency's receipt of funds from the U.S. Treasury.
- The start date of the project's period of performance is the date the BLM SNPLMA Division signs the transfer request document and submits the request to the BLM's National Operations Center.
- The end date of the project's period of performance is derived from the duration of the
  project as contained in the project nomination submitted by the agency and approved by
  the Secretary of the Interior.
- The BLM will diligently carry out its oversight duties and responsibilities for implementation of the SNPLMA program.
- The BLM shall adhere to all policies, procedures, and business rules in the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement as currently written and as revised from time to time by approval of the Executive Committee, and in compliance with other applicable Federal laws and regulations.

#### BY ACCEPTING THE PROJECT FUNDS THE RECIPIENT AGENCY AGREES:

- To adhere to all policies, procedures, and business rules in the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement as currently written and as revised from time to time by approval of the Executive Committee.
- To implement and complete the project as described in the project nomination approved by the Secretary of the Interior generally in the manner detailed in the project workplan accepted by BLM.
- · To the accuracy of the amount of funding available outlined above.
- That the period of performance accurately reflects the duration of the project as described in the approved nomination and reflected in the project workplan.
- To report quarterly and annually on the project accomplishments as approved in the SNPLMA work plan.
- To provide documentation that 95% of all previous funding transferred is spent or a
  justification is provided, before requesting additional transfer funding.
- That all funds will be expended in accordance with appropriations law and regulations, including the necessary expense doctrine, for those costs necessary to complete the project as described in the nomination approved by the Secretary subject to any approved changes in scope.
- That funds will be expended in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), agency contracting and construction policies; in the case of projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin with the agency "Memorandum of Understanding concerning SNPLMA Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects"; and, in the case of environmentally sensitive land



Quarterly and Annually reporting 95% rule



# **Conditions (continued)**

Hoover Dam – Memorial Bridge Plaza Upgrades and Safety Enhancements (SNPLMA Priority 15-5, Project # BR09) Recipient Agency: Bureau of Reclamation Notification of Authorization to Expend Funds & Period of Performance

acquisitions, with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (PL-91-646), and all other applicable agency real property acquisition policies.

- That obligations and expenditures which are determined by the SNPLMA Division not to
  meet the criteria of a "necessary expense" or which otherwise do not adhere to
  appropriations law and regulations will be rejected and any funds already reimbursed,
  transferred, drawn down, or charged directly to the SNPLMA special account subactivity
  for inappropriate charges must be returned by the agency/entity.
- Unresolved disputes between the BLM SNPLMA Division and the recipient agency over whether or not a specific cost qualifies as a "necessary expense" to complete the project or whether a specific cost adheres to appropriations law and regulations will be resolved by the SNPLMA Executive Committee.
- Agency funds expended after Secretarial approval, but prior to meeting the three requirements in the Secretary's decision memo, including approval of the project workplan are not reimbursable by SNPLMA.
- As of January 1, 2011, no obligations and expenditures for project work will be
  reimbursed by SNPLMA if created or incurred outside the period of performance defined
  in this memorandum or defined in an approved time extension, if the project is in on-hold
  status, or if the obligation or expenditure is for work outside the purpose of the project in
  advance of approval of a change of scope. If any transferred funds are obligated or
  expended by the agency prior to obtaining an approved time extension, project
  reactivation, or change in scope, the amount so expended must be offset by other allowed
  expenses, offset against future transfer needs, or be returned to the SNPLMA special
  account by the agency.
- Requests for time extensions will be submitted at least 120 days in advance of the
  expiration date of the period of performance to ensure a decision regarding the request
  can be processed prior to the expiration date.
- Requests for use of contingency funds for projects in Round 10 and beyond, if provided
  for in the Secretarial decision, will be requested at least 120 days in advance of the
  agency's need to obligate or expend funds in accordance with the requirements in the IA.

**Necessary Expense Rule** 

Obligations or expenditures incurred prior to approval are not reimbursable

Time Extension requests



# Request to Initiate Assistance Agreement



#### **Department of Comprehensive Planning**

500 S Grand Central Pky • Box 551744 • Las Vegas NV 89155-1744 (702) 455-4314 • Fax (702) 455-3271

Nancy A. Amundsen, Director

January 12, 2017

Jeff Wilbanks, Program Manager Parks, Trails and Natural Areas BLM Southern Nevada District Office 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, NV 89130 SOUTHERN NEVADA
DISTRICT OFFICE

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Request for Initiation of SNPLMA Funding CC68 Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase I Project (Priority #16-7)

Dear Jeff:

Clark County is formally requesting initiation of funding through an assistance agreement for the above referenced SNPLMA project. The County has submitted the project work plan to initiate the CC68 Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase I project in the amount of \$4.876,966.00. We understand that SNPLMA funding for the CC68 Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase I project will not be provided until the project work plan is approved, and an assistance agreement has been executed and received by Clark County. Furthermore, we understand that information about the project scope, deliverables and available budget will be shared with the public via the SNPLMA website.

By this letter, we confirm the CC68 Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase I project will be carried out in compliance with the policies, procedures, and guidelines in the current SNPLMA Implementation Agreement, the terms and conditions of the assistance agreement, Federal Acquisition Regulations, and agency contracting and constructing policies.

Further, all funds provided will be expended only for the project approved by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and as described in the nomination. Funds provided will be allocated and accounted for by project.

We understand that Federal regulations require retention of records that document expenditures of funds against funding provided (e.g., receipts, invoices, inspection reports, etc.). Clark County will retain supporting documentation and expenditure records in the project file as expenses are incurred and will make them available for periodic project review and for project closeout or termination by SNPLMA as well as for formal audit purposes.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STEVE SISCLAK, Chairman - CHRISI GUIN-HIGLIANI, Vice Chair SUSAN BRAGER \* LARRY BROWN \* MARILYN KIRKPATRICK \* MARY BETH SCOW \* LAWRENCE WEEKLY YOLANDA T. KING, County Manager

We confirm that the financial reports retained in the project file will be annotated to explain expenses for documents excepted from retention in the project file by SNPLMA policies and that the excepted documents are retained in agency files as dictated by agency policy and procedures and acknowledge that Clark County could be asked to produce these documents for formal audit proceedings.

We also confirm that a list of staff charging payroll to the project and the function/role of each in carrying out the project will be included in the project file.

If you have any questions relating to this correspondence, feel free to contact Ron Gregory, SNPLMA Administrator, at (702) 455-3121 or rgy@clarkcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Amundsen, Director Authorized Certifying Official

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# **Assistance Agreement (Non-Federal)**



#### United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Nevada State Office 1340 Financial Boulevard Reno, Nevada 89502-7147 http://www.blm.gov/nv June 30, 2017

In Reply Refer To: NV955-1511

VIA EMAIL 6/30/2017

Ron Gregory Principal Planner County of Clark, Nevada 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Las Vegas, NV 89155-1745

Re: Funding Opportunity L17AS00048 BLM NV Clark County Southwest Ridge Park/Trailhead Phase 1 SNPLMA Round 16 CC68

Dear Mr. Gregory

I am pleased to notify you that your application and proposal for assistance for the above referenced program has been approved in the amount of \$4,876,966.00. Attached is the Assistance Agreement L17AC00040 which sets forth the terms and conditions. Acceptance of a financial assistance award from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with the terms and conditions of award. Awards are based on the application submitted to, and as approved by the BLM and are subject to the terms and conditions incorporated therein either directly or by reference.

Please carefully read the entire agreement and take special note of the performance goals and measures, the period of performance, the payment process, reporting requirements and due dates, and any Special Terms & Conditions. Annual submission of Financial Reports (SF-425) and Performance Reports are required under the Terms and Conditions of this agreement. Please contact your BLM Program Officer (PO) with any questions (contact information is listed on the award cover sheet).

Sincerely,

Susan Kaller

Susan Kaller Grants Management Officer

cc: Jeff Wilbanks, Program Officer



# **Assistance Agreement (Non-Federal)**

THIS ACTION	Grant and Cooperative Agreement							CHOOSE ONE:  COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  GRANT	
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# **Necessary Expense Rule**

For a cost to be considered a necessary expense of the project it must meet the following three criteria:

- The expenditure must "make a direct contribution to carrying out the appropriation" which in the case of SNPLMA are expenditures within the project categories authorized by Congress in SNPLMA as reflected in the projects approved by the Secretary of the Interior;
- The expenditure must not be prohibited by law; and
- The expenditure must not be covered by another more specific source of funding, i.e., the specific approved project or acquisition and associated necessary expenses must not be provided for in another appropriation or statutory funding scheme.

Necessary expense cost categories applicable to all categories can be found in Appendix B, sample estimated necessary expense forms in Appendix B-1 and B-2, and examples of "Other Necessary Expenses" permitted for payment from SNPLMA by the EC in Appendix B-3.

# **Necessary Expense Rule**

In addition to evaluating project expenditures based on the above requirements, the following SNPLMA rules regarding necessary expenses also apply to all projects:

- Expenses charged by the agencies/entities must be tied to a specific project and tracked by project.
- The EC has implemented a policy whereby Federal agencies and local and regional governmental entities shall not seek, and the SNPLMA will not pay, the recipient agency/entity's standard overhead percent based on the total project cost.
- SNPLMA will pay all necessary expenses to complete approved projects in all categories or, if a project has to be terminated, all necessary expenses up to the point that a determination to terminate is made, plus the costs to shut down the project and prepare the closeout package.
- Agencies/entities may pay, and be reimbursed by SNPLMA, for charges under agreements or contracts with another federal agency that operates on a cost center basis, or an agreement with a university or a commercial contract to do project work where the university or company charges indirect costs including overhead as a percent of the total of the agreement or contract.
- Indirect costs for expenses such as utilities, rent, cleaning, etc., though they may contribute to being able to complete the project(s), may not meet criteria number three which states the expenditure must not be funded through another appropriation.
- Monetary awards may be granted for significant work performed by agency/entity personnel in carrying out a SNPLMA project provided such awards are issued for exceptional performance on an individual basis.



# Changes to the Approved Scope

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# Modification to the Approved Scope





# **Period of Performance**

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# **Period of Performance**

### What was requested in the nomination?

Avoid scope creep

### What was approved by the Secretary?

- What was the period of performance requested in the nomination and approved by the Secretary.
- If the period of performance requested is less than the standard, you will be expected to complete the project within the timeframe approved.



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What do you think?



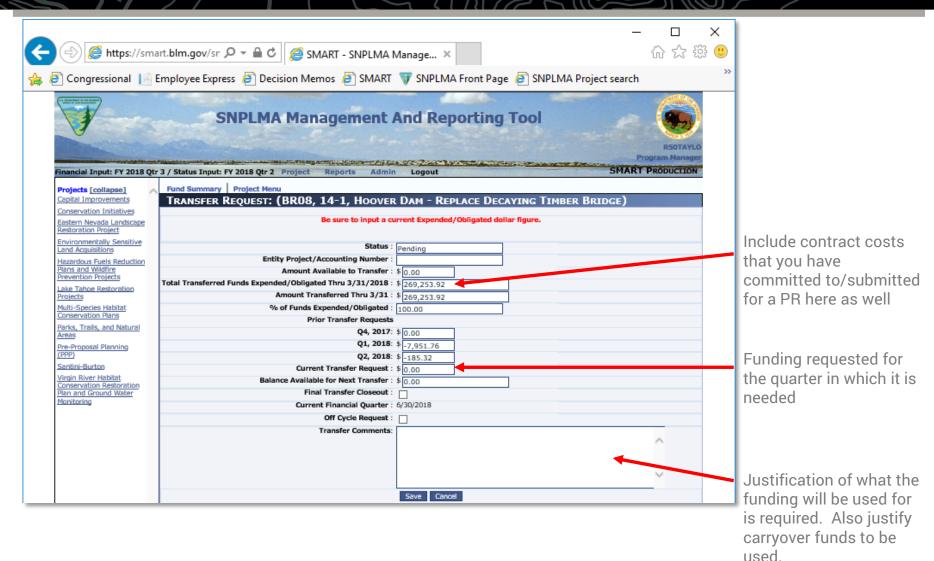
# What was Done Last Quarter

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How do I report progress?



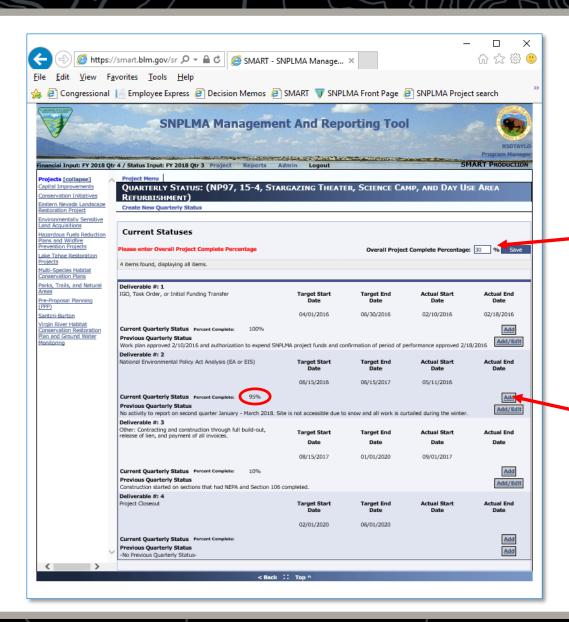


# **Transfer Request**





# Deliverable Progress Reporting

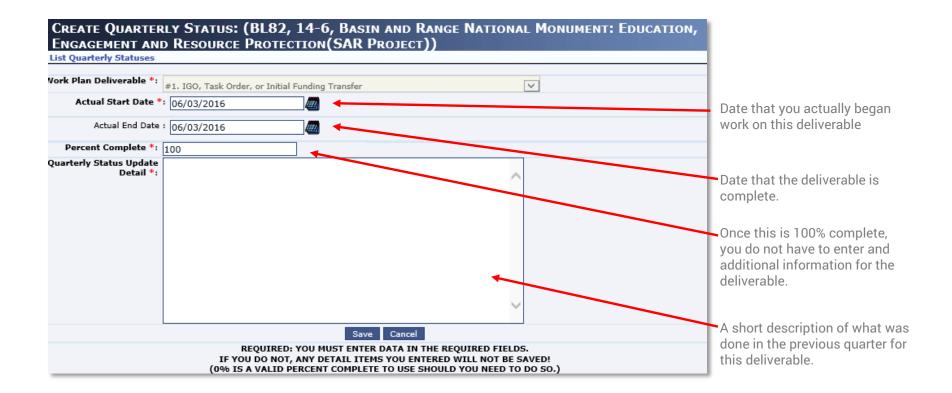


Progress should be commensurate with the expenditures and/or the period of performance that has expired.

Select Add to report progress on completing a deliverable. Once you report a deliverable is complete, do not add additional comments in a future quarter, If no work has been completed in the quarter due to weather, or other issues, state the reason why nothing was done on a deliverable that is already started.

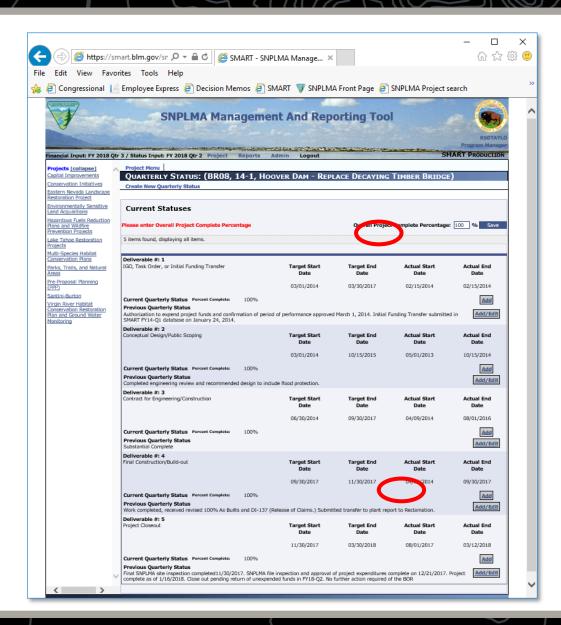


# **Deliverable Status Reporting**





# **Typical Work Plan**





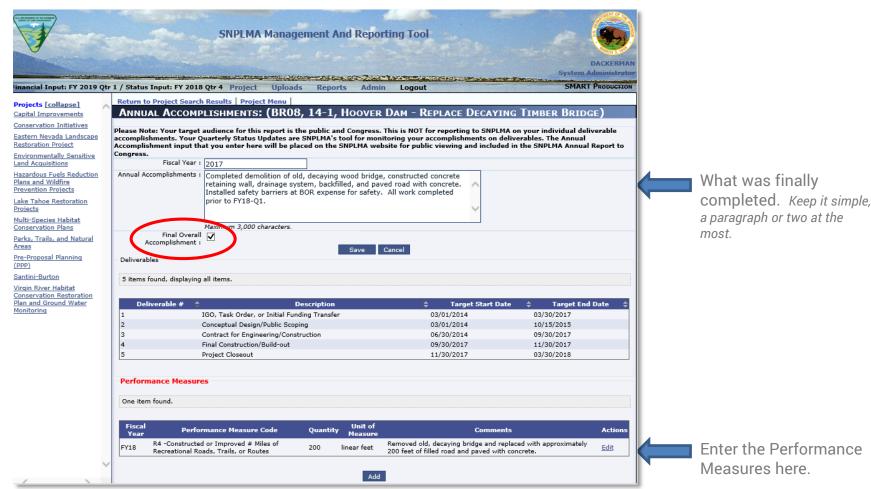
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# Performance Measures and Close Out



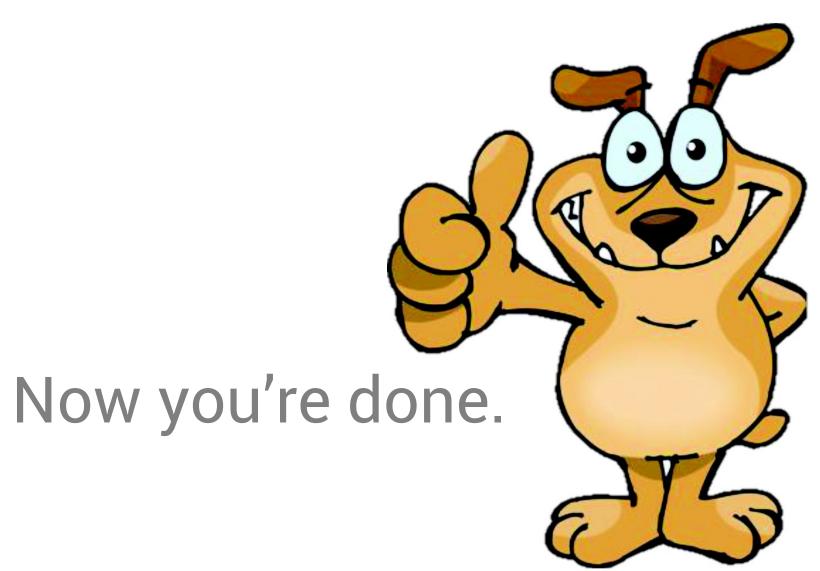
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# Final Expenditures

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Current Transfer Request :		
Balance Available for Next Transfer :		Transferred funds to be
Final Transfer Closeout :		returned (negative request)
Current Financial Quarter :	12/31/2019	( 19 11 )
Off Cycle Request :		
Transfer Comments:	Project expired 08/18/2019; BLM confirmed project complete on 8/20/2019; returning remaining funds.	







# What if you need help?



# Team SNPLMA

