Bureau of Land Management - Nevada

Presented by: John F. Ruhs, State Director
“is to manage the public lands to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations”.

Bureau of Land Management Mission
Nevada is the largest “landlord”

- 63% of Land Area
- 48M Surface Acres
- 59M Subsurface Acres

...with three of the largest programs

- Wild Horses
- Mining
- Grazing
The Laws that shape BLM’s Management

- 1876 Mining Law
- 1934 Taylor Grazing Act
- 1964 Wilderness Act
- 1970 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- 1971 Wild Horse and Burro Act
- 1973 Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act (PRIA)
What does the BLM Regulate?

- Renewable Energy (Solar, Geothermal and Wind)
- Non-Renewable Energy (Oil and Gas)
- Mining
- Grazing
What Services does the BLM Provide?

• Wild Horse and Burro Management
• Wildland Fire Management
• National Landscape Conservation System
• Areas of Special Designation
• Recreation
BLM Nevada Priorities
Resource Management Plans and the Status by District
Sage Grouse Plan Implementation
Permit Renewals

• Grazing Permit Renewal Team (GPRT)
  • Interdisciplinary Team of 6 Technical Experts Hired in 2014-15
  • Team Assigned High Priority Term Grazing Permit Renewals Statewide
  • Jake Vialpando - Team Lead and Supervisor
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  • Currently Working on the Argenta/Battle Mountain Complex Allotments
BLM Nevada
Wild Horse & Burro Program

• 83 Herd Management Areas
• Appropriate Management Level is 12,811
• March 1 Population Estimate was 34,531
  (today’s estimate (x20%) = 41,437)
• Lack of water and forage is already impacting many of BLM Nevada’s HMAs.
Questions?