THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

DECISION DOCUMENT

ROUND 13 - Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

The Secretary of the Interior hereby approves the estimated expenditures from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Special Account and other authorizations outlined below, with the provisos as stated.

1. The total expenditure authorized from the SNPLMA Special Account for Round 13 is $7,893,252, including estimated expenditures of:

FINAL RECOMMENDATION	
Expenditure Category	**Total Recommended Funding**
Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas	$1,966,278
Capital Improvements	$1,395,560
Conservation Initiatives	$ 858,274
Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions	$ 322,800
Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention	$1,688,650
Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project	$ 661,690
Category Totals	**$6,893,252**
Special Account Reserve	$1,000,000
Total Round 13 Budget Recommendation	**$7,893,252**

A list of approved projects to be funded through these authorized expenditures is attached as Attachment A.

a. All project funds not expended to complete the projects will be returned to the Special Account to be used for future rounds, the Special Account Reserve, and other authorized purposes. No reallocation of excess funds to previously approved projects is authorized.

b. Authorization for expenditures for projects submitted in Round 13 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*.

c. The "anticipated cost" for land acquisitions reflects the owner's asking price plus estimated costs for other allowed expenses such as appraisals and case management, but does not reflect the actual value of any property or the actual price to be paid for any property. The actual purchase price will be based on the federally appraised fair market value. Acquisitions by the United States of land and interests in land using funds from the SNPLMA Special Account will be made in all cases from willing sellers, and will comply with the land acquisition authorities of the acquiring agency, as well as with the guidance for such acquisitions established by the Department of Justice. Final purchase of any property, including final determination of the purchase price, will depend upon successful completion of the acquisition process under these authorities, as well as the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.

d. For Federal projects, no amount authorized herein will be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until a notice of availability of funding has been issued and 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 periodic expenditures reflecting logical phases of the project and associated deliverables.

e. 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.

2) 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 periodic expenditures reflecting logical phases of the project.

4) The starting point for an identified phase and its associated funding start date has been reached.

2. The establishment of a reserve within the Special Account in the amount of $1 million is authorized for expenditure during Round 13 at the discretion of the Executive Committee toward allowable expenditures under the SNPLMA and in accordance with the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*, where special circumstances warrant. Special Account Reserve

(SAR) funds are authorized to address unexpected shortfalls between estimated and actual costs for approved projects, respond to safety issues that pose an imminent threat and require immediate remediation, and respond to unique opportunities or unanticipated circumstances that require immediate action. All expenditures from the SAR will be undertaken in compliance with established procedures and internal controls as well as all applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The SAR authorized by this decision will be available during Round 13 only. Funds not obligated or allocated during Round 13 will be returned to the Special Account for allocation to the recommended budget in the next round.

3. 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.

4. The Lake Mead National Recreation Area (LMNRA) is authorized a new urgent project to construct an in-stream grade control structure downstream of the Northshore Road Bridge in the Las Vegas Wash. This approval also reallocates $3,091,879 to this new project from a previously approved Round 6 LMNRA project titled "Emergency Improvements for Continued Low-Water Operation of Lake Mead Facilities, Phase II (NP77)."

APPROVED:

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Date

Attachment:

Attachment A – SNPLMA Round 13 Final Recommendations (2 pp)

ATTACHMENT A

Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-263, as amended)
Round 13 Final Recommendation

Priority	Project Name	Requesting Entity	Amount Recommended
	Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas		
1	Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs Access Trail	City of Las Vegas	$ 260,000
2	Carson River Trail System - Eagle Valley Creek Segment	Carson City	$ 252,700
3	Boulder Creek Park and Trailhead	City of Henderson	$ 425,000
4	Gypsum Ridge Trail Phase I	Clark County	$ 473,675
5	Pioneer Park Phase II	Lincoln County	$ 299,515
6	Desert Inn Park Water Feature	Clark County	$ 255,388
		Park, Trails, and Natural Areas Total	**$ 1,966,278**
	Capital Improvements		
1	Rehabilitate the Historic Railroad Trail Grade and Surface for Visitor Use and Resource Protection	NPS	$ 300,000
2	Hoover Dam - Rehabilitate Top of Dam Sidewalks	BOR	$ 539,560
3	Complete Restoration/Preservation of Top of Hoover Dam Historic Cultural Features	BOR	$ 556,000
		Capital Improvements Total	**$ 1,395,560**
	Conservation Initiatives		
1	Johnson Lake Mine Historic District Stabilization	NPS	$ 511,991
2	Characterization of Sage Grouse Habitat in Priority Watersheds	BLM	$ 346,283
		Conservation Initiatives Total	**$ 858,274**
	Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions		
1	Leyh Mining Claims	NPS	$ 322,800
		Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisition Total	**$ 322,800**

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Priority	Project Name	Requesting Entity	Amount Recommended
	Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention		
1	Upper Third Creek Fuels Reduction	North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District	$ 200,000
2	North Shore CWPP Implementation	California Tahoe Conservancy	$ 250,000
3	Bowers Hazardous Fuels Reduction Implementation	USFS	$ 500,000
4	South Shore CWPP Implementation	California Tahoe Conservancy	$ 250,000
5	Shakespeare Rock Fuels Reduction	Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District	$ 238,650
6	Old Mill Hazardous Fuels Treatment	USFS	$ 250,000
		Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Total	**$ 1,688,650**
	Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project		
1	Soap Creek Sagebrush Steppe and Aspen Restoration	NPS	$ 231,500
2	Bald Mountain Sagebrush Habitat Restoration	BLM	$ 430,190
		Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project Total	**$ 661,690**
		All Categories Total	**$ 6,893,252**
		Special Account Reserve	**$ 1,000,000**
		Round 13 Total Budget	**$ 7,893,252**