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## **BLM opens Round 7 call for nominations on expenditure of Southern Nevada land funds**

LAS VEGAS --- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking nominations for the seventh round of expenditures funded by monies raised through the BLM's Las Vegas Valley land auctions. The deadline for Round 7 nominations is Thursday, August 10, 2006.

Under the authority of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA), as amended, the BLM is mandated to sell land in the greater Las Vegas Valley. The proceeds of the land auctions are used to fund projects in Clark and Lincoln Counties and to acquire environmentally sensitive lands throughout Nevada with priority given to lands in Clark County.

Thus far, the BLM has raised \$2.7 billion by auctioning about 12,926 acres of public land located in the Las Vegas Valley to the highest bidder. Ten percent of the money raised goes to the Southern Nevada Water Authority for infrastructure requirements (\$280 million); five percent goes to the State of Nevada General Education Fund (\$146 million) while 85 percent is retained by the Secretary of the Interior for projects and land acquisitions in Nevada. An additional \$58.5 million has been made available for acquisition of environmentally sensitive land at Lake Tahoe and \$7 million for the Department of Aviation in accordance with the SNPLMA and the Santini-Burton Act.

Specific requirements for nominating projects in all categories, including environmentally sensitive land for acquisition, can be found at [www.nv.blm.gov/SNPLMA](http://www.nv.blm.gov/SNPLMA). Nomination packets are available for all project categories. Nominations should be submitted directly to: BLM Las Vegas Field Office, SNPLMA Division, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas NV 89130. For more information, please call 702-515-5063.

In the sixth round, approved by the Secretary of the Interior in February 2006, \$1.08 billion in expenditures was authorized. Included in the Round 6 approvals are projects totaling \$876 million, as well as funds for planning for future projects in Clark and Lincoln Counties, and additional funding (\$150 million) set aside for future Lake Tahoe restoration.

The next scheduled BLM land auction is Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at Cashman Theatre located at Cashman Center in North Las Vegas. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the live auction begins at 10 a.m. BLM will present 488.315 acres for sale with an appraised fair market value of \$180,392,000.

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