

SNPLMA

SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT

ROUND 10 APPROVED PROJECTS

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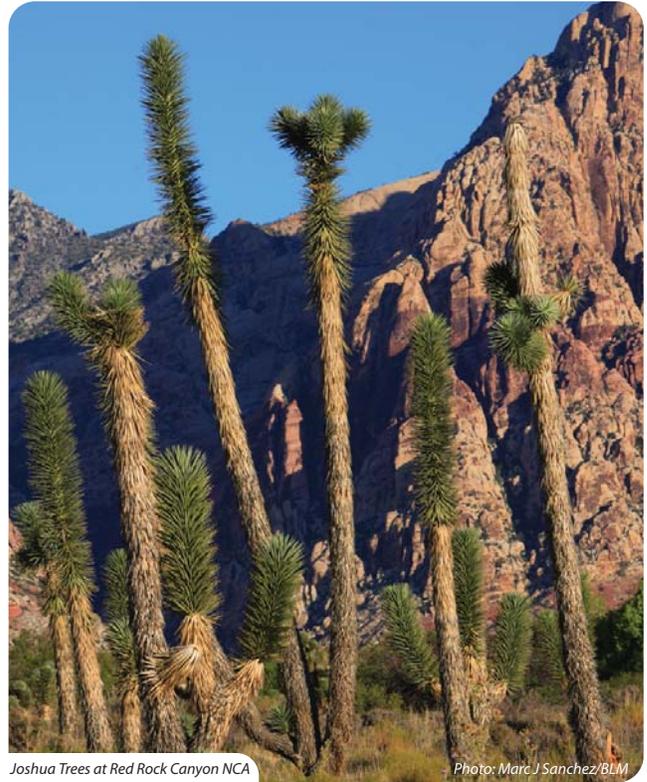


Welcome to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Round 10 Approval Announcement Ceremony

Today, the Secretary of the Interior will approve nearly \$136 million in funding for the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act's tenth round of expenditures. Round 10 approval will provide funds for conservation, restoration, wildfire protection, environmentally sensitive land acquisition, recreation, and capital improvement projects for Nevada and the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The \$135,884,504 approved under Round 10 will fund 63 projects, including:

- **\$10,963,140 in hazardous fuels reduction**
- **\$27,891,285 for use in Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects**
- **\$30 million set aside for future Lake Tahoe Projects**
- **The development of parks, trails, and natural areas**
- **Conservation initiatives**
- **Capital improvement projects**
- **Landscape restoration projects in Carson City, Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties**
- **The acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in Douglas, Washoe, and Lyon Counties.**



Joshua Trees at Red Rock Canyon NCA

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Round 10 Approved Funding						
Expenditure Category	Estimated Costs			Funding Sources		
	Base	10% Contingency	Total	From Budget Reallocation	From SNPLMA Special Account	Total
Parks, Trails, & Natural Areas	\$9,308,202	\$930,820	\$10,239,022	-	\$10,239,022	\$10,239,022
Capital Improvements	\$7,496,481	\$749,648	\$8,246,129	-	\$8,246,129	\$8,246,129
Conservation Initiatives	\$7,665,107	-	\$7,655,107	-	\$7,655,107	\$7,655,107
Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions	\$13,066,000	-	\$13,066,000	-	\$13,066,000	\$13,066,000
Hazardous Fuels Reduction	\$10,963,140	-	\$10,963,140	-	\$10,963,140	\$10,963,140
Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Projects	\$1,931,721	-	\$1,931,721	-	\$1,931,721	\$1,931,721
Lake Tahoe Restoration	\$27,891,285	-	\$27,891,285	-	\$27,891,285	\$27,891,285
Categories Total	\$78,311,936	\$1,680,468	\$79,992,404	-	\$79,992,404	\$79,992,404
Special Account Reserve	\$10,000,000	-	\$10,000,000	-	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Total Round 10 Expenditures	\$88,311,936	\$1,680,468	\$89,992,404	-	\$89,992,404	\$89,992,404
Wetlands Park Acquisition						
Additional Funds	\$15,892,100	-	\$15,892,100	\$15,892,100	-	\$15,892,100
Lake Tahoe Reserve	\$30,000,000	-	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	-	\$30,000,000
Total Approved Funding	\$104,234,036	\$1,680,468	\$135,884,504	\$45,892,100	\$89,992,404	\$135,884,504

Acquisition of Environmentally Sensitive Land

SNPLMA supports funding for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive land and interests in land in Nevada. Lands are to be acquired, according to the statute, in order to “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 interest.”

The following acquisitions were made possible by SNPLMA Round 10 funding:



Conservation Easement near Carson City, NV

Round 10 Acquisition of Environmentally Sensitive Lands

Project Name	Agency	Recommended Amount
RLF Rock Creek Parcels	Bureau of Land Management	\$864,000
Winters Ranch Property	Bureau of Land Management	\$12,202,000
Totals		\$13,066,000

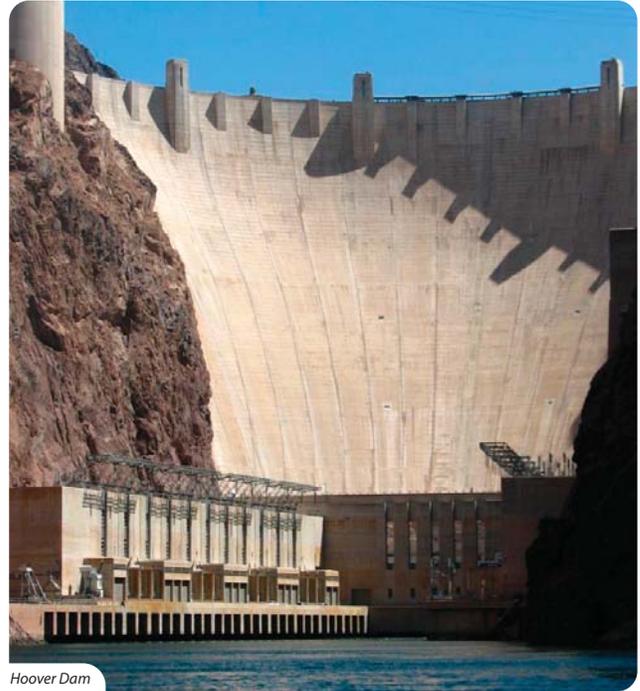


Cultural Site Stewards recording petroglyph site

Capital Improvements

SNPLMA provides funding from the Special Account to support 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; other areas administered by the BLM and the Forest Service in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties; and the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. These projects include repair or rehabilitation of existing infrastructure, construction of new facilities, and other improvements needed to protect resource values. Examples include projects as diverse as the construction of fire stations, recontouring of streams to improve habitat, and improvements to campgrounds and other visitor facilities.

The tenth round of SNPLMA funding included the following Capital Improvements projects:



Hoover Dam

Round 10 Capital Improvements

Project Name	Agency	Recommended Amount
Bradford Spring Channel Restoration	US Fish & Wildlife Service	\$1,359,135
Provide Campground Improvements that Increase Visitor Access to Great Basin National Park	National Park Service	\$2,979,646
Red Rock Portal System Signage	Bureau of Land Management	\$313,000
Hoover Dam Interpretive & Safety Enhancements	US Bureau of Reclamation	\$1,800,000
Procure, Install, and Test Remote Weather Station	National Park Service	\$494,700
Historic Building Preservation and Bunkhouse Construction	US Forest Service	\$550,000
Contingency Funding (10%)		\$749,648
Totals		\$8,246,129



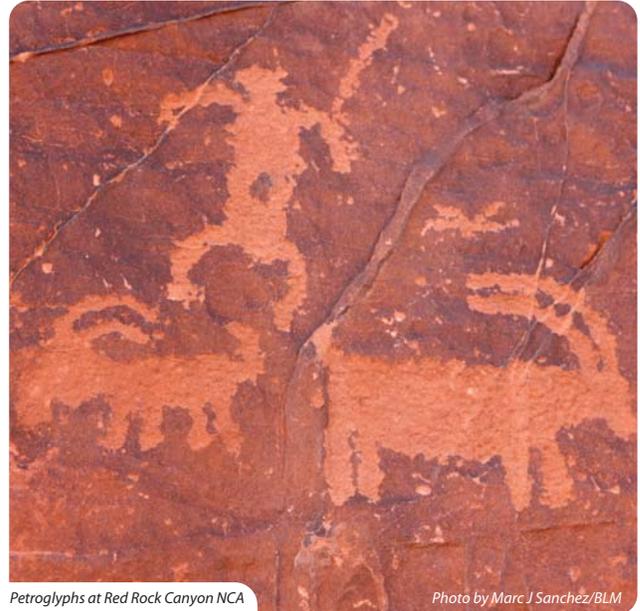
Wilson Cliffs, Red Rock Canyon NCA

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Conservation Initiatives

In January 2002, Congress amended the SNPLMA legislation to promote conservation and improve the quality of Federal lands in Clark County by allowing up to 10 percent of amounts available in the Special Account to be used for “Conservation Initiatives.” Subsequent amendments to the SNPLMA legislation have expanded the reach of Conservation Initiatives to Lincoln and White Pine Counties. To date, 96 projects totaling \$187.8 million have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Conservation Initiatives include cooperative Federal agency litter clean-up efforts, habitat restoration projects, abandoned mine closures, water usage and conservation studies, and many other conservation programs critical to protecting and sustaining resources in Nevada.

The tenth round of SNPLMA supports conservation initiatives as follows:



Petroglyphs at Red Rock Canyon NCA

Photo by Marc J Sanchez/BLM

Round 10 Conservation Initiatives		
Project Name	Agency	Recommended Amount
White Pine County Wilderness Restoration and Implementation	Bureau of Land Management	\$1,208,200
Cultural Resource Survey and Site Mitigation in the Red Rock Canyon NCA	Bureau of Land Management	\$394,954
Investigating and Interpreting Anasazi Ruins on the Virgin River near Mesquite, Nevada	Bureau of Land Management	\$1,714,988
USFS & NDOW White Pine County Cave Resources Assessment	US Forest Service	\$499,900
Recreation Stewardship Pilot Program and Logandale Trails System Implementation	Bureau of Land Management	\$1,026,665
Support of the Virgin River Conservation Management Strategy	Bureau of Land Management	\$340,000
Spring Mountains Inventory and Monitoring Strategy Implementation	US Forest Service	\$1,500,000
Survival and Habitat Requirements of Bighorn Sheep on the Desert NWR	US Fish & Wildlife Service	\$680,500
Mesquite and Acacia Woodland Restoration for Lake Mead NRA	National Park Service	\$289,900
Totals		\$7,655,107

Lake Tahoe Restoration

The SNPLMA legislation was amended in 2003 to provide funding for Federally sponsored projects consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) created by the Tahoe Regional Planning Authority. These expenditures were authorized by the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) that recognizes Lake Tahoe as a unique area and recreational resource. The

LTRA was enacted to provide the Forest Service and its Federal partners the ability to plan and implement significant restoration activities across both Nevada and California lands bordering Lake Tahoe. The LTRA authorized expenditure of up to \$300 million over 10 years.

Round 10 Lake Tahoe Science Theme Areas	
Theme Area	Funding
Forest Health	\$1,100,000
Watershed, Water Quality, and Habitat Restoration	\$1,000,000
Air Quality and Meteorology	\$900,000
Integrating Science	\$750,000
Totals	\$3,750,000

Round 10 Lake Tahoe Watershed and Habitat Improvement		
Project Name	Agency	Recommended Amount
Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species Proliferation in Lake Tahoe	US Fish & Wildlife Service	\$985,000
Erosion Control Grant Program	US Forest Service	\$10,000,000
Upper Truckee River Restoration - Sunset Beach	US Forest Service	\$4,500,000
Recovery/Restoration of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout in the Tahoe Basin	US Fish & Wildlife Service	\$560,000
Lake Tahoe Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL) Management System	US Environmental Protection Agency	\$584,325
Meeks Creek Ecosystem Restoration	US Forest Service	\$60,000
Basin Wide Trail Construction, Best Management Practices Upgrades, Decommissioning	US Forest Service	\$553,000
Cold Creek/High Meadow Ecosystem Restoration	US Forest Service	\$200,000
Big Meadow Fire Regime Restoration	US Forest Service	\$235,000
Angora Fire: Meadow Restoration Project	US Forest Service	\$100,000
Resource Inventories, Surveys & Analysis	US Forest Service	\$500,000
Tahoe Integrated Information Management Systems (TIIMS)	US Environmental Protection Agency	\$214,000
Light Detection & Ranging (LiDAR) & Multi-spectral Geospatial Data Acquisition	US Geological Survey	399,960
Upper Truckee River Restoration - Middle Reaches 1 & 2	US Bureau of Reclamation	\$500,000
Totals		\$19,391,285

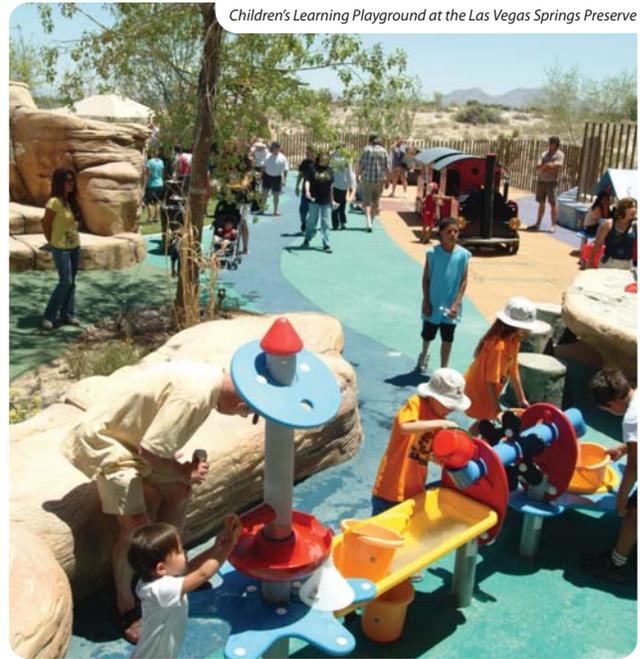
Round 10 Forest Health		
Project Name	Agency	Recommended Amount
South Shore Hazardous Fuel Reduction & Healthy Forest Restoration Implementation	US Forest Service	\$3,750,000
West Shore WUI Hazardous Fuel Reduction & Forest Health Planning Project	US Forest Service	\$750,000
Aspen Community Restoration	US Forest Service	\$200,000
Angora Fire Long-Term Restoration: Aspen Planting	US Forest Service	\$50,000
Totals		\$4,750,000

Round 10 Lake Tahoe Grand Totals	
Project Category	Recommended Amount
Science Theme Areas	\$3,750,000
Watershed and Habitat Improvements	\$19,391,285
Forest Health Projects	\$4,750,000
Totals	\$27,891,285

Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas

This category benefits local and regional governments by providing for the development of parks, trails, and natural areas (PTNAs) in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties. Participating entities (Clark County, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson, Lincoln County, White Pine County, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, and the Clark County Sanitation District) must first enter into cooperative agreements with the Federal Government. SNPLMA Special Account funds may then be provided for acquisition of lands, easements, or rights-of-way necessary to develop PTNAs, as well as for construction of such projects by local and regional governmental entities.

The following Round 10 projects work toward not only preserving natural habitats but also making these areas accessible to the public for their enjoyment and education:



Children's Learning Playground at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve

Round 10 Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas

Project Name	Agency	Recommended Amount
Duck Creek Stabilization Project Phase II	Southern NV Water Authority	\$900,000
Mesquite Regional Park	Clark County	\$1,000,000
Camp Success Pres. & Enhancement Phase I	White Pine County	\$1,093,987
River Mountains Loop Trail Safety/Education	City of Henderson	\$465,215
Doolittle Park Renovation Phase I	City of Las Vegas	\$1,400,000
Horseman's Park Phase II	Clark County	\$839,000
Paradise Point Park	City of Henderson	\$1,006,000
Boulder City Bootleg Canyon Park Phase II	Clark County	\$739,000
Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo Grounds Phase II	Lincoln County	\$880,000
Prentiss Walker Memorial Park Renovation Project	City of North Las Vegas	\$985,000
Contingency Funding (10 %)		\$930,820
Totals		\$10,239,022



Centennial Hills Park

Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention

SNPLMA was amended in December 2006 to authorize funding for “Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention.” The legislation provides for the “development and implementation of comprehensive, cost effective, multijurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention plans” for three areas: The Carson Range, the Lake Tahoe Basin (Nevada and California), and the Spring Mountain Range in Southern Nevada. The Act also called for sustainable energy development and production using the biomass created from implementation of the plans.

SNPLMA funded creation of the multijurisdictional plans, which brought Federal, Tribal, State, local,

regional, and private entities to the table to create one plan for each area. Implementation of these threat reduction plans began in Round 8 with approval of 14 projects in this category at a cumulative cost of \$14.6 million. The projects have focused on the wildland-urban interface (WUI), treating both individual lots within communities and also reducing fuel loads around communities across jurisdictions. The treatments in these three areas will increase public safety and put firefighters in conditions where they have a better chance of protecting structures and forests in the event of a wildfire.

In Round 10, funding will support the following hazardous fuel reduction projects:

Round 10 Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention		
Project Name	Agency	Recommended Amount
State of NV Urban Lot Fuel Reduction Sensitive Areas/ Stream Environment Zone	State of Nevada	\$268,800
Implementation of the Carson Range 10 Year Plan	Nevada Fire Safe Council	\$1,300,000
Arrowhawk and Jobs Peak - Phase 2 of 3	US Forest Service	\$1,200,000
Lake Tahoe Urban Forest Restoration and Fuels Reduction, Phase 4 of 4	US Forest Service	\$2,000,000
Lake Tahoe Basin Interagency and Integrated Hazardous Fuels Reduction	Nevada Fire Safe Council	\$1,100,000
Implementation of the Spring Mountain 10 Year Plan	Nevada Fire Safe Council	\$589,340
Van Sickle Phase II Fuels Reduction Project	State of Nevada	\$405,000
Carnelian Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Restoration Project - Phase 1 of 3	US Forest Service	\$1,500,000
Red Rock Fuel Break Treatments	Bureau of Land Management	\$1,000,000
Spooner Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Forest Health Restoration Project - Phase 1 of 3	US Forest Service	\$1,000,000
Mt Rose Tracts and Little Valley Fuels - Phase 1 of 3	US Forest Service	\$600,000
Totals		\$10,963,140



Jacks Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration

In addition to creating the Fuels Treatment category of work, the 2006 amendments to SNPLMA also authorized that funding be allocated for the Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project (ENLRP). This category was created to support and implement restoration work envisioned by the Great Basin Restoration Initiative (GBRI) in Lincoln and White Pine counties in Nevada. The GBRI itself came about after large-scale catastrophic fires decimated millions of acres of sagebrush and pinyon juniper across the Great Basin in the late 1990s. The GBRI takes a landscape-level approach to restoration work and this emphasis is continued in ENLRP. Although the BLM, USFS, USFWS, and NPS are the only agencies that can nominate projects in this category, funding can be used across jurisdictional boundaries to support vegetative treatments, reduction of hazardous fuels, and other restoration activities in the two eligible counties.

Round 10 supports restoration in eastern Nevada as follows:

Bristlecone Pine, Great Basin NP



Round 10 Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration

Project Name	Agency	Recommended Amount
White River Valley Invasive Weeds: Inventory Treatment, Restoration and Education	Bureau of Land Management & US Forest Service	\$561,721
Lowry Fuels Reduction Project	US Forest Service	\$370,100
Ward Mountain Restoration	US Forest Service	\$395,000
Soil Survey of Mt. Moriah and White Pine Range, Ely Ranger District, White Pine County	US Forest Service	\$604,900
Totals		\$1,931,721

Great Basin NP

