Round 16 Conservation Initiative

Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups

Amount Requested: $2,978,100

NPS/BLM/USDAFS/USFWS

Lead Agency for Project: National Park Service

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Round 16 Proposal

Title: Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups

I. Purpose Statement

Who: National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S.D.A. Forest Service (USDAFS) and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) lands in Clark County, Nevada.

What: A two-prong "*Habitat Enhancement* and *Cultural Resources* and *Safety and Public Health"* categories project consisting of:

1. A partnership between land management law enforcement, cultural, education, Protectors of Tule Springs, Friends of Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, and Friends of Red Rock to enhance the coordinated protection of threatened cultural and prehistoric sites on the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument (TUSK) and surrounding lands managed by the respective agencies. Law enforcement personnel will provide preventive measures to eliminate illegal target shooting and vehicle use activities on TUSK and other areas while reducing the impacts of these displaced impactful activities on other federal lands. Preventive measures will come in the form of signage, vehicle barriers, education and outreach, and enforcement.
2. Land management jurisdictions have changed in this area within the past two years. Much of the public is unaware and/or confused by these changes, which include the establishment of Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument as well as the expansion of Red Rock Canyon NCA. Areas previously open to target shooting and OHV activities are now closed in favor of the protection of trust resources and lesser-impactful recreational opportunities. TUSK was established by Congress to protect the unique upper Las Vegas wash, which contains the richest area of Pleistocene era fossils in the United States. Over 600 identified sites are located within the area, however within the popular Mud Hills shooting area, scientists have not been able to document sites due to safety issues and severe hazardous materials and litter. They have estimated based on the geology that this area is the most rich in fossil resources and needs immediate protection from further destruction. Thousands of recreational shooters use public lands each year and this and volume of shooting cannot be supported by the Clark County Shooting Complex and other shooting facilities. Friends groups will partner with law enforcement and other volunteers to ensure safe cleanup activities on TUSK and other adjacent lands. The efforts in this project will reach at least 200,000 people in Clark County. It will also remove over 20 tons of trash and hazardous materials.

Where: Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument/Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and other adjacent BLM lands within Clark County, Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, and Desert National Wildlife Refuge (see

maps in Appendix) where target shooting and OHV use are currently being displaced with the establishment of TUSK.

Why: The purpose is to further protect newly designated public lands, existing public lands, and those lands currently open to the activities that will be displaced utilizing outreach and enforcement. Through Friends Groups' partnerships with land management law enforcement, it will be possible to inform the public of the changes in land status, appropriate uses, the differences in land management jurisdictions, and provide for safe recreational opportunities while protecting trust resources. These areas are of very high public use.

Safety of the visiting public will be enhanced through outreach, education and enforcement. In areas where target shooting and OHV use are legitimate uses and expected to increase, educators and stewards can assist rangers in promoting the ethical participation in these activities to decrease impacts to resources, increase safety and decrease user group conflict.

Value of Project: This project fulfills all agencies mandates to "manage and protect the resource". No other project proposal can accomplish that without the authority we possess to address violations and investigate crimes. Additionally, we are here to assist the public when they are in need; whether that need is information, medical aid, or rescue. Rangers and Officers are the face of the agencies they represent and who the public associates with public land agencies. The value of the project will be to instill a culture of stewardship among user groups to ensure minimal impact on the resources.

II. *Background Information and Need*:

The pioneering interagency law enforcement group began working together under SNPLMA in 2003 and submitted their first proposal in 2004. Through the years, despite numerous changes to the varying levels of management and team members, there has been consistent praise and support for what this team has accomplished on the front lines of resource protection. The team has also been recognized with national and local awards.

With so much SNPLMA money and Agency investment made to habitat enhancements, facility improvements, public education endeavors, cultural and paleontological resources protection and scientific investigation over the past twelve years of SNPLMA, it is imperative that protection of these assets remain a priority for not only the managers responsible for them, but to the public who continually rate forests, parks and open spaces as important components to the quality of life that is distinctive to Las Vegas.

This project resides in the Executive Committee priority of *Safety and Public Health*, and also supports aspects that encompass the *Habitat Enhancement* and *Cultural* priorities. To achieve the value of **sustainability**, this proposal intends to **leave a lasting legacy on the landscape** by reducing the impacts of target shooting and OHV use. In partnering with other teams and non-government organizations, such as volunteer and friends groups, there is the value of additional

numbers of workers, observers, and stewardship examples to support land management. These volunteers provide habitat improvements and cleanups to benefit agencies with a fresh start to provide pristine resources for the public to experience and enjoy.

In order to maximize safety and public health efforts as well as sustainability of the landscape, a comprehensive outreach program will be initiated to inform the public about jurisdiction and appropriate use. This program will be in the form of outdoor education and law enforcement personnel contacting the public in person, publications, press releases, social media, signage, fencing and barriers, patrol, and when necessary, investigations and prosecution.

When discussing **sustainability**, these signs and fences to protect the most sensitive areas will continue to safeguard these resources well into the future. The initial stimulus from SNPLMA funding will also assist education and recreational personnel as well as friends groups in providing information to new visitors via interpretive displays, publications, and examples of restored and protected resources that will inspire a new generation of land stewards.

This effort will enhance the ability to **connect** people with these valued resource areas. The mentoring alliance between friends groups, volunteers and law enforcement personnel will increase knowledge and abilities to proactively interact with visitors, educating visitors they encounter, and encourage respectful and appropriate uses of these special areas. Our successes will be measured by the stewardship that visitors will exhibit across the natural landscape.

This proposal seeks to plant and grow the seeds of conservation in the Las Vegas **community** of humans, while protecting the biological **communities** that exist alongside and depend on us. Each year visitation to public land areas is increasing and the demographics of those who are visiting are changing, as is the Las Vegas Valley.

As a joint effort on this front, our team partners with one another and other teams to assist with those issues specific to or shared by the other agencies to promote the sense of a single agency committed to the public and the resource. In particular, this proposal will strive to build prevention methods and capacity through relationships created over the past twelve years that have resulted in positive resource protection activities.

III. Project Timeframe:

This project is a stand-alone, one phase request of $2,978,100 to be utilized over a two-year period of time that includes the project closeout. The Resource Protection Team acknowledges that there is no guarantee or expectation of future funding for this project.

IV. Location of Project:

This project is located in Clark County, Nevada (see appendix for maps).

36˚14’41”N 115˚14’04”W

V. Deliverables:

A. Primary:

- Provide fencing and vehicle barriers to protect sensitive resources, such as Tule Springs Fossil Beds NM, and Red Rock Canyon NCA
- Purchase and install signage for jurisdiction and prevention of inappropriate uses
- Assist friends groups and other volunteers in performing safe and thorough cleanup activities
- Provide personal education, outreach and interface to the public
- Provide specialized assets to address resource issues and violations

- Anticipated:
- Use media for outreach and education (press releases, social media)
- Appearance of increased presence and concentrated efforts against illicit shooting and off-road activities
- Placement of interpretive displays
- Monitoring of areas that are currently intact but will likely absorb much of the target shooting user group displacement
- Better recording of activities leading to deterrence measures

B. Standard:

- Closer partnerships with friends groups, education, recreation and law enforcement staff
- Combined efforts that yield mutual respect and appreciation of the resource
- Greater awareness by the public of efforts being made to protect priority sites/areas
- Reduce illegal activities at sites/areas
- In kind contributions of volunteer/friends group hours, fencing, barriers and agency signage will be used on this project
- Provide fire investigative resources when required
- Follow up investigation leading to prosecution and restitution and rehabilitation of habitat
- Signing that educates the public about habitat sensitivity, boundaries, and protected areas will be replaced as needed

VI. Performance Measures:

Outcome: Reduce impact of increased target shooting and OHV use in areas where these uses are allowable:

- Output: Friends group and ranger outreach to encourage lowest impact on resource

    - Performance Measure O5 – Number of Outreach Contacts Made
- Output: Develop signage and other publications to inform importance of land stewardship
    - Performance Measure O6 – Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/Kiosks/Displays/etc.
- Output: Keep increased use areas clean via receptacles and volunteer cleanup crews
    - Performance Measure O10 – Number of Volunteers Used

Outcome: Reduce or eliminate target shooting and OHV use in areas closed to those activities through outreach, signage, fencing, barriers and enforcement activities:

- Output: Place signs, fences and other barriers to enhance resource protection and prevent damage from vehicle access to thousands of fragile paleontological sites and other sensitive resources at TUSK and Corn Creek historic ranch. Seven miles of sustainable fencing will be built with funds from MSHCP in support of this output.
    - Performance Measure H16 – Miles of Roads or Trails Decommissioned and/or Rehabilitated
    - Performance Measure C2 – Number of Cultural or Paleontological Artifacts Protected
    - Performance Measure C1 – Number of Cultural or Historic Sites or Structures Stabilized or Protected
- Output: Set stewardship example by utilizing Friends groups and volunteers to clean areas newly closed to target shooting activities, with 1100 hours of cleanup activities utilizing 2000 volunteers.
    - Performance Measure O10 – Number of Volunteers Used
    - Performance Measure O1 – Number of Hazardous Sites Remediated
- Output: Provide 12,000 hours of patrol function to perform outreach and enforce laws and regulations to 10,000 displaced recreational shooters.
    - Performance Measure O3 – Number of Law Enforcement Patrols, Incident Reports, Investigations
    - Performance Measure O5 – Number of Outreach Contacts Made

Outcome: Increase public awareness of different Federal land jurisdictions and the missions of each:

- Output: Produce multi-disciplined educational resource protection and information displays for 3 kiosks to be placed at public entry points to TUSK.

    - Performance Measure O6 – Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/Kiosks/Displays/etc.
- Output: Produce publication to describe land management jurisdictions and the importance of each, along with information on no shooting, no ORV, and no litter.
    - Performance Measure O6 – Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/Kiosks/Displays/etc.

Outcome: Instill a greater sense of land ethic among the recreating public:

- Output: Hold two public forum events to build a coalition of resource stewards.
    - Performance Measure O5 – Number of Outreach Contacts Made
- Output: Friends groups, volunteers and rangers work together to create a new culture of land stewardship through personal contact, interpretive displays and publications
    - Performance Measure O5 – Number of Outreach Contacts Made
    - Performance Measure O6 – Number of New Interpretive or Education Publications/Signs/Kiosks/Displays/etc.

VII. Project Implementation:

Through agency personnel and identified partners (Friends Groups, Education Team, Volunteer Team, Recreation Team, Resource Protection Team), the most critical components of this project will to utilize signage and barriers to encourage the public to practice good land ethics, even without the presence of agency personnel or volunteers. Keeping these areas clean will also encourage these ethics as people are less likely to damage pristine areas as opposed to those that exhibit large amounts of trash and give the impression that the resources in that are less important. Monitoring and rangering activities will be conducted throughout the project life cycle in time, method and intensity. Results will be shared through SNPLMA required quarterly reporting, records collection in agency report databases, and through non-government entities.

VIII. Level of Readiness:

All agencies included in this proposal have the staff on hand to accomplish the outcomes and outputs stated in this request. Additionally, they have the working relationships with the other members of their organizations that will be necessary when work requires coordination and deliberation to achieve a mutual benefit. When funding notification is received, agencies will need only to coordinate with their field officers and supervisors to lay-out the procedures and operational objectives to be achieved in order for this project to begin documenting and completing tasks within the required one year period.

Additionally, the Team has a Charter and Strategic Plan and has been working together for twelve years on these types of activities.

IX. Relationship to Previous Phases:

For the past twelve years, the four agencies listed in this project have been cooperatively working together on these same issues across the jurisdictional landscape of Clark County, Nevada. Previous Resource Protection Team projects included the specific components listed in this current proposal.

X. Proposed Budget:

The four agencies listed in this proposal will equally share $2,978,100 of the project funds, which is a total of $699,525 per participating agency.

1. Identify non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contributions
   - In-kind volunteer services and friends groups to assist outreach and rangers with education and protection of resources by keeping them clean and pristine, estimated at 1,100 x $21.36/hr = $23,496.
2. Discuss how the proposal represents the best value option for a viable project
   - Protects investments made through other Capital Improvements and Conservation Initiatives
   - This project can begin work immediately with a system set up to track and report deliverables
   - Law enforcement projects cover all public lands in Southern Nevada
   - Protects past, current and future of resources on public lands
   - Law enforcement can leverage the use of volunteers to multiply the ability to prevent, detect, record and restore instances of resource damage
   - When illegal activities are discovered, they are investigated and prosecuted to obtain convictions, with restitution to restore resource damage

XI. Conservation Initiative Ranking Criteria:

(From Strategic Plan or Implementation Agreement)

1. **Project Supports one of the three priority types of projects (10 pts)**
   Yes: Safety and Public Health and having overlap with habitat enhancement and cultural resources.
2. **Project includes public outreach/education as a component (5 pts)**
   Yes: This project contains coordination with other conservation initiative teams such as Education, Volunteer, Recreation, and SNERT as well as such non-government groups like Friends groups of the public land areas. Personal contact with the public will be a main focus of this project.
3. **A. Project supports any of the priority sub-type projects (10 pts)**
   Yes: Habitat Enhancement through the use of clean up and restoration crews as well as signs and barriers to discourage degradation to habitats.

B. Project supports any of the priority sub-type projects (5 pts)

Yes: Safety and Public Health through front-line contacts and interactions with visitors to public lands, investigations, prosecutions and radio communications with live dispatching for all government employees. Project provides emergency response to public and employee incidents and mutual aid to other entities on a 24 hour basis. Reduction of target shooting in closed areas will enhance public safety in those areas.

4. **Project enhances partnerships in promotion of cooperation and collaboration (5 pts)**
   a. Involves individual citizen groups.
      Yes: Friends groups and volunteer cleanup crews; school groups K-12
   b. Addresses the needs of more than one federal agency.
      Yes: All four federal land management agencies are partners in this project (see map in appendix)
   c. Involves non-federal public partners.
      Yes: Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, Clark County Fire Department, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police, Nevada Division of Forestry and Nevada Department of Wildlife.
5. **Project has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contributions for implementation (3 pts)**

   Yes: Volunteer labor in form of cleanup crews, Friends Groups, and other volunteers

   Yes: Salaried employee time in the use of court representation for petty offense dockets related to resource violations

   Yes: Costs of patrols and investigation used to protect the public and resource

   Yes: Interagency Communications Center funded by participating agencies and outside sources

   Yes: Resource specialist providing costs and schedule for restitution of damaged resources
6. **Project promotes sustainability by providing benefits near and long term (10 pts)**
   a. Conserves resources to ensure availability to future generations -2 pts
      Yes: Presence of signs, barriers, and volunteers in addition to officers dissuades individuals from detrimental activities; education and stewardship provide long term benefits
   b. Restores or maintains natural processes as demonstrated by implementation monitoring within the project timelines -2 pts
      Yes: Maintains natural conditions as they currently exist through preventive educational contacts by volunteers, cleanups and restoration efforts
   c. Will remain relevant and continue to provide a benefit beyond the existence of SNPLMA -2pts

Yes: Signage, barriers, clean lands and educated user groups will exist after SNPLMA funds expire. Agencies had a law enforcement component prior to SNPLMA which will continue into the future

d. Includes a stewardship component to broaden support and share responsibility for operating or maintaining the project -2 pts

Yes: Friends groups and volunteer cleanup crews will continue to care for the areas to protect wilderness and critical environmental areas

e. Reduces long-term costs and minimizes the human impact on the environment – 2 pts

Yes: Through building of local community stewardship through volunteers and a better-informed visiting public, in-tact areas receiving increased use will experience lesser human impacts on the environment

7. Project promotes connectivity by linking people to nature and recreational opportunities and by uniting important places across the landscape (5 pts)

a. Encourages people to meaningfully connect with their natural environment and help them appreciate and care for the environment AND/OR

Yes: Expanding stewardship capacity amongst population through use of local volunteers, social media and publications; direct involvement in caring for their public lands

b. Connects habitats, migratory corridors, or protected areas

Yes: Facilitates protection of these critical areas and maintenance of their connectivity and values through increased presence, eyes, ears, and stewardship example

8. Project promotes community by improving the quality of life for the human community and protecting the integrity of biological communities (15 pts)

a. Conserves or restores the functionality, resiliency and integrity of biological communities – 5 pts

Yes: Provides increased protection and focus to critical areas such as: Las Vegas bearpoppy habitat, Mohave Desert tortoise habitat, Mt. Charleston blue butterfly habitat and Harris Springs post-fire recovery

b. Encourages partnerships and helps build a sense of community – 5 pts

Yes: Officers are continuously striving to build constituency for their agency's missions through promotion of stewardship activities in friends groups and volunteer programs

c. Improving quality of life for the human community by preserving the past for present or future generations -5 pts

Yes: Safety, health and protection activities focus on priority cultural, historical and natural resources; friends groups, volunteers and rangers are the front line protectors of these public assets.

Schedule B						
CONSERVATION INITIATIVE						
ESTIMATED NECESSARY EXPENSES						
Project Name:	Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups					
Project #:		**Priority #:**		**Agencies:**	NPS, BLM, FWS, USFS	
Prepared by:	Rob Peloquin					
Phone:	702-283-8136				**Initial**	x
Date:	4/14/2016				**Updated**	

1. Planning & Environmental Documentation		$ 20,000.00	1%
(Surveys/ reports for cultural, natural, biological, archaeological resources, NEPA documentation, etc)			
2. FWS Consultation - Endangered Species Act		$ -	0%
(direct expenses for FWS if consultation is required)			
3. Direct Federal Labor to Implement Project (Payroll)		$ 1,279,000.00	43%
(Federal labor costs for completing the project)			
4. Project Equipment and/or Supplies/ Materials		$ 1,002,700.00	34%
(include specialized equipment, supplies and materials not included in contracts/ agreements)			
5. Travel & Per Diem for Implementation			0%
6. Official Vehicle Use		$ 42,400.00	1%
(Based on agencies procedures for use, fuel, equipment, and mileage charges)			
7. Contracts/Grants/Agreements to complete the project		$ 444,000.00	15%
8. Required Training to Implement Project		$ -	0%
(includes initial and annual training for LEOs and training necessary to implement the project)			
9. Other Necessary Expenses - See Expanded Budget		$ 190,000.00	6%
	TOTAL	$ 2,978,100.00	100%

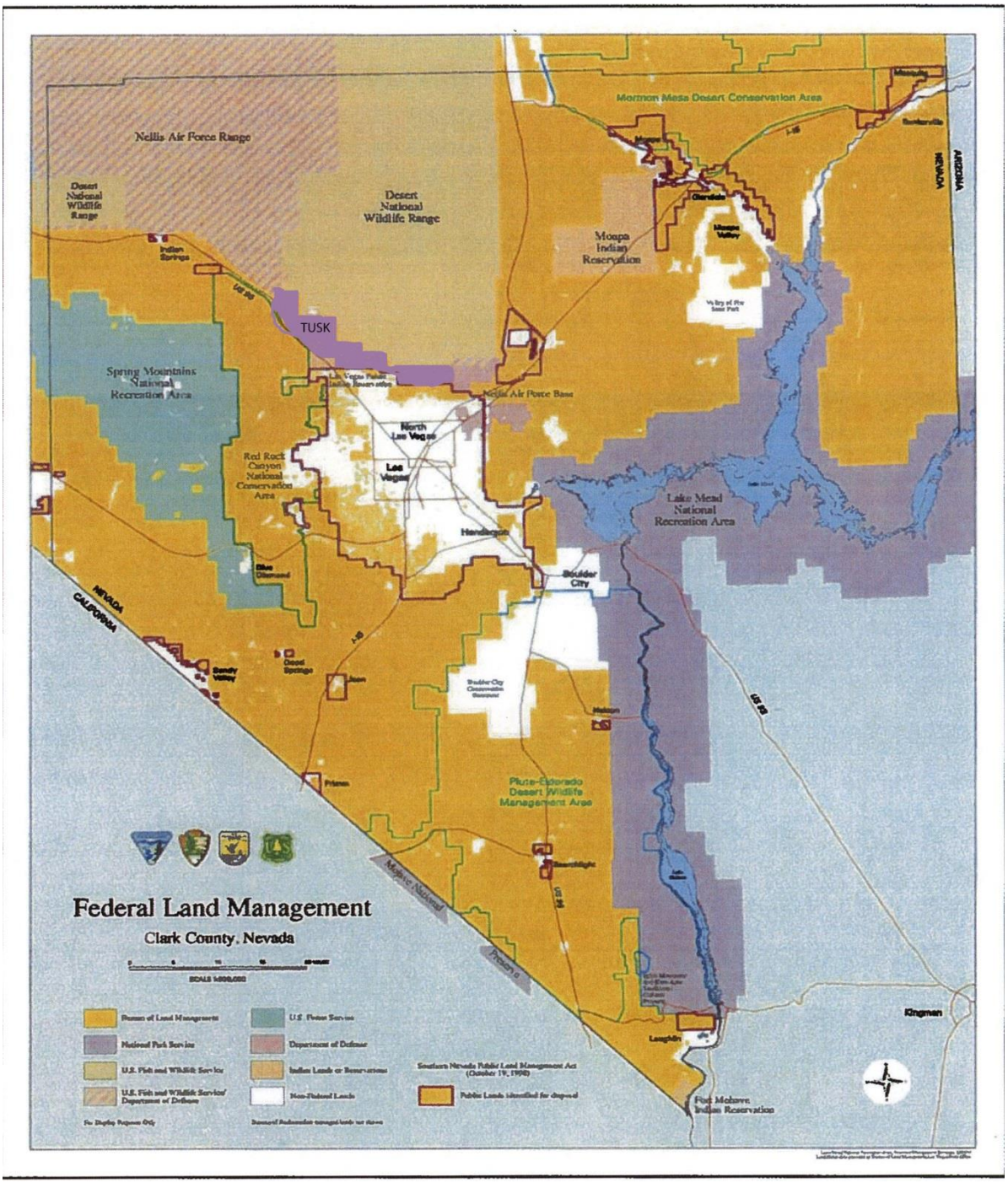
COMMENTS

Detailed Cost Estimate Other Necessary Expense Worksheet

Project Title: Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups

DETAILED COST ESTIMATE			
1. Planning and Environmental Assessment Costs			
NEPA		$	20,000.00
	Subtotal	$	20,000.00
2. FWS Consultation - Endangered Species Act	**Subtotal**	$	-
3. Direct Labor/Payroll to Perform the Project (use fully loaded labor rate)			
BLM Rangers (2)		$	280,000.00
NPS Rangers (2)		$	280,000.00
USFS Rangers (2)		$	280,000.00
FWS Rangers (2)		$	280,000.00
Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA)		$	159,000.00
	Subtotal	$	1,279,000.00
4. Project Equipment			
BLM Ranger Vehicles		$	10,000.00
NPS Ranger Vehicles		$	10,000.00
FWS Ranger Vehicles		$	10,000.00
USFS Ranger Vehicles		$	10,000.00
	Subtotal	$	40,000.00
5. Project Materials and Supplies			
Signs, posts, decals - all agencies		$	10,000.00
Fences and barriers		$	952,700.00
	Subtotal	$	962,700.00
6. Travel (airfare, car rental, per diem, etc)			
	Subtotal	$	-
7. Official Vehicle Use			
BLM Ranger Vehicles		$	10,600.00
NPS Ranger Vehicles		$	10,600.00
FWS Ranger Vehicles		$	10,600.00
USFS Ranger Vehicles		$	10,600.00
	Subtotal	$	42,400.00
8. Required Training for Project Implementation (list purpose)			
	Subtotal	$	-
9. Cost of Contracts and/or Agreements to Perform Project			
Trash receptacles		$	120,000.00
Site stewards/Volunteers		$	24,000.00

Barrier Installation	$	300,000.00
Detailed Cost Estimate Subtotal	$	444,000.00
OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES (APPENDIX B-11)		
10. Examples of Other Necessary Expenses (providing a breakdown of these costs is optional, however a		
ADMINISTRATION COSTS		
Budget Tracking/Accounting and Execution	$	120,000.00
SNAP Board/LE Team Liaisons	$	70,000.00
Other Necessary Expenses Subtotal	$	190,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	**$**	**2,978,100.00**
CASH/ IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS		
Volunteer labor	$	23,496.00
Contributor 2	$	-
Total	**$**	**23,496.00**



Map Reflects Federal Lands in Clark County, Nevada

Protectors of Tule Springs

March 23, 2016
Kelly Orr, PMP
Conservations Initiatives SNPLMA Division
Bureau of Land Management
4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, NV. 89130

Dear Kelly:

The members of the Protectors of Tule Springs support the efforts to close down and clean-up the illegal shooting area known as Mile Marker 103 off of Interstate 95 through a SNPLMA Round 16 proposal. Additionally, a Clark County request to provide tortoise fencing along I-95 is also supported.

The fossil resources that have been compromised, and in some cases, destroyed due to the off road vehicle use and extensive illegal firearm use in this area, belong to all U.S. citizens. At this time, the area, now part of the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, is too dangerous for the Public to enjoy.

We hope that this SNPLMA proposal will be given the highest consideration. We stand ready, as the volunteers, to help get the area cleaned up and open for the public's enjoyment.

Thank you,

Jill K. DeStefano
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File Code:
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Date: April 29, 2016

Subject: Letter of Support

To: Whom it may Concern

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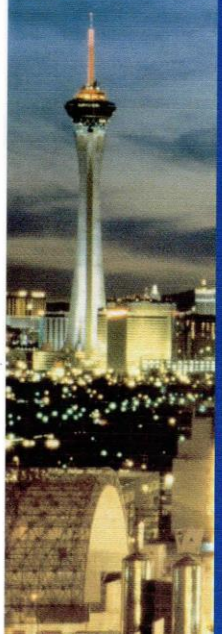
Sincerely,

Donn Christiansen
Area Manager
Spring Mountains National Recreation Area



City of Las Vegas

Steven D. Ross
Councilman, Ward 6

Kelly Orr, PMP
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Southern Nevada Lands Management Act Round 16 Nominations, "Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups".

Dear Ms. Orr,

This letter is provided in support of the subject proposal, which is nominated as a Conservation Initiative under Round 16 of the Southern Nevada Land Management Act.

I support the multi-agency approach to cooperatively manage the effects of desert target practice shooting and mitigate the effect of closure of the areas of Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument. The City of Las Vegas is an important neighbor and strong supporter of Tule Springs and we applaud this proposal as a proactive way to manage the effects of this closure.

I sincerely appreciate the consideration of this proposal for enhanced, systematic and coordinated efforts to protect the resources of Tule Springs and other Federal and non-Federal land around the park. We fully support the Round 16 Conservation Initiative, "Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups" project proposal.

Thank you for this opportunity and if I may be of any additional assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Steve Ross
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Las Vegas

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United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To:

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Erick A. Kurkowski
Acting District Manager
Southern Nevada District Office

United States Department of the Interior

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April 29, 2016

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Christy Smith
Project Leader
Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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601 NEVADA WAY
BOULDER CITY, NEVADA 89005-2426

IN REPLY REFER TO:

A22 (7.B)

April 29, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

The NATIONAL PARK SERVICE supports the Southern Nevada Agency Partnership (SNAP) Law Enforcement Team's combined Sothern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 16 nomination "Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups." This nomination, sponsored by the SNAP Law Enforcement Team, will increase opportunities for the public to become better stewards of public lands by engaging displaced user groups, primarily target shooters, and educate them on how to safely recreate while reducing impacts on the resource.

The proposal will be a partnership between land management law enforcement, cultural and education professionals, Protectors of Tule Springs, Friends of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Friends of Red Rock and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office to enhance the coordinated protection of threatened cultural and prehistoric sites on the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument (TUSK) and surrounding lands managed by the respective agencies. The primary outcome of this proposal is for law enforcement to provide preventive measures to reduce or eliminate illegal target shooting and vehicle use activities on TUSK and other areas and work with volunteers and Friends groups to reduce the impacts of these displaced activities on other federal lands through outreach, education, publications, signage, vehicle barriers and enforcement.

By submitting this nomination, we, the NATIONAL PARK SERVICE and the SNAP Board, commit to allocating and assigning internal resources, personnel and funding to ensure that the project is carried out and the goals of the proposal are accomplished.

Sincerely,

Lizette Richardson
Superintendent

Kelly Orr, PMP
Conservation Initiatives and MSHCP Program Manager
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Bureau of Land Management
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Las Vegas, NV 89130

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Southern Nevada Lands Management Act Round 16 Nomination, "Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups".

Dear Ms. Orr,

This letter is provided in support of the subject proposal, which is nominated as a Conservation Initiative under Round 16 of the Southern Nevada Land Management Act.

Clark County is a strong supporter of Tule Springs and we applaud this proposal as a proactive way to manage the effects of this closure.

I sincerely appreciate the consideration of this proposal for enhanced, systematic and coordinated efforts to protect the resources of Tule Springs and other Federal and non-Federal land around the park. We fully support the Round 16 Conservation Initiative, "Building Stewardship of Public Lands with Displaced User Groups" project proposal.

Sincerely,

Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick

Marilyn Kirkpatrick
Commissioner, District B
Clark County, Nevada

What the Public sees:

What Land Managers see:

We want to Build Stewardship on Public Lands…

…with Displaced User Groups that have exhibited different behaviors.