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Memorandum

To: Amy Lueders
State Director, Nevada

Thru: Gary Johnson
Deputy State Director, Minerals Management, Nevada

From: Rosemary Thomas
Ely District Manager, Ely District Office, Nevada

Subject: Deferral of Nominated Parcels for Oil and Gas Leases in the Ely District

The Ely District Manager requests that the State Office defer any and all nominated lands for oil and gas leasing located within the proposed Duckwater Reservation Expansion boundary until tribal consultations and a Resource Management Plan Amendment have been completed. The Duckwater Tribe has begun the process of expanding their reservation boundary from 3,100 acres to over 235,000 acres. The current RMP (2008) must be amended to support and reflect this new planning decision. The Ely District anticipates having their RMP amended by December 2017. A shapefile of the proposed boundary has been placed in the Geographic Information System (GIS) shared folder: **GIS Drive:\NV\GIS_Work\Multi-District_Project\Minerals\O+G** for Branch of Minerals Adjudication to use as a tool to screen out nominated lands within the proposed reservation boundary.

The Deputy State Director, Minerals Management concurs with the Ely District Office's recommendation and requests the State Director's approval as required by Nevada Instruction Memorandum 2014-032.

Concurrence: _____ Date: _____
Deputy State Director, Minerals Management

Approved: _____ Date: _____
State Director, Nevada

Disapproved: _____ Date: _____
State Director, Nevada

Attachment

Proposed Duckwater Reservation Expansion Boundary Map

cc: Rosemary Thomas, Ely District Manager
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