

# Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

October 23, 2015

*Ely District Office*

*702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada*

## RAC Attendance

Jeff White, Chairman	(1) Energy/Minerals
Kevin Lee	(1) Transportation
Jack Prier	(2) Environmental
Jeremy Lutz	(3) State Agency
William Wolf	(3) Public at Large
Jacob Carter	(1) Grazing
Kenneth Conley	(1) Grazing
Julie Gleason	(2) Wild Horse and Burros
Larry Hyslop	(2) Environment/Wildlife

## Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Representatives Present:

Mike Herder	District Manager – Ely
Mindy Seal	Associate District Manager- Ely
Rich Adams	Tuscarora Field Manager- Elko

## Members of the Public Present

Deniz Bolbol	AWHPC
Susan Schulz	Ely Shoshone
Alicia Styles	BLM
Mike Gleason	General Public

Meeting began at 9 a.m. at the Ely District Office with welcome and introductions.

**Housekeeping:** Safety share by Jeff White, Chairmen, and Aug minutes approved.

9:10 a.m. Update on the 25 Allotment by Rich Adams. Synopsis of allotment tour at last meeting. Discussion on where are we now? Discussion on monitoring on the allotment, vegetation types, forage for wildlife. Checkerboard management for the allotment. In 2016 complete Water Canyon project, manage utilization levels. Field trip helped all on understanding the complexities.

10:00 a.m. Greater Sage-Grouse update by Mike Herder and Mindy Seal. Brand new land use plan, Active discussion on what impacts the plan will have. Discussion on the proposed mineral withdrawal, discussion on maps, disturbance caps, roads. Travel management, grazing, Table 2.2. Plan focused on net conservation gain.

11:00 a.m. Public Comments Open.

**Public Comments:** Deniz Bolbol- AWHPC presented and entered into the minutes several documents. Discussion focused on PZP and fertility control

11:10 a.m. Continued discussion on Greater Sage Grouse and possible impacts.

11:30 Public comments closed.

11:30 a.m. Break for Field site, GonaCon Fertility Control Gather Research Project, Ben Noyes, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, Ely District.

1:00 p.m. Ben Noyes explains fertility control project to the RAC and attending public to include Deniz Bolbol. 15 mile project, water in between, GonaCon requires to doses in 30 days, mares will be held in during that time, some horse will be pulled off for adoption that are not part of the fertility control project. Closest next HMA is over a hill, not an issue. Several questions from Deniz to Ben, all videotaped by her. Discussion from RAC members about the project. This is the first time for a GonaCon project.

2:05 Wrap-up at the gather site by Jeff Williams. Quick look back on the year, RAC having impact, successful year, keep communications up. Jeff announced this was his last meeting.

Bill Wolf- On behalf of the RAC thank you for your leadership and keeping us functioning.

14:44 p.m. Adjourned

**Action Items:**

No action items, next meeting will be the TRI-RAC in 2016, more to follow on the TRI-RAC.