



Photo: Every Kid In a Park (EKIP) participants on an interpretive trail at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area



BLM Nevada Overview

- Manage 48 million acres of public land
- Largest programs in the BLM including:
 - Mining
 - Abandoned Mine Lands
 - Fire (outside Alaska)
 - Wild Horse and Burro
- Greatest number of geothermal leases and second in geothermal energy production

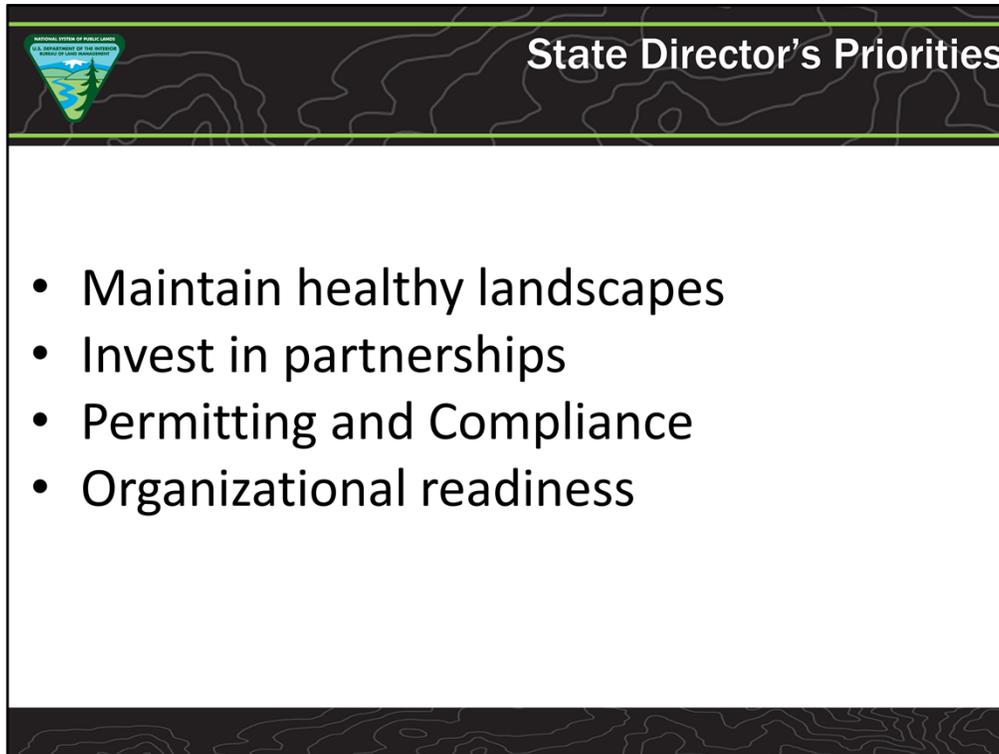
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BLM Core Values



- Respect,
- Honesty,
- Integrity,
- Accountability,
- Trust

Photo: Person overlooking Black Rock High Rock Canyon National Conservation Area



Maintain healthy landscapes

- Embrace Landscape Conservation to Sustain and Restore Healthy Lands, Communities and Plant and Wildlife Populations.
- Strive for balance between our present and future in managing the land, our relationships, and the organization
- The RACs diverse representation allows us to hear of the impacts to the landscape and how it affects a variety of users

Invest in partnerships

- Build relations and partnerships that result in mutual trust and respect, establish lasting relationships, fully implement our public responsibilities, and diversify our workforce.
- BLM Nevada will champion a collaborative culture that inspires our employees and stakeholders and blurs boundaries in order to get the best outcomes.
- The RACs are a valuable tool in developing and sustaining partnerships with a variety of industries and users

Implement non-discretionary permitting, development and compliance

- BLM Nevada supports some of the largest industries that depend on public lands while concurrently ensuring compliance with federal laws, regulations and bureau policies.
- How can the RACs contribute to our success in this area?

Organizational readiness

- BLM NEVADA will become a 'ready' organization that is responsive to change; shares a

strong dedication to capacity building; engages in relationship building; exemplifies financial stewardship of taxpayer monies; and is committed to workforce preparedness, recognition, safety and diversification.

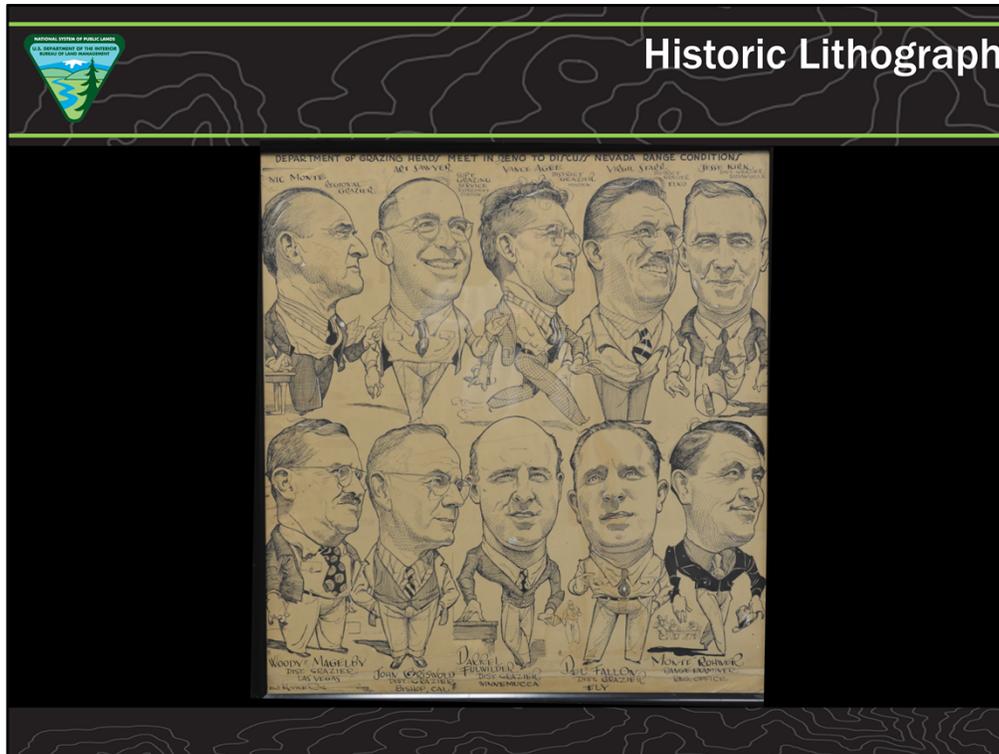
- RACs can be a big part of helping us build and maintain stronger relationships with the public.



Noteworthy Events from 2015

- Presentation of historic lithograph
- Bi-state sage grouse decision, Greater sage grouse ROD/ Implementation
- Basin and Range National Monument

These are a few events from last year that connected us to our past and set the stage for our present and future work.



The lithograph is a caricature of the regional U.S. Grazing Service District Graziers who met in Reno in May of 1944 to discuss a proposed change in range policy.

It was donated by Ms. Sally Wiley of Garnerville, NV, whose father was the District Grazier in Winnemucca who became the Winnemucca District Manager after the formation of the BLM in 1946.

In his 1985 publication chronicling his 42 years of public service, “From Resource Management to People Management: Reflections of a Federal Land Manager” he said “People management is now becoming a bigger problem than resource management. Both sides must reach a middle ground someplace along the line before it is too late.”

30 years later, his words ring true as we continue to try and find the middle ground.



The decision not to list the Bi-state sage grouse was a testament to the ability of individuals and the government to work together.

Implementation of the Greater Sage Grouse LUPAs will be a challenge as we figure out how to balance multiple use with conservation of the sagebrush ecosystem



The Basin and Range National Monument comprises 704,000 acres of public lands managed by the BLM in Lincoln and Nye counties in Nevada, about two hours north of Las Vegas. The area is one of the most undisturbed corners of the broader Great Basin region, which extends from the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the west to the Colorado Plateau in the east.

Basin and Range National Monument is the fifth largest unit of the BLM National Conservation Lands and the second largest in Nevada. It is also the first national monument to be managed by the BLM in Nevada.

Photo: Basin and Range National Monument, Photographer Bob Wick



The Bureau of Land Management formed 29 Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) in the western States to provide advice on the management of public lands and resources.

They provide an opportunity for individuals from all backgrounds and interests to have a voice in the management of public lands, and to help improve their health and productivity.

The councils have been successful in bringing diverse and often competing interests to the table to deal with a variety of issues.

The RACs have demonstrated that consensus-driven recommendations often lead to sustainable outcomes that benefit natural resources and often enjoy a high level of public support.

Photo: Sierra Front Northwestern Great Basin RAC field trip, Desatoya Range, May 2015.



Roles and Responsibilities of RACs

- RACs provide:
 - representative counsel and advice to the Designated Federal Officer regarding management of the public land resources;
 - implementation of resource plans;
 - resolution of land use conflicts;
 - assurance of public input into land use and management plan decisions.

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This is an opportunity for John to talk about how he would like to see the RACs function in Nevada



Nevada RACs have been around for over 20 years

They crafted the standards and guides that are a critical element of our range management program

Feedback from RACs was valued so much a permanent subgroup was written into the RMP for the Black Rock Desert/ High Rock Canyon NCA

They have provided input to RMPs, the Greater sage grouse plan and advice to district managers.

Photos: Top left: Northeastern Great Basin RAC meeting, Top right, Sierra Front Northwestern Great Basin RAC touring a mine site, Bottom: Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC receives a briefing about the Las Vegas draft Resource Management Plan