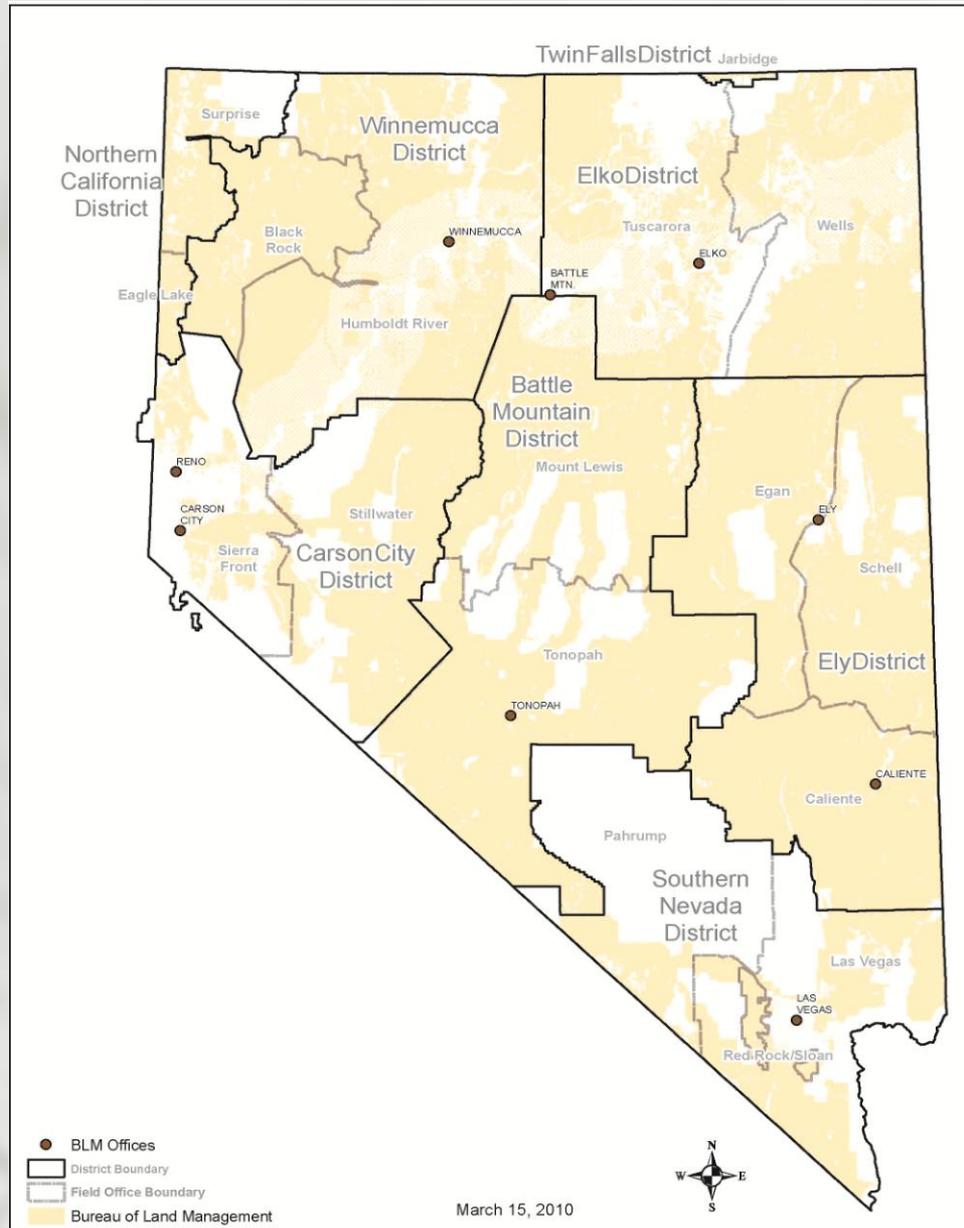


BLM NV State Director Presentation

2014 Tri-RAC



Welcome



Taking Nevada to the Next Level 2014

Through our actions, we will:

- **Leave the resources better than we found them.**
- **Think big and manage across broad landscapes unconstrained by artificial boundaries.**
- **Make courageous decisions wisely**
- **Ensure our processes are efficient, transparent and consistent.**



Program Highlights

- Fire
- Minerals- Renewable and Non-renewable energy, mining and abandoned mine lands program
- Grazing
- Drought
- Desert Tortoise
- Sage Grouse
- Land Use Planning
- 2013 Achievements



2013 Fire Facts

Year	All Agencies in Nevada		BLM	
	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres
2012	1,003	614,119	609	476,696
2013	756	164,035	487	81,341



Minerals

- Nevada has the largest mining program in BLM.
- There are more than 215,000 active mining claims, 48% of the BLM total.
- BLM Nevada holds more than \$2 billion in reclamation bonds.
- In 2012, BLM NV sold 2.3million cubic yards of sand and gravel valued at more than \$2.2 million.
- Continue to use the Mine Permitting Review Team to increase capacity to implement the permitting process



Abandoned Mine Lands

- **BLM Nevada has the largest program in the agency.**
- **In 2013 we:**
 - **Inventoried more than 18,000 sites, including more than 1,000 for bats, desert tortoise, plants and cultural surveys**
 - **Permanently closed over 308 sites on BLM land**
 - **Temporarily secured over 13,000 sites with fences and warning signs**



Non-Renewable Energy (Oil and Gas)

- Nevada is one of the lowest oil producing states in the country.
- BLM NV holds four competitive lease sales per year.
- In FY 2012 BLM NV generated \$11.3M from lease sales and yearly rentals.
- New interest in oil and gas exploration in Elko County.



Renewable Energy (Solar, Wind, Geothermal)

- **The Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement was signed by the Secretary of the Interior on Oct. 12, 2012. These zones will serve as priority areas for commercial scale solar development.**
- **Projects for 2013-2014**
 - 5 active solar projects in Nevada
 - 1 proposed wind project
 - 2 proposed geothermal projects
- **Focus on completion of the Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone Mitigation Plan in 2014**
- **Coordinate RMP development for identification of transmission corridors.**
- **Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone Competitive Process**



Grazing

- **BLM Nevada administers 663 grazing authorizations on 798 grazing allotments.**
 - **Priorities for the range program include:**
 - **Renewing expired/expiring grazing permits**
 - **Assessing rangeland health**
 - **Ensuring grazing use is managed in accordance with rangeland health standards and meeting BLM resource management plan goals.**
 - **Developing and implementing a statewide process for permit issuance and renewal.**
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Grazing

- **BLM Nevada pays the state over \$200,000 a year in grazing receipts.**
- **In 2013 BLM Nevada**
 - **Processed 23 grazing permits**
 - **Monitored 275 allotments**
 - **Completed 16 rangeland health assessments**
 - **Inspected 440 allotments for grazing permit compliance**



Drought

- **Dry conditions continue to exist throughout the state and effects multiple programs including fire, sage grouse, wild horses and burros and grazing.**
- **BLM Nevada is taking steps to address drought by:**
 - **Monitoring range conditions**
 - **Working with permittees to identify voluntary actions. Voluntary reductions increased from 2.2M acres in 2012 to 17.6M acres in 2013**
 - **Educating the public through social media about climate and drought**



Desert Tortoise

- **We will continue to work with our partners and the public to balance the needs of the desert tortoise with the growth of desert communities.**
- **FY 2014 Goals**
 - **Use best available science to make decisions that affect the desert tortoise, its habitat and connectivity corridors.**
 - **Work with partners to develop a strategy to cease taking tortoises at the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center.**



Sage Grouse

- **BLM Nevada continues to work with its partners on meeting the 2014 deadline for producing an EIS and Record of Decision.**
- **The comment period for the NV-CA Greater Sage Grouse Draft EIS closed Jan. 29. Over 15,000 comments were received.**
- **The Bi-State Sage Grouse comment period closed Jan. 17. Approximately 170 comments were received.**



BLM Nevada Land Use Planning Status

- **Continue development of four Land Use Plans**
 - **Winnemucca RMP: ROD issued in 2014**
 - **Las Vegas RMP: Complete draft in 2014**
 - **Battle Mountain RMP: Complete draft in 2014**
 - **Carson City RMP: Complete draft in 2014**



2013 Achievements

- **Completed the Draft EIS for Greater Sage grouse**
- **Seed warehouse opened in Ely**
- **Battle Mountain Won Partner in Conservation Award for the Bootstraps Program**
- **Vegas Valley Veteran hand crew won Pulaski Award**
- **Completed the SEIS for Ruby Pipeline**

