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**What the heck is  
REA and the RRAC  
and why do we  
have to do this?**

# Objectives



- **Provide a brief overview of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)**
  - **Provide an overview of the BLM and Forest Service recreation fee programs**
  - **Help you understand the RACs' and Subcommittee's role as outlined in REA**
  - **Discuss Membership Opportunities for the coming year**
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# **RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT (REA)**

**10-year authority for Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Forest Service (FS), National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Reclamation to continue charging fees at developed recreation sites such as:**

**Campgrounds, Rental cabins, Day-use sites, visitor centers, boat ramps, etc**

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# **RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT (REA)**

**Different types of fees**

**Standard Amenity:**

**Day-use fees where specific services and facilities are required at individual sites or areas.**

- Permanent Toilet**
  - Permanent Trash Receptacle**
  - Picnic Table**
  - Parking**
  - Security**
  - Interpretive Sign**
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# **RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT (REA)**

## **Expanded Amenity Fees:**

**Fees for facilities or services that provide direct benefits to people.**

- **Developed campgrounds**
  - **Highly developed boat launches**
  - **Cabin rentals**
  - **Hook-ups**
  - **Dump stations**
  - **Transportation services**
  - **Reservation services**
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# **RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT (REA)**

**FS & BLM cannot charge for:**

- **Entrance fees (except for NCAs, destination visitor centers)**
  - **Standard amenity fees for people under 16**
  - **Activities such as –**
    - **Parking along roads or trails with no facilities**
    - **Stopping at overlooks or scenic pullouts**
    - **Pass-through travel**
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# RECREATION OVERVIEW

## *Did You Know That...*

### **The Bureau of Land Management in Nevada:**

- **Recreation is big business....Visitation continues to increase each year in all our offices. BLM NV now estimates we receive 6 million visits each year!!**
  - **In addition, we issue almost 500 SRPs per year**
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# BLM Nevada Recreation Amenity Fee Sites

We don't currently have many fee sites:

- Tabor Creek
- Zunino-Jiggs
- North Wild Horse
- Wilson Reservoir
- Indian Creek
- Sportsman's Beach
- Sand Mountain
- Red Rock Canyon



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# **RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT (REA)**

- **Has public involvement criteria for new fees & fee changes.**
  - **Requires use of Recreation Resource Advisory Committees to make recommendations on certain aspects of the fee program.**
  - **Ensures that at least 85% of the fees collected are spent at that site.**
  - **As stated earlier, FS and BLM in NV will use a Subcommittee of the three BLM RACs for this purpose.**
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# **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND YOUR ROLE**

**RACs are part of the public involvement process:**

- **BLM and FS need to involve the public when proposing any recreation fee changes. Efforts may include news releases, Federal Register notices, public meetings and posting notices at recreation sites.**
  - **Identifying the level of public support is part of the proposal given to the RRAC.**
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# **NEVADA Recreation RAC Subcommittee**

- **Under the Dec 2004 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), established a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC) in each State or Region where federal lands are managed by the BLM and FS.**
  - **Since NV has the three existing RACs it was determined the BLM Nevada RACs would serve as the RRAC and the NV RAC Recreation Subcommittee was formed under the three RACs.**
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# **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

## **The Subcommittee will:**

- **Include members with recreation-related knowledge in a variety of activities.**
  - **Represent local interest and concerns**
  - **Be flexible in membership and meeting locations**
  - **Hold at least one annual meeting but may convene additional meetings, as necessary.**
  - **There hasn't been much workload for Subcommittee volunteers (approx 1-2 days per yr)**
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# Subcommittee Protocol

- Based on the NV RRAC Protocol, the subcommittee will be comprised of at least three members from each Nevada RAC. Each member will be solicited and agreed upon by the State Director and Regional Forester.
  - Once appointed the term runs for three years, concurrent with the person's RAC term.
  - The Subcommittee generally holds only one meeting per year.
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# Proposals

## Reviewed by NV Rec Subcommittee

### So Far

#### **BLM:**

Red Rock Canyon Business Plan and Fee  
Increase

California Trail Center Tour and Possible Future Fee Discussion

#### **Forest Service:**

Bird Creek Rec Area

White River Campground

Bob Scott Campground

Wild Horse Crossing Campground

Right now we have no fee proposals for 2011

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# Current Membership

## **Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC:**

- Will Roger Peterson, Interim Chairperson, Dispersed Recreation
- William Molini, Wildlife

## **Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC:**

- Elise McAllister, Motorized Recreation
- Skip Canfield, State Agency
- Julie Von Tobel Gleason, Wild Horses and Burros
- Kenny Anderson, Native American Tribe

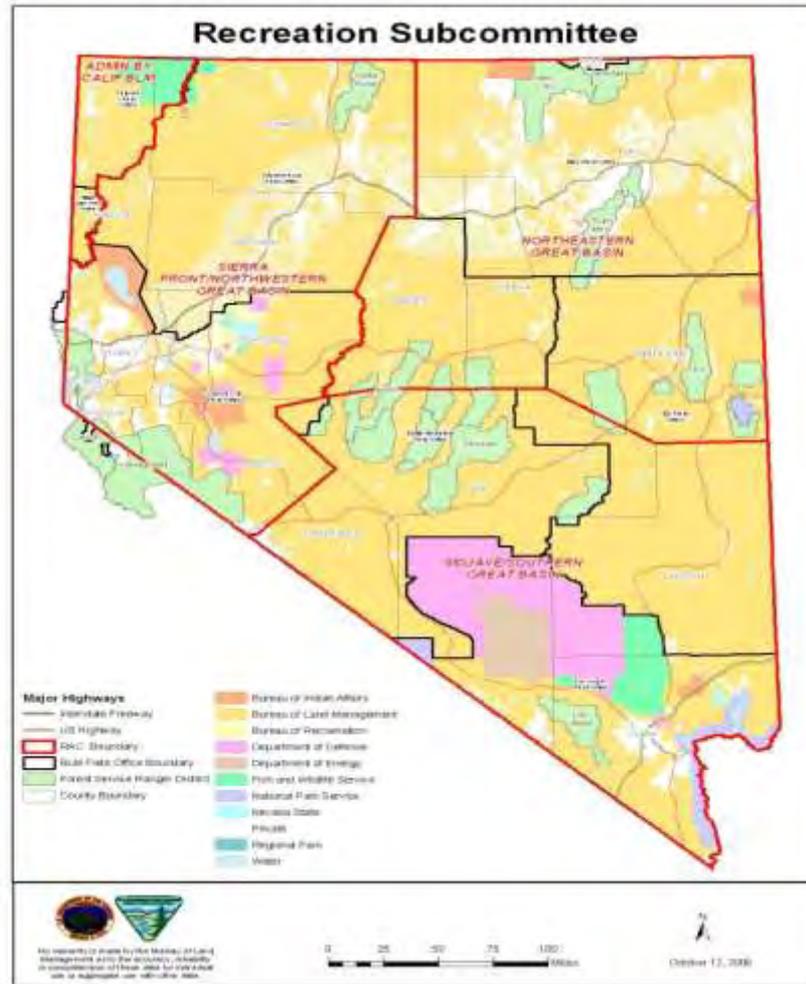
## **Northeastern Great Basin RAC:**

- Anthony Carone, Energy/Minerals
- Larry Hyslop, Wildlife

## **Non-RAC Volunteer:**

- Sharlet Berentsen, State Tourism (non-RAC member)
  - So you can see we need at least one more member from Sierra Front and Northeastern. Ideally we want a few extra volunteers though so we can ensure we have a quorum at meetings.
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# RAC Boundary Map



**The Recreation Team wants to give a huge THANKS to the RRAC for their continued support!!!**



The many hats a rec planner wears

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For more info please contact:

■ NV RAC Recreation Website:

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/res/resource\\_advisory/recreation\\_rac.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/res/resource_advisory/recreation_rac.html)

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Any questions????

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