



**BLM Nevada Special Legislation  
Tri-RAC Presentation  
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# Introduction & Purpose

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BLM Nevada manages several key pieces of legislation as part of the Special Legislation Program including:

- Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act
- Lincoln County Land Act and Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act
- White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act
- Carson City Vital Community Act

# Introduction & Purpose

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These Acts include similar provisions:

- BLM to provide orderly disposal of specific public lands in Clark, Lincoln, White Pine Counties and Carson City
- Established Treasury Special Accounts to manage revenue from land sales
- Identified activities that could be funded with the revenue
- Changed land designations including establishing wilderness areas in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties

# Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

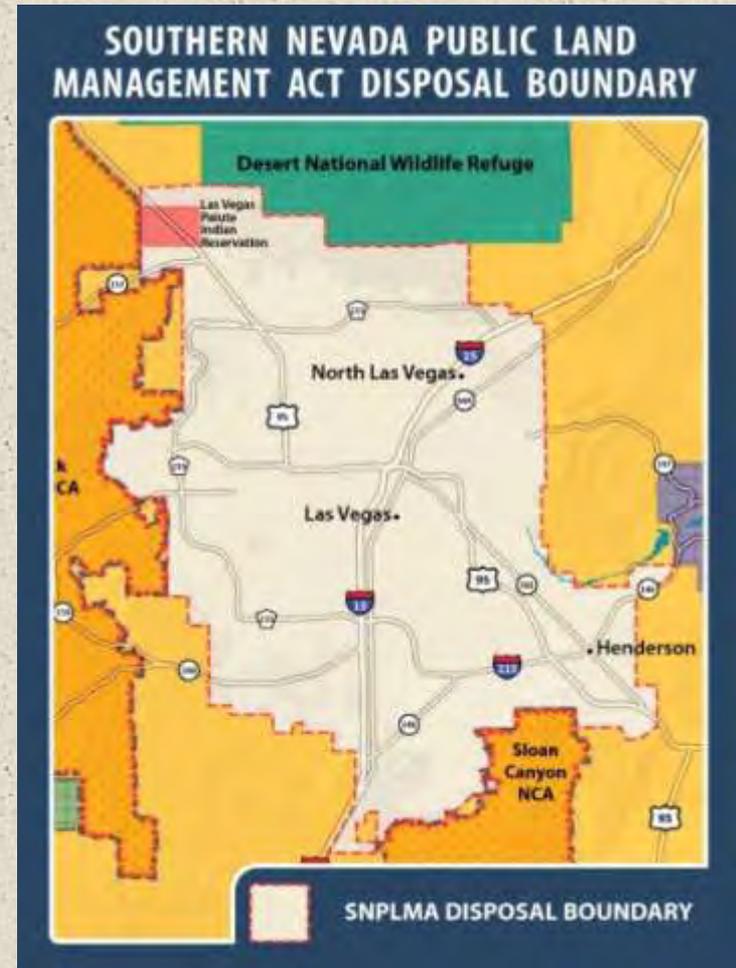


**Las Vegas Valley**

The SNPLMA was enacted in 1998 to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and expenditure of the sale proceeds and other revenues for purposes identified in the Act.

# Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

- **Land Disposal:**
  - The disposal boundary was set by Congress in 1998 and expanded in 2002
  - Parcels in the remaining area are then “jointly selected” by local governments and the Federal Government for sale
- **Project Section:**
  - Seven Legislative Amendments
    - Increased Geographic Scope
    - Increased Project Categories
- **Twelve Years of Successful Implementation:**
  - Disposal of over 34,000 acres
  - Generation of over \$3.3 billion
  - Approval of 1,061 projects in eight categories

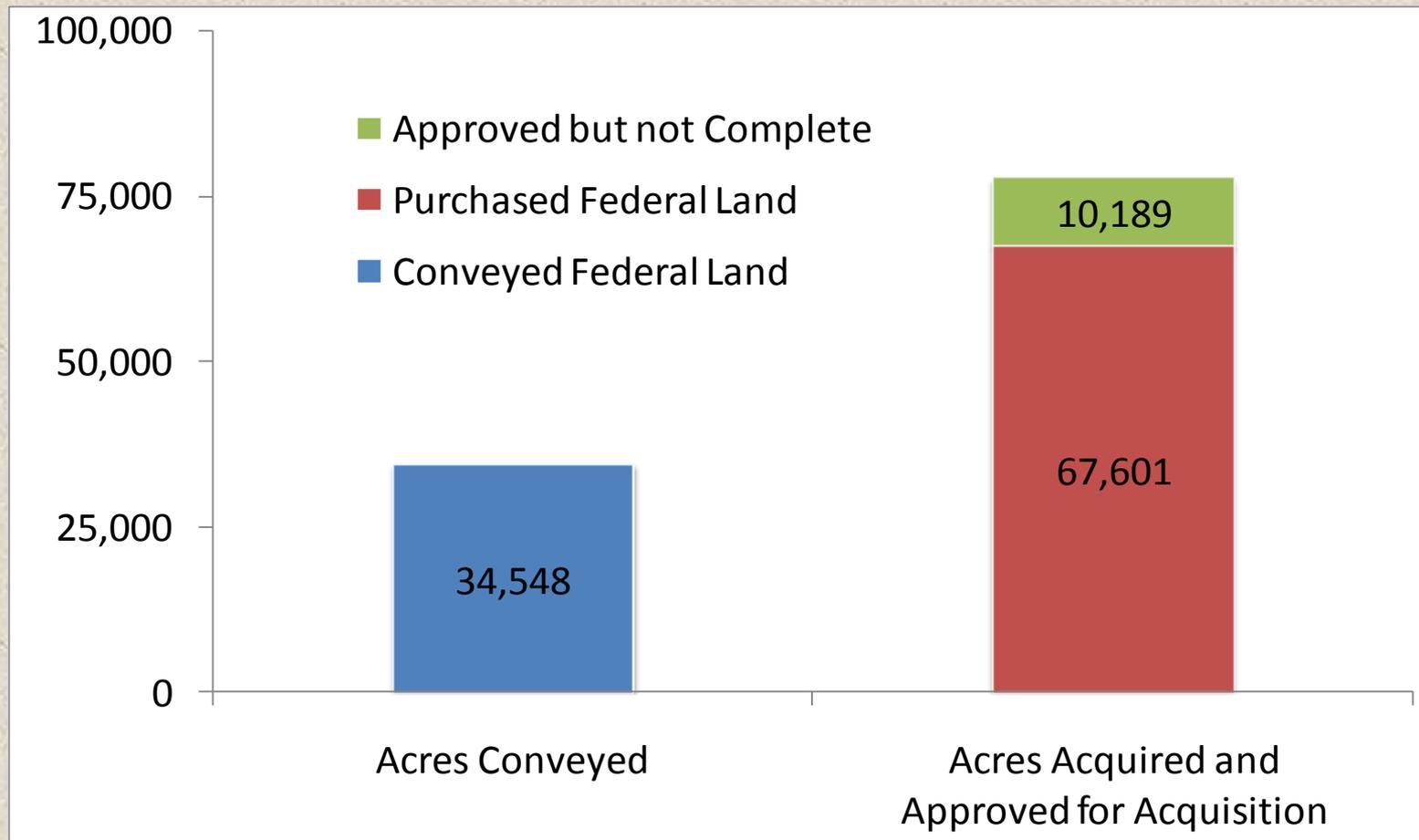


# Disposal of Land in the Las Vegas Valley: What's the Record?

Acres of Public Domain Within Disposal Boundary	74,000
Acres Reserved (R&PP, Affordable Housing, Conservation Transfer Area)	- 12,568
Acres Sold or Exchanged	- 34,548
Acres Remaining for Disposal	= 26,884

# Amount of Federal Land Acquired Now Exceeds Federal Land Sold

*Through December 2009*



# Land Sales Have Declined Dramatically

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## Land Sales Since Enactment of SNPLMA:

Fiscal Year	Acres Sold	Revenue	Average Price per Acre
1999	821.16	\$3,182,510	\$3,875.63
2000	2,868.86	\$51,451,353	\$17,934.42
2001	2,910.75	\$92,486,701	\$31,774.18
2002	714.25	\$60,265,367	\$84,375.73
2003	11,021.91	\$443,609,557	\$40,247.97
2004	10,329.49	\$884,096,220	\$85,589.53
2005	2,592.06	\$611,702,519	\$235,990.88
2006	3,121.27	\$791,144,129	\$253,468.66
2007	76.17	\$36,202,643	\$475,287.42
2008	42.5	\$22,621,229	\$532,264.21
2009	22.7	\$2,835,440	\$124,909.25
2010	27.5	\$2,747,500	\$99,909.09
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34,548.62</b>	<b>\$3,002,345,168</b>	

FY2011 Spring sale offering 5 acres

# Allocation of Revenue

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- 5% to the State of NV General Education Fund.
- 10% to the Southern Nevada Water Authority for water system infrastructure in Clark County.
- 85% to the SNPLMA Special Account, for expenditures in eight project categories that are approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

# Authorized Expenditures: The Special Account



## Two Categories Support Local Government Projects:

- Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas
- Clark County MSHCP Development and Implementation

## Six Categories Support Federal Agency Projects:

- Land Acquisitions in Nevada
- Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects
- Capital Improvements
- Conservation Initiatives
- Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention
- Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project

# SPECIAL ACCOUNT REVENUE

## (As of 11/30/2010)

Revenue Generated By Land Auctions	\$ 2,787,351,611
Revenue Generated By Other Land Disposals	\$ 236,710,988
Interest Redeemed on the Special Account	\$ 320,063,261
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,344,125,860</b>
Secretarial Approved Funding through Round 11	\$ (2,619,268,101)
Mandatory Funding	\$ (640,906,888)
SNPLMA Operations Costs Inception to Date + FY11 Reserve	\$ (66,303,388)
SNPLMA Operations Reserves through FY 2012	\$ (6,000,000)
<b>Total Funding Distributed</b>	<b>\$ (3,332,478,377)</b>
Remaining Revenue Available for Allocation	\$ 11,647,482
Anticipated Returns to Special Account via Deobligations	\$ 11,444,317
<b>Net Revenue Available for Future Allocations</b>	<b>\$ 23,091,799</b>

# SNPLMA Nomination Process

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- Call for Nominations
- Category Subgroups Review and Rank Nominations
- Partners Working Group Reviews Subgroups Rankings and Develops Preliminary Recommendation
- Public and RAC Review of Preliminary Recommendation
- SNPLMA Executive Committee Develops Final Recommendation. Executive Committee includes:
  - BLM NV State Director
  - F&WS Regional Director
  - FS Regional Forester
  - NPS Regional Director
- Final Recommendation sent to the Secretary of the Interior for Decision
- Lake Tahoe Restoration project nominations follow separate, parallel process through Lake Tahoe Working Group, Tahoe Regional Executive Committee, SNPLMA Executive Committee and the Secretary of the Interior.

# SNPLMA Round 12

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- Call for Nominations 9/7/10-11/5/10
- We received 46 project nominations totaling almost \$29 million. The SNPLMA Executive Committee has set a funding target of \$6 million for the entire Round
- Category Subgroups are reviewing and ranking the nominations this month
- The Partners Working Group Preliminary Recommendation will be available for public and RAC review 3/15/11-4/29/11. RAC briefings on Round 12 recommendations during public comment period.
- SNPLMA Executive Committee Develops Final Recommendation in May 2011
- Final Recommendation sent to the Secretary of the Interior for approval in August 2011

# OTHER SPECIAL LEGISLATION

# Lincoln County Land Act/Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act Special Account

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Total Revenue Generated by Land Auctions (As of 9/30/2010)	\$48,526,656
Interest Redeemed	\$6,196,734
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$49,153,275</b>
Director Approved Funding through Round 3	\$7,079,445
LCLA/LCCRDA Operations Costs – Inception to Date + FY11 Reserve (includes funding for LC MSHCP development)	\$2,704,044
<b>Total Funding Committed</b>	<b>\$9,783,489</b>
Anticipated Returns to Special Account via De-obligations	\$1,438,000
<b>Net Revenue Available for Future Allocations</b>	<b>\$40,807,785</b>

# Lincoln County Land Act

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LCLA directed BLM to sell 13,500 acres in LC – sold in 2002 and 2005 for \$40,501,930. No further land sales authorized under this act.

Revenue can be used for:

- Inventory, evaluation, protection and management of unique archaeological resources in LC
- Development of a LC Multi-Species Habitat Plan (MSHCP)
- Administrative costs
- Acquisition of environmentally sensitive land or interests in such land throughout Nevada with priority given to land outside of Clark County

# Lincoln County Land Act

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- **Lincoln County Archaeological Initiative**

- Round 4 – nominations currently under review by the Partners Working Group. Execs to send up final recommendation for Director approval in early April
- Round 5 – Input on funding priorities currently open to the public and RAC members until the end of January. Contact Ely District Office for more information or to provide input.

- **Sensitive Land Acquisition**

- Meadow Valley Mountains parcels recently acquired by BLM for \$2.61 million

- **Lincoln County MSHCP Development**

- Completed in FY2010

# Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act

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- LCCRDA directed BLM to sell up to 90,000 acres.
- Approximately 2400 acres were sold in 2005 for \$7,530,011: \$2,454,610 was collected in 2005; the additional \$5+ million will be paid to the BLM over 5 years at \$500,000 every 6 months. The first payment is due this month.
- 66 acres will be offered for sale in 2011

# Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act

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Revenue can be used for:

- Inventory, evaluation, protection and management of unique archaeological resources in LC
- Development and Implementation of a LC Multi-Species Habitat Plan (MSHCP)
- Processing the Silver State OHV trail and implementing the management plan
- Processing wilderness designations, including fencing, signage, public education and enforcement of designated areas.
- Administrative costs

Wilderness and Silver State Trail planning and implementation currently funded through SNPLMA projects. Any additional costs associated with these projects will come from LCCRDA funding.

# White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act

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- WPC directed BLM to sell up to 45,000 acres
- First land sale in FY2010, 2.5 acres sold for \$6,900
- 118 acres will be offered for sale in FY2011

Revenue can be used for:

- Inventory, evaluation, protection and management of unique archaeological resources in WPC
- Conducting a study of silver State OHV Trail routes and developing and implementing a management plan
- Wilderness protection and processing designations
- Conservation plans for endangered or at risk species
- Assessment of non-motorized recreation opportunities
- Administrative costs

# Carson City Vital Community Act

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**Part of the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-11)**

- **Conveys Federal and Carson City lands to consolidate ownership and improve management**
- **Provides permanent protection for the Silver Saddle Ranch**
- **Limits OHV use to existing roads and trails on BLM lands within the City**
- **Identifies 158 acres of BLM and Forest Service land for disposal. Proceeds are to be used for: 5% - NV General education Program; and the remainder for administrative costs and acquisition of environmentally sensitive land in the City. No sales have yet occurred.**
- **Conveys almost 300 acres of BLM and Forest Service land to the Washoe Tribe**

A desert landscape at sunset. The foreground is dominated by large, smooth, reddish-brown rock formations. The middle ground shows a vast, open desert with scattered low-lying vegetation and more rock formations. The background features a range of mountains under a sky filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue, indicating the time is either dawn or dusk.

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