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TOUR AND MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Sagebrush Ecosystem Council Tour

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – <u>7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</u>

SEC Tour of Secret Pass & Owl Creek Credit Projects – Shared Stewardship conservation efforts near Spring Creek/Lamoille/Harrison Pass

Note: Carpooling for the tour is highly recommended. There will be no restroom facilities available until we reach Lamoille around 10:30 a.m.

Itinerary: Please refer to the attached itinerary and map.

The public is invited to participate but will be required to provide their own transportation, food, water, personal and fire safety equipment such as shovel, fire extinguisher, and extra water. The tour will conclude at approximately 5:00 P.M.

Sagebrush Ecosystem Council Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2022 – 8:30 a.m. Nevada Department of Wildlife 60 Youth Center Road Elko, NV 89801 8:30 a.m.

Support materials for the meeting will be available the day of the meeting on the <u>https://sagebrusheco.nv.gov/Meetings/2021/2021_Meetings/</u>website.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be made on any matter relevant to the Council. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting and may be taken at the discretion of the Chair on specific agenda items. Public comments may be limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair. <u>Comment will not be restricted</u> <u>based on viewpoint. No action will be taken on any matters raised during the public</u> <u>comment period that are not already on the agenda</u>. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of agenda for Thursday, June 23, 2022.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Council members may make comments at this time and the Program Manager will bring forward any pertinent correspondence directed to the Council.

- 6. PRESENTATION ON MCGINNESS AND TUSCARORA GEOTHERMAL STUDY, TOPOGRAPHIC IMPEDENCE LAYER, POPULATION MODELING, AND CONSERVATION PLANNING TOOLS, UPDATED HABITAT MAPS, AND ACTIONS AND SAGE-GROUSE RESPONSES. COUNCIL MAY REOCOMMEND CONTINUED AGENCY SUPPORT OR INCLUSION OF THE NEW SCIENCE INTO THE CCS OR GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN. – <u>*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*</u> Dr. Peter Coates, Research Wildlife Biologist, USGS
- 7. DISCUSSION ON THE OPPORTUNITIES AND THE STATE'S ROLE IN RECIVING AND ADMINISTERING FUNDING THROUGH THE "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" CHALLENGE. THE COUNCIL MAY SUGGEST THAT STAFF EXPLORE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION. – <u>*FOR</u> <u>POSSIBLE ACTION*</u> Jordan Hosmer-Henner, Governor's Office

8. REVIEW OF PROPOSED BILL DRAFT REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AUTHORITY FOR THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM TO COLLECT AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSACTIONS WITHIN THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM. THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER SUPPORT OF THE BILL DRAFT REQUEST. – <u>*FOR</u> <u>POSSIBLE ACTION*</u> Kelly McGowan, Program Manager – SETT

9. STAFF BRIEFINGS TO THE COUNCIL -

A. Review of the January – June 2022 Semi-Annual report to the Governor's Office. The Council will consider approval of the Report. ***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** – Dan Huser, Division of Forestry Representative – SETT

B. Strategic Action Plan status update. SETT Staff

C. Science Work Group update concerning the incorporation of new science and tools for possible incorporation into the CCS. *SETT Staff*

10. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING THIS MEETING AND SCHEDULING NEXT SEC MEETING – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. With staff assistance, the Council will review items discussed, as well as items acted upon during this meeting, and determine which of those they wish to direct staff to do further work on, as well as which items the Council wishes to act on that may not have been acted upon during earlier discussion.

B. Determination of any specific items the Council would like to work on at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

C. Scheduling of the next Council meeting date, time, and place.

11. FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. US Fish and Wildlife Service
- B. Bureau of Land Management
- C. US Forest Service
- D. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- E. Other

12. STATE AGENCY UPDATES AND COMMENTS:

- A. Office of the Governor
- B. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- C. Department of Wildlife
- D. Department of Agriculture
- E. Conservation Districts Program
- F. Other

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14. ADJOURNMENT

<u>NOTICE: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed, combined for</u> consideration, or removed from the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

Notice of this meeting was posted in the following location: Nevada Department of Wildlife, Elko Office, 60 Youth Center Road, Elko, NV 89801 Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop Street, Carson City, Nevada Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Pkwy #120, Reno, NV Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 South 21st Street, Sparks, Nevada Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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