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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Thursday, December 8, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Physical Location

**Nevada State Capitol Building – Guinn Room
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701**

There will be no virtual option for this meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

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. **Comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action will be taken on any matters raised during the public comment period that are not already on the agenda.** 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, December 8, 2022.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, September 1, 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. REVIEW SEVERAL MAP PRODUCTS BEING CONSIDERED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 'CORE' SAGEBRUSH HABITATS AND THE AVAILABLE TOOLS THAT CAN ENHANCE THE ABILITY TO PRIORITIZE AND IMPLEMENT CONSERVATION PRACTICES WITHIN AND NEAR THESE AREAS. THESE MAY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE NEVADA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, Manager, SEP & Justin Small, NDOW representative, SEP

7. **INTRODUCTION OF METHODOLOGIES BEING CONSIDERED FOR A POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM THAT ACCOUNTS FOR POPULATION IMPACTS TO GREATER SAGE-GROUSE DUE TO AUTHORIZED DEVELOPMENTS. THE SEC MAY INSTRUCT STAFF TO CONSIDER A SPECIFIC STRATEGY. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Kelly McGowan, Manager, SEP & Justin Small, NDOW representative, SEP**
8. **CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER 2022 SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT AND THE ANNUAL CCS PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNORS OFFICE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 232.162. THE SEC MAY APPROVE THE DOCUMENTS AS SUBMITTED BY STAFF OR MAY PROVIDE EDITS. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Dan Huser, NDF representative, SEP**
9. **UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF WILD HORSE AND BURRO GATHERS AND HOLDING FACILITIES, FERTILITY TREATMENTS, EFFECTS ON APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT LEVELS (AML), AND OVERVIEW OF AML WITHIN HERD MANAGEMENT AREAS AND HERD AREAS. THE SEC MAY CONSIDER PROVIDING SUPPORT TO ONGOING EFFORTS. - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Alan Shepherd, Deputy State Director, Nevada State Office-BLM; Ruth Thompson, NV Wild Horse and Burro Program Lead, Nevada State Office-BLM**
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. Other

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14. ADJOURNMENT

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Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop Street, Carson City, Nevada

Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Pkwy #120, Reno, NV

Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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 (LOCATION OF MEETING)

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