State of Nevada **Sagebrush Ecosystem Council**

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Place: Capitol Building Video Conference*

The Guinn Room Elko UNSOM Griswold Room 31

101 N. Carson Street Winnemucca Great Basin College Room 201 Carson City, Nevada Ely – White Pine County Cooperative Ext.

The sites will be connected by videoconference. The public is invited to attend at any of the locations. Please see the end of the agenda for Video Conference physical addresses.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- 2. Public Comment (Note: Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting, and may be taken at the discretion of the Chair on agenda items listed for possible action. No vote or action may be taken upon a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person, and persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record.)
- Adoption of Agenda FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 4. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2013 meeting FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 5. Comments from Congressman Mark Amodei
- 6. Council Member Items and Correspondence
- 7. Federal Agency Updates:
 - a. US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - b. Bureau of Land Management
 - c. United States Forest Service
 - d. Other
- 8. State Agency Updates:
 - a. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - b. Department of Wildlife
 - c. Department of Agriculture
 - e. Other

- Presentation and discussion of potential collaborative training for Council. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 10. Discussion of USFWS September 14, 2012 informal draft comments on Nevada's Greater Sage-grouse conservation strategy: FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
 - a. Mapping
 - b. Invasive species
 - c. Council direction on other concerns
- 11. Presentation and discussion on possible utilization of Dr. Peter Coates model for sagebrush ecosystem efforts. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
 - a. Overview of model mapping products.
 - b. Time and cost proposal for mapping Greater Sage-grouse habitat areas statewide.
 - c. Process for map refinement to include on-the ground verifications and "Occupied", "Suitable" and "Potential" habitat mapping.
- 12. Discussion of "Best Science". FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 13. Process for memorializing and implementing Council agreements. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 14. Report from Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team regarding inventory of local area working group projects and other sagebrush ecosystem projects. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 15. Update on creation of Sagebrush Ecosystem Mitigation Bank. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 16. Update on implementation progress on Bi-State plan.
- 17. Future Council Meeting Dates and Agenda Items. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 18. Council Member Comments
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- 20. Adjournment

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Notices have been posted on the State of Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program website http://sagebrusheco.nv.gov/ and at the following locations:

- <u>Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</u> Bulletin Board, 901 S. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada
- <u>Department of Agriculture</u> 405 South 21st Street, Sparks, Nevada
- Department of Wildlife 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada
- Nevada State Library & Archives Building 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada
- Grant Sawyer Office Building 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada
- <u>Capitol Building</u> 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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Ely White Pine County Cooperative Extension 995 Campton Street Ely, Nevada