

RESOLUTION - SLUPAC 2014-02

RESOLUTION OF THE NEVADA STATE LAND USE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL SUPPORTING STRONGER COORDINATION WITH NEPA PROJECTS AND LAND USE INVENTORY, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC) advises the Nevada Division of State Lands regarding the development of plans and statements of policy concerning lands under federal management;

WHEREAS, SLUPAC has an important role elevating local government-level land use and natural resource planning issues and NEPA projects to the State level;

WHEREAS, the Nevada State Clearinghouse has an important role as a single point of contact (SPOC) for land use and natural resource planning issues and NEPA projects at the State level;

WHEREAS, the Clearinghouse and SLUPAC can help increase dialogue between Federal agencies, the State of Nevada, and Nevada's local governments regarding land use and natural resource planning issues and NEPA projects;

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the US Forest Service (USFS), under the laws of Congress, executive orders, and federal regulations, are responsible for the management of the federal public lands, national forests, and their resources. The BLM and USFS have a responsibility to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of these federal public lands and national forests for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations;

WHEREAS The USFS, BLM, State of Nevada and local governments share a long history of partnership with respect to federal public lands and national forests in Nevada, including conferring on management direction and projects, sharing resources and revenues, and fully participating in the social, environmental, and economic vitality of local communities;

WHEREAS, regular and principled communication and coordination between the State of Nevada, Nevada's local governments and the BLM and USFS will maximize trust and minimize misunderstanding and potential conflicts, as well as produce USFS, BLM, State, and local government actions that are as a consequence better end products for all Nevada citizens and increase community support for those actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, and in accordance with the best interests of the citizens of Nevada, the Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC) does:

HEREBY RESOLVE that SLUPAC supports development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) whereby the governing body of each local government shall designate a contact for the USFS and BLM, the USFS Regional Forester shall designate a USFS contact for each local government, and the BLM State Director shall designate a BLM contact for each local government;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED these contacts will coordinate with the Nevada State Clearinghouse to ensure that proper notice is provided to all State-level and local government-level effected parties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED projects that have issues, lack of consensus, or inconsistencies with local plans or policies, may be brought to SLUPAC for discussion if a local government has cooperating agency status and/or the project can be heard prior to the deadline of the NEPA public comment period, or between the public comment period and final decisions;

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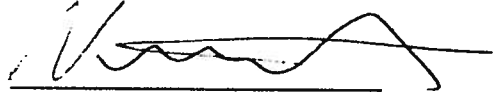
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that due to the fact that local governments regularly have difficulty meeting 30-day public comment periods, NEPA notices should provide sufficient substance and local governments should be coordinated with prior to the public comment period, therefore giving enough time for the local governing body to study and respond to the contemplated action. In keeping with federal policy, the federal agency will consider and achieve consistency to the maximum extent practical the local government's response before taking any action. If the action is different from the local government's recommendations, the federal agency will explain the rationale of their decision and why consistency is not possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this process is meant to supplement but not replace more specific coordination and dialogue that already exists, or may be developed, between Federal agencies, the State of Nevada, and local governments;

Resolved this 23rd day of May, 2014, by the Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC).

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of May, 2014.

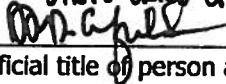
Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory
Council (SLUPAC)



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Attest: STATE LAND USE PLANNING AGENCY



[Official title of person attesting]

AYES: 14

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

ABSTENTIONS: 0