



STATE OF NEVADA
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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL'S **COMMITTEE ON MONITORING**

Friday, May 30, 2014 9:00 a.m.
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program Office
201 S Roop Street, Ste 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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. 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. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Committee members consisting of Steve Boies, Bevan Lister, Tina Nappe, and Sherm Swanson will select a Chair of the Committee whose purpose will be to preside over the meetings and make reports of Committee activities and decisions back to the Council.

4. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DETERMINATION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS. THIS WILL FOCUS ON THE MECHANISMS FOR SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM MONITORING, THAT DOCUMENT THE EFFECTS OF MANAGEMENT OF THE LAND USES AND LAND MANAGEMENT THAT WILL DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY IMPACT SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEMS AND NEVADA LANDSCAPES. THIS WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF A SELF-MONITORING PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC LAND GRAZING ALLOTMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH BLM AND USFS. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion of current methodologies, and current activities being implemented by BLM and USFS. *Representatives of the BLM and the USFS will begin this discussion with explanations of the current policies and practices.*

B. Discussion of other aspects of Monitoring that the Committee would like to address.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF NEEDED UPDATES TO THE NEVADA RANGELAND MONITORING HANDBOOK – SECOND EDITION, AND THE RANCHERS’ MONITORING GUIDE; AND POSSIBLE METHODS TO ACCOMPLISH ANY CHANGES NEEDED. *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and consideration of the current handbook on rangeland monitoring and the accompanying monitoring guide. These documents, also referred to as “Educational Bulletins 06-03 and 06-04”, are believed to be the current documents being used by BLM, USFS, and others, to monitor for effective ongoing management of the many resource values, conditions, and ecosystem functions of rangeland in Nevada -- *Dr. Sherm Swanson, co-author of the documents being discussed.*

8. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS, DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE, AND DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Determination of any specific items the Committee would like to work on at their next meeting, and setting of their next meeting date, including a discussion of possible agenda items.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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10. ADJOURNMENT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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Sagebrush Ecosystem Program, 201 S. Roop 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

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Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada
Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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