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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

Physical Meeting Location:
Sagebrush Ecosystem Program Office
201 S. Roop St., Ste. 101 Carson City, NV 90701

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1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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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 Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Friday, October 1, 2021.

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. DISCUSSION ON THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S (BLM) PLANNING EFFORTS TO UPDATE THE ADOPTED 2015 AND AMENDED 2019 GREATER SAGE-GROUSE LAND USE PLANS FOR NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA AND THE SEP PARTICIPATION IN THAT PLANNING EFFORT – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* Nada Wolff Culver, Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, BLM; *Matt Preston and Pat Deibert, BLM Headquarters, Washington DC; Alan Shepherd, Deputy State Director, Nevada BLM*

7. DISCUSSION ON BLM PLAN TO RE-INITIATE THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT PROCESS FOR A PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW THE SAGEBRUSH FOCAL AREAS (SFAs) FROM LOCATION AND ENTRY UNDER THE MINING LAW OF 1872 TO PROTECT GRETER SAGE-GROUSE AND ITS HABITAT AND THE SEP PARTICIPATION IN THAT PROCESS – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Alan Shepherd, Deputy State Director, Nevada BLM*

8. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL

- A. Gold Bar and Gold Bar South Mitigation
- B. Big Ledge Mitigation
- C. White Pine Water Borehole Exploration
- D. Strategic Action Plan – Inter-Agency Collaborative Planning Meeting
- E. Non-Compliance Assessment Factor

9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE DECEMBER 2021 SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Dan Huser, Nevada Division of Forestry Representative, SEP*

10. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE 2021 ANNUAL CCS SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REPORT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* *Kathleen Petter, Nevada Division of State Lands Representative, SEP*

11. 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.

12. 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

13. 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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15. ADJOURNMENT

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

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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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