State of Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2013

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Place: Capitol Building <u>Video Conference*</u>

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

- 1. Call To Order
- 2. Public Comment (Note: 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 five minutes per person, and persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record.)
- 3. Adoption of Agenda FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 4. Governor's Office Welcome
- 5. Comments from Bob Abbey Former Director of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- 6. Introductions and Opening Remarks
 - a. Council Members
 - b. Partner State and Federal Agency Directors
 - c. Inter-agency Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team
- 7. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 8. Council Member Items and Correspondence
- Summary of Governor Sandoval's Greater Sage-grouse Advisory Committee
 Recommendations and State of Nevada DEIS Alternative FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Update on Bureau of Land Management DEIS for "Northeast California/Nevada Sub Region of the National Strategy to Preserve, Conserve, and Restore Sagebrush Habitat" FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 11. Update on USFWS Sage-Grouse Conservation Objectives Draft Report FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 12. Discussion of a State of Nevada Plan for the Sagebrush Ecosystem and Protection of Sagegrouse FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 13. Sage-Grouse Management Area Maps Purpose and Refinement FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 14. Future Council Meeting Dates and Potential Topics FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
 - Project Inventory
 - Mitigation Banking
 - State Plan Development
 - Fire and Invasive Species
 - Livestock Grazing
 - Pinyon-Juniper Encroachment
 - Mineral Development
 - Renewable and other Energy Production
 - Predation
 - Wild Horse and Burro Management
 - Research Update
 - Interim Review processes for BLM/USFS decisions
 - Other Potential Topics
- 15. Update on Bi-State Sage-grouse Population FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 16. Comments from the Conservation Fund
- 17. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Update on Western Governor's Sage Grouse Task Force FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 18. Department of Wildlife Update on Activities of National Committees FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- 19. Council Member Comments
- 20. Public Comment (Note: 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 five minutes per person, and persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record.)
- 21. Adjournment

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- <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
- <u>Department of Wildlife</u> 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
- Capitol Building 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

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