



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

**DECISION DOCUMENT**

**ROUND 9 - Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act**

The Secretary of the Interior hereby approves the estimated expenditures from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Special Account and other authorizations outlined below, with the provisos as stated.

1. The total expenditure authorized from the SNPLMA Special Account for Round 9 is \$140,629,915, including estimated expenditures of:

| Expenditure Category                                  | Estimated Costs |           |             | Funding Sources          |                             |             |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
|   | Base            | 10% Cont. | Total       | From Budget Reallocation | From SNPLMA Special Account | Total       |
| Parks, Trails and Natural Areas                       | 17,544,517      | 1,754,452 | 19,298,969  | -                        | 19,298,969                  | 19,298,969  |
| Capital Improvements                                  | 23,830,155      | 2,383,016 | 26,213,171  | 26,213,171               | -                           | 26,213,171  |
| Conservation Initiatives                              | 4,095,220       | 409,522   | 4,504,742   | -                        | 4,504,742                   | 4,504,742   |
| Land Acquisitions                                     | 6,936,000       | 693,600   | 7,629,600   | -                        | 7,629,600                   | 7,629,600   |
| Hazardous Fuels                                       | 11,091,654      | -         | 11,091,654  | -                        | 11,091,654                  | 11,091,654  |
| Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Projects (ENLRP) | 3,466,790       | 346,679   | 3,813,469   | -                        | 3,813,469                   | 3,813,469   |
| Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects                       | 24,078,310      | -         | 24,078,310  | -                        | 24,078,310                  | 24,078,310  |
| Categories Total                                      | 91,042,646      | 5,587,269 | 96,629,915  | 26,213,171               | 70,416,744                  | 96,629,915  |
| Special Account Reserve                               | 14,000,000      | -         | 14,000,000  | -                        | 14,000,000                  | 14,000,000  |
| Pre-Proposal Planning Fund                            | -               | -         | -           | -                        | -                           | -           |
| Total Round 9 Expenditures                            | 105,042,646     | 5,587,269 | 110,629,915 | 26,213,171               | 84,416,744                  | 110,629,915 |

|                         |             |           |             |            |             |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Lake Tahoe Reserve      | 30,000,000  | -         | 30,000,000  | 11,000,000 | 19,000,000  | 30,000,000  |
| Round 9 Funding Request | 135,042,646 | 5,587,269 | 140,629,915 | 37,213,171 | 103,416,744 | 140,629,915 |

A list of approved projects to be funded through these authorized expenditures is attached (Attachment A).

a. The budget figures include the sum of the estimated costs for projects and an additional 10 percent of such costs in all expenditure categories, except for the Hazardous Fuels and Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects categories where the additional 10 percent contingency is not considered necessary. The additional 10 percent contingency for each project may be expended to cover the difference between estimated and actual costs (if otherwise valid and allowable under the SNPLMA) without further approval of the Executive Committee.

b. The Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects are funded out of the Lake Tahoe Reserve in the SNPLMA Special Account. This reserve was approved in the SNPLMA Round 6 Secretarial Decision Document dated February 7, 2006, to fund future rounds of Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects.

c. The amounts authorized in this Decision Document are in addition to the amounts authorized for each category in previous rounds and will remain available in the same category until expended. After all current projects in a category are fully funded, excess amounts available in the category may be used to help fund shortfalls in other past approved projects within the category by budget reallocation approved by the Executive Committee.

d. Authorization for expenditures for projects submitted in Round 9 as set forth in this Decision Document shall not be construed as a final approval for any particular expenditure. The amounts authorized herein are not approved for expenditure unless and until all requisite procedures are followed as outlined in this document and in the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.

e. The "anticipated cost" for land acquisitions reflects the owner's asking price plus estimated costs for other allowed expenses such as appraisals and case management, but does not reflect the actual value of any property or the actual price to be paid for any property. The actual purchase price will be based on the appraised fair market value. Acquisitions by the United States of land and interests in land using funds from the SNPLMA Special Account will be made in all cases from willing sellers, and will comply with the land acquisition authorities of the acquiring agency, as well as with the guidance for such acquisitions established by the Department of Justice. Final purchase of any property, including final determination of the purchase price, will depend upon successful completion of the acquisition process under these authorities, as well as the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.

f. For Federal projects, no amount authorized herein shall be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until a work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the BLM. The work plan shall set forth a schedule of periodic expenditures reflecting logical phases of the project.

g. For non-Federal projects, no amount authorized herein shall be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until all of the following have been met:

- 1) A notice of availability of funding has been issued;
- 2) A cooperative agreement or grant between the recipient entity and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or other Federal agency has been fully executed;
- 3) A work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the BLM or other Federal agency. The work plan shall set forth a schedule of periodic expenditures reflecting logical phases of the project; and
- 4) The start point for an identified phase and its associated funding start date has been reached.

2. The establishment of a reserve within the Special Account in the amount of \$14,000,000 is authorized for expenditure during Round 9 at the discretion of the Executive Committee toward allowable expenditures under the SNPLMA and in accordance with the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*, where special circumstances warrant. All expenditures from the Special Account Reserve (SAR) shall be undertaken in compliance with established procedures and internal controls, as well as all applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The SAR authorized by this decision shall be available during Round 9 only. Funds not obligated or allocated during Round 9 will be returned to the Special Account for allocation to the recommended budget in the next round.

3. While no funds are authorized in this Decision Document for the Pre-Proposal Planning Fund (PPP) reserve within the Special Account for expenditure, the Executive Committee is authorized to reallocate funds between the SAR and the PPP reserve for Round 9 only in order to provide for flexibility to undertake pre-proposal planning efforts when necessary to obtain detailed, complete, feasible, and accurate project nominations. In all cases, expenditures from the PPP reserve will be in accordance with the SNPLMA and the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.

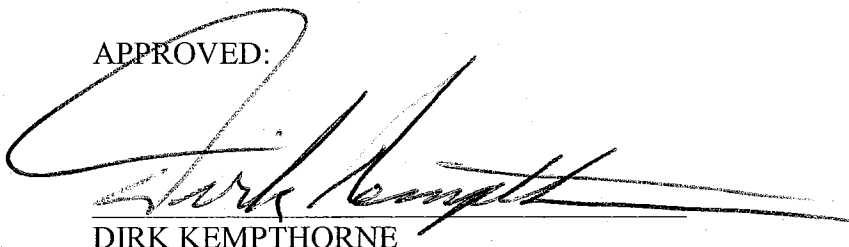
4. This Decision Document approves a \$30 million reserve for future Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects in addition to the previously approved \$150 million reserve as part of the SNPLMA Round 6 Secretarial Decision Document in order to assist in meeting the \$300 million commitment authorized in the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-506). This amount shall remain reserved until fully utilized to fund approved Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects in future rounds. Funding for this \$30 million reserve will be made available from re-allocation of \$11 million of excess funds from the Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas, Conservation Initiatives, and Capital Improvements categories in the Special Account and \$19 million of unallocated funds from the Special Account.

5. Available funding shall be provided first to Conservation Initiative projects. Thereafter, funds authorized for expenditure in this round shall be distributed as they become available in the Special Account among the other expenditure categories in proportion to their share of the total budget, in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies, based upon availability of funds, and in accordance with the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.

6. This Decision Document authorizes up to \$40,000 from the Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects Science and Research funding category to be set aside to fund rapid response resource monitoring and data collection efforts in the event of an emergency or catastrophe. These funds may be expended at the discretion of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station. The BLM's SNPLMA Division shall be notified of the rationale for such expenditures no later than five (5) business days from the date of any such expenditure.

7. This Decision Document confirms support for the SNPLMA Executive Committee's proposed reallocation of \$27,485,432 previously approved in the SNPLMA Round 6 Secretarial Decision Document within the Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas category for expenditure on the McCool Park Project to the Craig Ranch Regional Park Development Project (Project #NL09, Priority #5-15) in the same category. The Craig Ranch Regional Park Development Project was originally approved in the SNPLMA Round 5 Secretarial Decision Document. This amount is not included in the Round 9 total expenditure as it represents a reallocation of previously approved expenditures.

APPROVED:



DIRK KEMPTHORNE

AUG 16 2008

Date

**ATTACHMENT A**  
 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-263)  
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| Priority                                      | Project Name   | Requesting Entity | Estimated Costs | 10% Contingency | Total Recommended    |
|---|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas</b>       |  |                   |                 |                 |                      |
| 1   | Wetlands Park Trails Program Phase II  | Clark County      | \$ 1,557,000    | \$ 155,700      | \$ 1,712,700         |
| 2   | Whitney Mesa Preserve Phase II   | City of Henderson | \$ 2,989,514    | \$ 298,951      | \$ 3,288,465         |
| 3   | White Pine County Regional Park Upgrades                                     | White Pine County | \$ 839,762      | \$ 83,976       | \$ 923,738           |
| 4   | Mesquite Regional Park and Trails System Phase I                             | Clark County      | \$ 1,100,000    | \$ 110,000      | \$ 1,210,000         |
| 5   | Lincoln County Park Upgrades   | Lincoln County    | \$ 821,000      | \$ 82,100       | \$ 903,100           |
| 6   | Preston Community Park   | White Pine County | \$ 174,518      | \$ 17,452       | \$ 191,970           |
| 7   | White Pine County Courthouse Park  | White Pine County | \$ 252,420      | \$ 25,242       | \$ 277,662           |
| 8   | Floyd Lamb Park Trail Amenities  | City of Las Vegas | \$ 2,270,000    | \$ 227,000      | \$ 2,497,000         |
| 9   | North Ely Park   | White Pine County | \$ 187,803      | \$ 18,780       | \$ 206,583           |
| 10  | Horseman's Park Improvements   | Clark County      | \$ 512,500      | \$ 51,250       | \$ 563,750           |
| 11  | Craig Ranch Play Area  | North Las Vegas   | \$ 4,840,000    | \$ 484,000      | \$ 5,324,000         |
| 12  | Echo Canyon Campground Expansion   | Lincoln County    | \$ 2,000,000    | \$ 200,000      | \$ 2,200,000         |
| <b>Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Total</b> |  |                   |                 |                 | <b>\$ 19,298,969</b> |
| <b>Capital Improvements</b>                   |  |                   |                 |                 |                      |
| 1   | Boulder Beach Visitor Facility Enhancements                                  | NPS               | \$ 1,759,400    | \$ 175,940      | \$ 1,935,340         |
| 2   | Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge Administrative and Maintenance Facility  | FWS               | \$ 6,900,000    | \$ 690,000      | \$ 7,590,000         |
| 3   | Nevada Spillway House Rehabilitation and Restoration                         | BOR               | \$ 2,921,050    | \$ 292,105      | \$ 3,213,155         |
| 4   | Ward Mountain Recreation Area Renovation                                     | USFS              | \$ 3,125,676    | \$ 312,568      | \$ 3,438,244         |
| 5   | Eastern Nevada Restoration Seed Warehouse                                    | BLM               | \$ 3,025,000    | \$ 302,500      | \$ 3,327,500         |
| 6   | Phase II Great Basin National Park Interpretive Facilities                   | NPS               | \$ 2,327,175    | \$ 232,718      | \$ 2,559,893         |
| 7   | Phase II Administrative Headquarters at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge | FWS               | \$ 3,771,854    | \$ 377,185      | \$ 4,149,039         |
| <b>Capital Improvements Total</b>             |  |                   |                 |                 | <b>\$ 26,213,171</b> |

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| <b>Conservation Initiatives</b>                    |  |                       |                 |                 |                     |
| 1  | Humboldt - Toiyabe National Forest Wilderness Implementation, Phase II                           | USFS                  | \$ 581,300      | \$ 58,130       | \$ 639,430          |
| 2  | Environmentally Responsible Closure of Abandoned Mine Safety Hazards In Lincoln County, Phase II | BLM                   | \$ 261,000      | \$ 26,100       | \$ 287,100          |
| 3  | Meadow Valley Noxious Weed Control, Phase II   | BLM                   | \$ 823,000      | \$ 82,300       | \$ 905,300          |
| 4  | Spring Mountains Butterfly Life History and Autecology Studies, Phase II                         | FWS & USFS            | \$ 400,000      | \$ 40,000       | \$ 440,000          |
| 5  | Implementing Service First in Southern Nevada  | BLM, FWS, NPS, & USFS | \$ 563,924      | \$ 56,392       | \$ 620,316          |
| 6  | Interagency Science and Research Strategy Implementation   | FWS, NPS, & USFS      | \$ 577,127      | \$ 57,713       | \$ 634,840          |
| 7  | Implementing the Conservation Agreement for Bonneville Cutthroat Trout in the State of Nevada    | FWS, NPS, & USFS      | \$ 888,869      | \$ 88,887       | \$ 977,756          |
| <b>Conservation Initiatives Total</b>              |  |                       |                 |                 | <b>\$ 4,504,742</b> |
| <b>Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions</b> |  |                       |                 |                 |                     |
| 1  | Toll Road Canyon   | BLM                   | \$ 586,000      | \$ 58,600       | \$ 644,600          |
| 2  | Ranch No. 1 Conservation Easement  | BLM                   | \$ 5,187,000    | \$ 518,700      | \$ 5,705,700        |
| 3  | Quilici Ranch Conservation Easement  | BLM                   | \$ 1,163,000    | \$ 116,300      | \$ 1,279,300        |
| <b>Land Acquisitions Total</b>                     |  |                       |                 |                 | <b>\$ 7,629,600</b> |

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|--|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Hazardous Fuels and Fire Prevention</b>   |  |                      |                 |                 |                      |
| 1  | Clear Creek Multijurisdictional Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project  | USFS - Region 4      | \$ 2,589,430    | \$ -            | \$ 2,589,430         |
| 2  | Lake Tahoe Basin Interagency and Integrated Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program  | NV Fire Safe Council | \$ 4,000,000    | \$ -            | \$ 4,000,000         |
| 3  | Implementation of the Carson Range Multi-Jurisdictional Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Strategy 10-Year Plan | NV Fire Safe Council | \$ 1,000,000    | \$ -            | \$ 1,000,000         |
| 4  | North Washoe Ecosystem Underburning and Fuels Treatment Project - Phase One  | USFS - Region 4      | \$ 417,000      | \$ -            | \$ 417,000           |
| 5  | Tunnel Creek Prescribed Fire   | Nevada State Lands   | \$ 64,790       | \$ -            | \$ 64,790            |
| 6  | Lake Tahoe Urban Forest Restoration and Fuels Reduction, Phase 3 of 4  | USFS - LTBMU         | \$ 570,000      | \$ -            | \$ 570,000           |
| 7  | State of Nevada Urban Lot Fuel Reduction   | Nevada State Lands   | \$ 288,434      | \$ -            | \$ 288,434           |
| 8  | Lake Tahoe Basin Prescribed Fire Underburn Project*  | USFS - LTBMU         | \$ 750,000      | \$ -            | \$ 750,000           |
| 9  | Arrowhawk Hazardous Fuels Reduction Planning Project, Phase One of Three   | USFS - Region 4      | \$ 203,000      | \$ -            | \$ 203,000           |
| 10   | Incline Hazardous Fuel and Forest Health Planning Project  | USFS - LTBMU         | \$ 1,000,000    | \$ -            | \$ 1,000,000         |
| 11   | Jobs Peak Hazardous Fuels Reduction Planning Project, Phase One of Three   | USFS - Region 4      | \$ 209,000      | \$ -            | \$ 209,000           |
| *Funding for this project is in this category as well as in the Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects category |  |                      |                 |                 |                      |
| <b>Hazardous Fuels and Fire Prevention Total</b>   |  |                      |                 |                 | <b>\$ 11,091,654</b> |

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|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Projects</b>          |  |                    |                 |                 |                     |
| 1   | Ward Mountain Restoration  | USFS & BLM         | \$ 306,000      | \$ 30,600       | \$ 336,600          |
| 2   | Kern Mountains & Blue Mass Scenic Area Restoration – Phase One                   | BLM - Ely          | \$ 811,021      | \$ 81,102       | \$ 892,123          |
| 3   | Snake Valley Invasive Weeds: Inventory, Treatment, Restoration and Education     | NPS, BLM, & USFS   | \$ 665,041      | \$ 66,504       | \$ 731,545          |
| 4   | North Schell Restoration Project   | USFS               | \$ 1,148,380    | \$ 114,838      | \$ 1,263,218        |
| 5   | Landscape Level Vegetation Management Plan                                       | NPS                | \$ 486,348      | \$ 48,635       | \$ 534,983          |
| 6   | Camp Success Fuels Reduction   | USFS               | \$ 50,000       | \$ 5,000        | \$ 55,000           |
| <b>Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Projects Total</b>    |  |                    |                 |                 | <b>\$ 3,813,469</b> |
| <b>Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects</b>                        |  |                    |                 |                 |                     |
| (Priority numbers assigned by BLM for tracking purposes only) |  |                    |                 |                 |                     |
| 1   | Erosion Control Grants to Local Governments                                      | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 10,000,000   | \$ -            | \$ 10,000,000       |
| 2   | Kings Beach Commercial Core Water Quality Improvements                           | FHWA               | \$ 3,000,000    | \$ -            | \$ 3,000,000        |
| 3   | Blackwood Creek Restoration Phase 3, Site B                                      | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 1,800,000    | \$ -            | \$ 1,800,000        |
| 4   | Basin Wide Trail Access Travel Management (ATM) Phase II                         | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 1,100,000    | \$ -            | \$ 1,100,000        |
| 5   | Lake Tahoe Basin Prescribed Fire Under Burn Project*                             | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 161,310      | \$ -            | \$ 161,310          |
| 6   | NEPA Resource Inventories, Surveys, and Analysis                                 | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 500,000      | \$ -            | \$ 500,000          |
| 7   | Camp Richardson Resort Campground Best Management Practices (BMP) Rehabilitation | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 500,000      | \$ -            | \$ 500,000          |
| 8   | Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species Proliferation in Lake Tahoe - Phase 3        | FWS & USFS - LTBMU | \$ 500,000      | \$ -            | \$ 500,000          |
| 9   | Restoration/Recovery of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) in Fallen Leaf Lake       | FWS                | \$ 312,000      | \$ -            | \$ 312,000          |



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| 10   | Angora Creek Channel and Meadow Restoration Design   | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 300,000      | \$ -            | \$ 300,000           |
| 11   | West Shore Transit   | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 270,000      | \$ -            | \$ 270,000           |
| 12   | Meeks Creek Ecosystem Restoration  | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 240,000      | \$ -            | \$ 240,000           |
| 13   | Angora Fire Roads Mitigation (Road Decommissioning)  | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 230,000      | \$ -            | \$ 230,000           |
| 14   | Restoration of Fire Adapted Meadow Ecosystems  | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 225,000      | \$ -            | \$ 225,000           |
| 15   | Big Meadow Watershed Fire Regime Restoration   | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 225,000      | \$ -            | \$ 225,000           |
| 16   | Chemical Control of Noxious Weeds  | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 200,000      | \$ -            | \$ 200,000           |
| 17   | Area Wide Conservation Planning for Environmental Improvement Program (EIP)/Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation | NRCS               | \$ 150,000      | \$ -            | \$ 150,000           |
| 18   | Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Restoration in the Upper Truckee River  | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 150,000      | \$ -            | \$ 150,000           |
| 19   | Tahoe Yellow Cress (TYC) Conservation Strategy   | USFS - LTBMU & FWS | \$ 120,000      | \$ -            | \$ 120,000           |
| 20   | Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog Recovery Project   | FWS                | \$ 90,000       | \$ -            | \$ 90,000            |
| 21   | Invasive Weeds (Private Land Technical Assistance)   | NRCS               | \$ 75,000       | \$ -            | \$ 75,000            |
| 22   | Manual Control of Noxious Weeds  | USFS - LTBMU       | \$ 75,000       | \$ -            | \$ 75,000            |
| 23   | Tahoe Integrated Information Management System (TIIMS)   | EPA                | \$ 60,000       | \$ -            | \$ 60,000            |
| 24   | Tahoe Yellow Cress (Private Land Conservation)   | NRCS               | \$ 45,000       | \$ -            | \$ 45,000            |
| 25   | Total Science & Research Themes  | USFS - PSW         | \$ 3,750,000    | \$ -            | \$ 3,750,000         |
| *Funding for this project is in this category as well as in the Hazardous Fuels category |  |                    |                 |                 |                      |
| <b>Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects Total</b>   |  |                    |                 |                 | <b>\$ 24,078,310</b> |
| <b>All Categories Grand Total</b>  |  |                    |                 |                 | <b>\$ 96,629,915</b> |