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SUMMARY

This Proposed Amendment details the changes to the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plans (MFPs), dated July 9, 1982, that are under consideration. The Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes the environmental consequences of amending the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach MFPs. Combining the proposed amendment and environmental assessment documents will reduce duplication and improve efficiency, and is consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations and Bureau of Land Management policy.

This document discusses two alternatives that resolve a planning issue in the Winnemucca District. The preferred alternative is to amend the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plans (MFPs) to give the Winnemucca Field Office more flexibility to consider requests for disposals and acquisitions involving parcels that have not previously been specifically identified for such actions in existing land use plans. Lands considered for acquisition would possess significant resource value. Additionally, lands considered for disposal would be evaluated based on criteria including public resource values or concerns, accessibility, investment in facilities or improvements, manageability, and other factors.

The alternative to the proposed amendment is no action.

A Notice of Intent to prepare the MFP Amendments was published in the *Federal Register* on August 26, 1996.

A Finding of No Significant Impact is attached. The Finding of No Significant Impact is documentation that implementation of the preferred alternative examined in the environmental assessment would not have significant adverse environmental impacts, and an environmental impact statement is not required.

The Finding of No Significant Impact, this Environmental Assessment, and other appropriate materials will be considered by the State Director before the Decision Record is signed. The Decision Record will not be implemented for at least 30 days following approval to allow the public opportunity to formally protest approval of this Amendment (see the protest instructions in the cover letter).

The Amendment process complies with the 1983 BLM Planning Regulations that specify procedures that must be followed before a Management Plan can be changed (43 CFR 1610.5-5). The Environmental Assessment represents the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969* compliance documentation required by Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1500).

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose and Need

As indicated in 43 CFR 1610.5-5, any change in circumstances or conditions affecting the scope, terms, or provisions of a land use plan could trigger an amendment. After careful review of the land use plan decisions contained in the MFPs, it has been determined that changes are needed in the MFP guidelines for land ownership adjustments.

B. Plan Amendment Issues

The Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach MFPs state "public lands within the District will be retained in Federal ownership unless it has been determined through this land use planning process that disposal of a particular parcel is in the national interest".

The Winnemucca Field Office may be missing land tenure adjustment opportunities, within the district, because of the narrow guidance and age of the existing MFP decisions. An amendment would give the Winnemucca Field Office more flexibility to consider proposals for disposals and acquisitions involving parcels that have not been specifically identified in existing land use plans.

C. Relationship to Statutes, Regulations, and Other Plans

This proposed amendment is consistent with the goals and objectives of other Federal, State, and local plans and policies that affect the planning area.

Consultation will be conducted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on site specific acquisition and disposal actions, so that proposed actions would not adversely impact any listed or proposed threatened or endangered species.

D. Availability of Planning Documents

Copies of the Lands sections of the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plans and other documents relevant to this proposed plan amendment are available for review in the Winnemucca Field Office (5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445).



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In Reply Refer To:
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February 25, 1998

Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is a copy of an Environmental Assessment (EA) that addresses amending the Lands section of the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Land Use Plans on the Winnemucca District. The proposed amendment would enable the Winnemucca Field Office to consider acquisition and disposal proposals on a case-by case basis, and would also require that each proposal be analyzed in a site specific environmental review, which is subject to full public involvement. This document is a reissue of a previous version made available for comment on June 10, 1997. It is being reissued to provide additional opportunities to comment.

Public meetings to comment on the document will be held on March 3, 1998 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at the Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada, and on March 4, 1998 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at the Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada.

A thirty (30) day comment period has been established to give the public an opportunity to submit any comments they may have. Written comments should be addressed to Gerald Moritz, Environmental Coordinator at the address stated above. **All comments must be submitted in writing and postmarked no later than March 27, 1998.**

If you have any questions regarding this EA, please contact Mary Figarelle, Realty Specialist or Gerald Moritz, Environmental Coordinator at (702) 623-1500.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Holbert

^{for}
Ron Wenker
District Manager

Enclosure 1 - EA/LUP Amendment

II. PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

There are two alternatives considered in this document, the proposed action and no action. The alternatives were developed to resolve issues and management concerns that have appeared since the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plans were issued in July 1982. The Proposed Action Alternative is the BLM's preferred alternative.

A. Proposed Action Alternative

The appropriate portions of the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach MFP Decisions would be revised to incorporate the following provisions. These changes would apply only to lands administered by the Winnemucca Field Office (see Map #1).

1. Lands Identified for Retention

Checkerboard lands within the district will be retained, if through analysis they are determined to contain high mineral value, or other significant resource values.

Specific lands previously listed in the MFP Decisions, that continue to be identified for retention, are discussed in Appendix A.

2. Lands Identified for Acquisition

Under Acquisitions, replace the current text with:

"Land acquisitions will be considered on a case-by-case basis through exchange, purchase, or donation. Lands to be acquired must: a) facilitate access to

public lands and resources and/or; b) provide resource protection and/or; c) facilitate implementation of the MFPs and/or; d) provide for a more manageable land ownership pattern and/or; e) maintain or enhance public uses and values and/or; f) be reviewed for water right and other (easements, right-of-ways, access, etc.) encumbrances; g) be inventoried for noxious weeds".

Specific lands previously listed in the MFP Decisions, that continue to be identified for acquisition, are discussed in Appendix B.

3. Lands Identified for Disposal

Under these sections, any text requiring lands to be specifically identified for disposal would be replaced with:

"All land disposal actions are discretionary. Exchange is the preferred method of disposal in order to assure an optimum final land ownership pattern and provide better overall land management. However, sales will be considered where more efficient. The Recreation and Public Purposes Act may be used to dispose of lands to qualified applicants. Disposal of lands will be made on a case-by-case basis, and will be accomplished by the most appropriate disposal authority."

Lands may be disposed of through the Desert Land Act. In addition to the criteria cited below, the soils must have a Land Capability Class of I, II, or III, and the lands must possess adequate water, as determined by the State of Nevada Water Engineer.

All lands considered for disposal must meet one or more of the criteria outlined in Section 203(a) of the *Federal Land Policy and Management Act*. These are lands that are difficult or uneconomical to manage; lands acquired for a specific purpose, but no longer required for that or another Federal purpose; or lands that will serve important public objectives, including, but not limited to, expansion of communities and economic development, and that outweigh other public objectives and values. Disposal lands may serve the purpose of: 1) community expansion and economic development; 2) local governmental needs; or 3) to facilitate Federal land management and minimize BLM administrative costs.

The Winnemucca Field Office would not dispose of lands occupied by listed or proposed threatened or endangered species, or identified as crucial wildlife habitat, unless other public uses outweigh the value of a parcel as Federally-owned threatened or endangered species habitat. Disposal would be considered on a case-by-case basis. When disposal of public land which serves as habitat for threatened or endangered species is proposed, consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under Section 7 of the *Endangered Species Act* would be required. Exchange for other parcels of habitat would be encouraged. Other mitigation may also be required.

Site-specific decisions regarding land ownership adjustments in the District would be made based on the following criteria through the environmental analysis process.

The following criteria list is not considered all-inclusive but represents the major factors to be evaluated when considering disposal actions:

- a. Public resource values or concerns, including but not limited to: threatened, endangered or sensitive species habitat; riparian areas; floodplains and wetlands; fisheries; nesting/breeding habitat for game and non-game birds or animals; key big game seasonal habitat; wild horse and burro habitat; developed recreation and recreation access sites; municipal watersheds; energy and mineral potential; visual resources; cultural resources; paleontology; Native American traditional cultural properties; cultural resource sites eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places; wilderness and areas being studied for wilderness; and other statutory-authorized designations.
- b. Accessibility of the land for public uses.
- c. Amount of public investments in facilities or improvements (i.e., range improvements, wildlife projects) and the potential for recovering those investments.
- d. Manageability (difficulty or cost of administration) .
- e. Significance of the decision in stabilizing business, social and economic conditions, and/or lifestyles.
- f. Encumbrances or conflicts of record; such as water rights, consistency of the decision with cooperative agreements and plans or policies of other agencies.

g. Suitability and need for change in land ownership or use for purposes including community development (State and local), but not limited to community expansion, or other purposes such as industrial, residential or agricultural (other than grazing) development.

h. Suitability and need for change in land ownership, for management and use by other State and Federal Agencies.

Specific lands previously listed in the MFP Decisions, that continue to be identified for disposal, are listed in Appendix C.

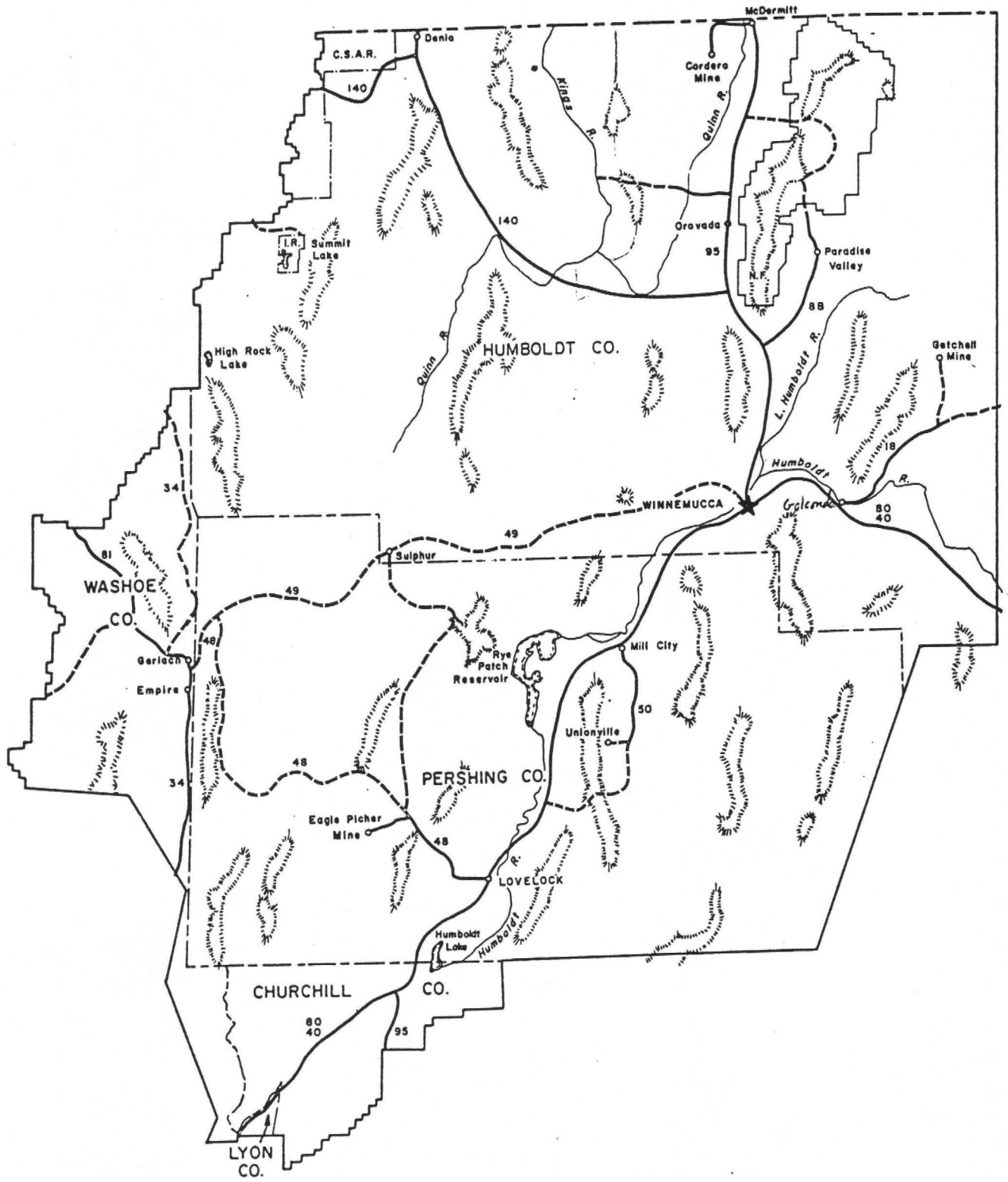
B. No Action Alternative

Under this alternative, there would be a continuation of current planning guidance that requires that lands be specifically identified for disposal or acquisition before requests for such actions can be processed. No disposals or acquisitions would occur without an amendment to the appropriate land use plan.

III. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The affected environment for the proposed Plan Amendment, includes the entire Winnemucca District and is described in the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plans. These descriptions are hereby incorporated by reference. These documents are available for public review at the Winnemucca Field Office.

The District comprises approximately 8.5 million acres of public land located in portions of Humboldt, Pershing, Washoe, Lyon, and Churchill Counties in Nevada (see Map 1).



WINNEMUCCA DISTRICT

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

A. Introduction

Approval of the proposed action would constitute a determination that amending the MFPs to incorporate the proposed changes in guidance is appropriate and consistent with sound land use planning and long-term BLM management goals for the Winnemucca Field Office. Approval of this proposed action would be the first step of a two-step process. The second step involves actual evaluation of site-specific proposals consistent with the amended plan. The details and impacts of proposed actions would be analyzed in site-specific environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (P.L. 91-190), which are subject to full public involvement. Each environmental review would contain an analysis of impacts from the proposed action and a reasonable range of alternatives, including a no action alternative, with appropriate mitigation to avoid or ameliorate identified impacts.

Amending the MFPs would not in itself result in any environmental impacts because only management guidance in the plans would be changed. The following analysis is a general discussion of the possible impacts anticipated from these subsequent actions. The specific impacts would depend on the specific land parcel(s) being disposed of or acquired. The purpose is to provide the public and the decision maker with an adequate general understanding of possible impacts to allow an informed decision.

Impacts from the proposed action would be similar to those discussed in the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach MFP's. The main difference between existing management guidance for the Lands Program and what is being proposed is that under the preferred alternative, the Winnemucca Field Office would be able to consider disposal and acquisition proposals, on a case-by-case basis. Each proposal would be analyzed in site specific environmental reviews, which are subject to full public involvement.

Certain lands have been excluded from disposal through the planning process or Congressional action. Excluded from disposal are crucial wildlife habitat areas as identified in the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach MFPs. Crucial wildlife habitat has been identified as the Lahontan cutthroat trout Natural Area, Granite Range crucial mule deer habitat, Granite Range crucial bighorn sheep habitat, and lands in the Soldier Meadows Desert dace Research Natural Area. Lands that have been withdrawn from appropriation under the public land laws are excluded from disposal. Lands within designated wilderness areas would also be retained in Federal ownership.

B. Impacts of the Proposed Action

The following critical element has been analyzed and would not be affected by the proposed action:

- Wild and Scenic Rivers

1. Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

Disposal of lands within Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) would occur only if an environmental analysis found this action to be consistent with the goals and objectives for which these lands were designated.

Acquisition of private or state land within ACECs would improve the manageability of these areas and protect their unique values.

2. Cultural Resources and Native American Religious Concerns

Disposing of public land could remove cultural resources and Traditional Cultural Properties from the management, guidance, and protection provided by Federal laws and regulations. Cultural resources and Traditional Cultural Properties would no longer be protected by the *Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979* as amended, the *American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978*, or the *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990*. However, some cultural resources and Traditional Cultural Properties have been allocated to Use Categories that preclude them from disposal. Prior to the approval of any

disposal action, compliance with the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966* as amended, and its implementing regulations (36 CFR 800), would ensure the identification and consideration of cultural resources or Traditional Cultural Properties present. Impacts from disposal would be mitigated by plans developed in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, affected tribes, and interested publics.

On acquired lands, cultural resources and Traditional Cultural Properties would be managed through BLM guidance and come under the protection of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966* as amended, *Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979* as amended, and other applicable legislation.

3. Paleontology

Disposing of public land could remove paleontological resources from management, guidance and protection provided under federal law and policy. Prior to approval of any disposal action, an evaluation of potentially significant resources would be completed.

Acquired lands with paleontological resources would be managed through BLM policy and applicable legislation.

4. Wetlands/Riparian Zones - Water Resources

Disposal of land with wetland or riparian habitat could occur, if consistent with BLM riparian area management policy.

This policy calls for retaining riparian areas in public ownership unless disposal would be in the public interest, as determined through the planning process. Impacts to water resources (ground and surface) would be analyzed on a case-by-case basis. Prior to the approval of any disposal action, environmental documentation would be completed.

Acquiring lands within wetland or riparian zones would provide Federal protection and management opportunities for these areas. Water quality on lands to be acquired would be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

5. Wildlife and Threatened or Endangered Species

The MFPs exclude the disposal of crucial wildlife habitat. In addition to wetland and riparian habitat, crucial wildlife habitat includes big game range, and threatened or endangered species habitat. BLM policy for special status species management calls for retaining in Federal ownership all habitat essential for the survival or recovery of any threatened or endangered species, including habitat used historically by these species. However, certain land disposal actions could impact wildlife habitat or Federally-listed threatened or endangered species protected under the *Endangered Species Act of 1973*, as amended. Prior to the approval of any disposal action, environmental compliance documentation would be completed. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would be required to determine the extent of impacts to listed or proposed threatened or endangered species

and any required mitigation measures to reduce these impacts.

Land acquisitions could beneficially affect wildlife by bringing under Federal protection high value habitat such as riparian areas, Desert dace habitat, Lahontan cutthroat trout habitat, and waterfowl habitat. Specific habitat identified for acquisition is 3,642 acres of waterfowl habitat located at Quinn River Lakes at the southern end of Kings River Valley.

6. Wilderness

Lands within designated wilderness are precluded from disposal. Lands under wilderness review may not be disposed of through any means, including public sales, exchanges, patents under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, color of title Class II, desert land entries (except where a vested right was established prior to October 21, 1976) or State Selections. Disposals may be permitted for lands under wilderness review, under normal BLM procedures for mining patents; color of title Class I; and desert land entries in which a vested right was established prior to October 21, 1976 [IMP Handbook H-8550-1, page 29].

Acquisition of lands within or adjacent to wilderness would improve the manageability of these areas. Acquired lands within wilderness areas would be managed for their wilderness values. Lands acquired adjacent to wilderness or wilderness study areas would improve public access and maintain ongoing public use of these areas. These lands would be

inventoried and studied to determine if wilderness values are present, in accordance with Sections 201 and 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (P.L. 94-579).

7. Socioeconomic

The flexibility to consider requests for land disposals and acquisitions involving any parcel in the District would shorten the time necessary for BLM to process these actions. Disposals would have beneficial impacts to counties by helping to satisfy community urban-suburban expansion needs, and by increasing their taxable land bases. Management of the lands resource, both public and private, would be enhanced by disposing of Federal land now intermingled with private lands.

Acquisitions could economically affect counties by removing lands from their taxable land bases.

8. Energy and Minerals

Disposal or exchange of public land would require a mineral report to determine the energy and mineral potential. The mineral estate for those lands determined to contain moderate to high potential for energy and minerals could be retained in public ownership or sold for fair market value. Conflicts between surface use and energy or mineral extraction may preclude disposal or exchange of the public lands.

Energy and mineral development on acquired lands would be administered under the energy and mineral leasing laws, and may or may not be open to location (depending on the authority under which

they are acquired) under the General Mining Laws.

9. Wild Horses and Burros

Disposal of certain land within Herd Management Area's could adversely impact wild horses and burros by removing necessary habitat. However, disposal of lands within Wild Horse and Burro Herd Management Areas would only occur if an environmental analysis found this action to be consistent with the goals and objectives for which these lands were designated.

Acquisition of private land within Herd Management Area's could improve management opportunities for these areas.

10. Rangeland Management

The land use plan amendment would result in no changes in any grazing permits. The amendment sets up procedures and criteria to be used in evaluating future site specific land exchange proposals.

These subsequent site specific proposals could possibly have impacts on individual grazing permits. These impacts, if any, would be identified and analyzed through the proposal specific environmental assessment/land report.

11. Recreation Management

Disposal of land within the District could adversely impact recreation and Special Use Permits by privatizing public lands where specific types of recreation uses are known to occur. However, impacts to recreational uses and Special Use Permits would be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.

Prior to the approval of any disposal action, impacts to recreation and Special Use Permits would be considered through site specific and cumulative impacts when the specific environmental assessment is completed.

Acquisition of private land in areas of high recreation use could improve disbursement of users and enhance management opportunities for these areas.

12. Air Quality

Any proposal for either an acquisition or disposal action would be analyzed for conformance with State, County, and local air quality standards, as required by the General Conformance Regulations (40 CFR Subpart B).

13. Farmlands (Prime & Unique)

All exchange proposals would be evaluated pursuant to 7 CFR 658, The Farmland Protection Policy Act of July 5, 1984.

14. Wastes, Hazardous or Solid

All lands to be acquired into public ownership would require an Environmental Site Assessment, conducted to ASTM Standards.

All lands identified in a proposed disposal action would require a Level 1 Survey. Any lands holding known chemical substances for more than 1 year, requires full disclosure.

15. Noxious Weeds

All lands identified in any proposed acquisition or disposal action would require a noxious weed inventory, to determine if noxious weeds are present, and to what extent.

C. Impacts of the No Action Alternative

Under the no action alternative only previously identified parcels could be disposed of or acquired, and all proposed actions would be bound by the criteria and guidelines set forth in the current Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plans.

D. Cumulative Impacts

According to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1508.7), "cumulative impact" is the impact on the environment that results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions, regardless of what agency (Federal or non-Federal) or person undertakes such actions. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time.

Cumulative impacts related to the implementation of this amendment were analyzed and none are anticipated.

V. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

A. Participating Staff

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- Victor Dunn, Geologist
- Mary Figarelle, Realty Specialist
- Gerald Moritz, Planning Environmental Coordinator
- Thomas Seley, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist
- Regina Smith, Archaeologist
- Charles Valentine, Realty Specialist
- Duane Wilson, Range Management Specialist
- Mike Zielinski, Soil Scientist

B. Public Notification and Scoping

A Notice of Intent to amend the Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach MFPs was published in the *Federal Register* on August 26, 1996. A draft amendment was

completed and made available for comment on June 10, 1997. Two (2) comments were received, one regarding Rangeland Management and one regarding Recreation Management. The two comments have been incorporated into the current document.

A Notice of Availability for the Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment was also published in the *Federal Register* on September 4, 1997. Press releases regarding the availability of the Amendment/Environmental Assessment were distributed to local media sources. Letters were sent to interested/affected organizations, agencies, and individuals advising them of the availability of the document.

C. Environmental Justice

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order No. 12898, "Environmental Justice", Federal agencies and many State governments, as well as public and private corporations, are required to minimize the disproportionate negative impacts of environmentally related decisions on minority and low income communities. An integral part of the scoping process noted above was to identify environmental justice issues relating to the social, cultural, and economic conditions and health of minorities and low income groups on BLM lands and in BLM activities.

No specific issues have been identified that might adversely impact minority or low income groups by the proposed action.

Actions that might result from future decisions would be subject to further outreach and to specific analysis to determine whether any such groups would be affected.

REFERENCES

USDI, Bureau of Land Management. 1982. Paradise-Denio Management Framework Plan, Winnemucca District Office, Nevada.

USDI, Bureau of Land Management. 1982. Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plan, Winnemucca District Office, Nevada.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

I have reviewed the environmental assessment for the Winnemucca District Lands Amendment. I have determined that implementing the preferred action alternative would not have any significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is, therefore, not required. I have also determined that the preferred action would be in conformance with the exiting Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plans, dated July 9, 1982.

Ron Wenker
Winnemucca District Office

Date

APPENDIX ALands Identified for Retention

Lands Identified for Retention in the Sonoma/Gerlach Resource Area MFP

- a) The following lands will be retained in public ownership and managed as a dispersion exclusion zone for the liquified natural gas plant near Lovelock, Nevada:

T. 27 N., R. 30 W.,
 Sec. 12: SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 14: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

- b) Retain for recreational purposes the lands listed below and all public lands adjacent to reclamation withdrawn lands or to Rye Patch Reservoir on the west of the reservoir in public ownership:

T. 32 N., R. 32 E.,	
Sec. 2;	40 acres
Sec. 10;	460 acres
Sec. 15;	640 acres
Sec. 24;	360 acres
Sec. 25;	360 acres
Sec. 27;	640 acres
Sec. 35.	<u>640 acres</u>
Subtotal	3,140 acres

T. 30 N., R. 33 E.,	
Sec. 6;	120 acres
Sec. 8;	<u>640 acres</u>
Subtotal	760 acres

T. 31 N., R. 33 E.,	
Sec. 8;	80 acres
Sec. 20;	320 acres
Sec. 32.	<u>480 acres</u>
Subtotal	880 acres

Lands Identified for Retention (continued)

T. 32 N., R. 33 E.,	
Sec. 6;	120 acres
Sec. 7;	360 acres
Sec. 18;	440 acres
Sec. 30.	<u>120 acres</u>
Subtotal	1,040 acres

T. 33 N., R. 33 E.,	
Sec. 19;	640 acres
Sec. 21;	640 acres
Sec. 26;	560 acres
Sec. 32.	<u>320 acres</u>
Subtotal	2,160 acres

Grand Total of Acres	7,980
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c) As previously identified in the Sonoma/Gerlach Resource Area MFP, "Retain in public ownership the following lands within the municipal hydrologic basins described as follows."

1) Winnemucca hydrologic basin for Water Canyon Creek

T. 35 N., R. 38 E.,	
Sec. 2: Lot 6, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;	
Sec. 12: All;	
Sec. 14: All.	

T. 35 N., R. 39 E.,	
Sec. 7: All;	
Sec. 17: All;	
Sec. 18: All.	

2) Golconda hydrologic basin for Pole Creek

T. 35 N., R. 38 E.,	
Sec. 20: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;	
Sec. 28: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$.	

Lands Identified for Retention (continued)

T. 35 N., R. 39 E.,
Sec. 7: All;
Sec. 12: All;
Sec. 14: N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 16: N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 20: All;
Sec. 23: All;
Sec. 26: NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 28: All;
Sec. 32: All;
Sec. 34: N $\frac{1}{2}$.

3) Imlay hydrologic basin for Prince Royal Canyon

T. 31 N., R. 34 E.,
Sec. 4: Lots 1 & 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 8: SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 10: All;
Sec. 14: All.

T. 32 N., R. 34 E.,
Sec. 28: SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 32: E $\frac{1}{2}$.

4) Lovelock

T. 29 N., R. 33 E.,
Sec. 28: S $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 33: All;
Sec. 34: All.

Lands Identified for Retention (continued)5) Gerlach (WS-6)

T. 33 N., R. 22 E.,
Sec. 1: All;
Sec. 2: All;
Sec. 3: All;
Sec. 10: All;
Sec. 11: All;
Sec. 12: All;
Sec. 13: All;
Sec. 14: All;
Sec. 23: All;
Sec. 24: All;
Sec. 25: All.

T. 34 N., R. 22 E.,
Sec. 25: All;
Sec. 26: All;
Sec. 27: All;
Sec. 34: All;
Sec. 35: All;
Sec. 36: All.

T. 33 N., R. 23 E.,
Sec. 6: All;
Sec. 7: All;
Sec. 8: All;
Sec. 16: All;
Sec. 17: All;
Sec. 18: All;
Sec. 19: All;
Sec. 20: All;
Sec. 21: All;
Sec. 27: All;
Sec. 28: All;
Sec. 29: All;
Sec. 30: All;
Sec. 31: All;
Sec. 32: All;
Sec. 33: All;
Sec. 34: All.

Lands Identified for Retention (continued)6) Humboldt (WS-7)

T. 31 N., R. 33 E.,
Sec. 1: All;
Sec. 2: All;
Sec. 11: All;
Sec. 12: All.

T. 32 N., R. 33 E.,
Sec. 35: All;
Sec. 36: All.

T. 31 N., R. 34 E.,
Sec. 5: All;
Sec. 6: All;
Sec. 7: All;
Sec. 8: All;
Sec. 17: All;
Sec. 18: All.

T. 32 N., R. 34 E.,
Sec. 31: All.

7) Unionville (WS-8)

T. 30 N., R. 34 E.,
Sec. 21: All;
Sec. 22: All;
Sec. 23: All;
Sec. 26: All;
Sec. 27: All;
Sec. 28: All;
Sec. 29: All;
Sec. 32: All;
Sec. 33: All;
Sec. 34: All;
Sec. 35: All.

APPENDIX BLands Identified for Acquisition

As previously determined in the Sonoma/Gerlach Resource Area MFP, "As sites are identified and/or need or opportunity arises--acquire by exchange or other means those private lands intermingled with public lands that contain high resource values within the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Natural Area."

As previously determined in the Sonoma/Gerlach Resource Area MFP, "Non-public lands in these municipal watersheds will be given priority for acquisition."

- 1) Winnemucca hydrologic basin for Water Canyon Creek
- 2) Golconda hydrologic basin for Pole Creek
- 3) Imlay hydrologic basin for Prince Royal Canyon
- 4) Lovelock
- 5) Gerlach (WS-6)
- 6) Humboldt (WS-7)
- 7) Unionville (WS-8)

APPENDIX CLands Identified for Disposal

a) As previously determined in the Paradise/Denio Resource Area and the Sonoma/Gerlach Resource Area MFPs, "Make lands available for agricultural disposal provided:

1. Disposal is in the national interest.
2. Soils are determined to be suitable.
3. Water is available.
4. The disposal is compatible with local government plans and is coordinated with local government entities to insure that necessary services and appurtenances such as roads, schools, etc., are possible and practical.

First priority will be given to those lands which will result in expansion of existing agricultural units or areas."

b) Other lands identified to be transferred out of public ownership in the Paradise/Denio Resource Area MFP, are as follows:

T. 43 N., R. 27 E.,

Sec. 2: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 3: Lots 5-8;

Sec. 4: Lots 5&6.

T. 44 N., R. 27 E.,

Sec. 28: Lots 4-8;

Sec. 33: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34: NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 41 N., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 17: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 43 N., R. 29 E.,

Sec. 17: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 18: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 19: Lot 5;

Sec. 20: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Lands Identified for Disposal (continued)

T. 40 N., R. 30 E.,

Sec. 32: All

Sec. 36: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 47 N., R. 30 E.,

Sec. 3: Lots 5-11, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 4: Lots 5-8, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 5: Lots 4-12, S $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 43 N., R. 32 E.,

Sec. 29: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 32: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 47 N., R. 32 E.,

Sec. 4: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 9: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 44 N., R. 34 E.,

Sec. 4: Lots 1, 2&4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 9: NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 45 N., R. 34 E.,

Sec. 21: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 22: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 29: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 32: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 36 N., R. 37 E.,

Sec. 26: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 42 N., R. 37 E.,

Sec. 3: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 4: S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 10: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 43 N., R. 37 E.,

Sec. 3: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 4: Lots 3 & 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 5: Lots 1-3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 10: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Lands Identified for Disposal (continued)

T. 44 N., R. 37 E.,

Sec. 2: SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 29: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 32: E $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 37 N., R. 38 E.,

Sec. 2: Lots 1-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 11: SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 12: All;

Sec. 14: All;

Sec. 15: NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 22: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Sec. 23: All;

Sec. 24: All;

Sec. 25: All;

Sec. 26: All;

Sec. 27: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 28: All;

Sec. 33: N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 36: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 38 N., R. 38 E.,

Sec. 36: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 46 N., R. 38 E.,

Sec. 6: Lots 1&2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 47 N., R. 38 E.,

Sec. 13: Lots 1, 5, 6, and 10.

Lands Identified for Disposal (continued)

T. 37 N., R. 39 E.,

- Sec. 4: All;
- Sec. 6: All;
- Sec. 8: All;
- Sec. 16: All;
- Sec. 17: SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 18: All;
- Sec. 19: SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 20: All;
- Sec. 21: NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 24: N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
- Sec. 26: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
- Sec. 28: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$.
- Sec. 29: NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 30: All;
- Sec. 36: All.

T. 38 N., R. 39 E.,

- Sec. 36: All.

T. 39 N., R. 39 E.,

- Sec. 4: Lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
- Sec. 6: Lots 1-5, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
- Sec. 20: W $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 42 N., R. 40 E.,

- Sec. 5: Lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 6: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
- Sec. 8: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 10: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 11: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 14: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 15: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 23: S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;
- Sec. 25: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 26: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 27: SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 34: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 35: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 36: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Lands Identified for Disposal (continued)

c) As previously identified in the Paradise/Denio Resource Area MFP, "Dispose of these public lands under R&PP applications or other appropriate authorities to local government entities as the need for such lands are made apparent through community planning documents."

Denio

T. 47 N., R. 30 E.,
Sec. 3: Lots 5-11, S½;
Sec. 4: Lots 5-8, S½;
Sec. 5: Lots 4-12, S½.

McDermitt

T. 47 N., R. 38 E.,
Sec. 13.

Winnemucca

T. 36 N., R. 38 E.,
Sec. 4: NW¼NW¼.

T. 37 N., R. 38 E.,
Sec. 33: E½NE¼, SW¼, N½SE¼;
Sec. 34: W½NW¼.

"As local government identifies other lands for their needs they will be handled in the same manner."

Lands Identified for Disposal (continued)

d) As previously identified in the Sonoma/Gerlach Resource Area MFP "...dispose of these lands under R&PP applications or other appropriate authorities to local government entities as the need for such lands are made apparent through community planning documents."

Gerlach

T. 32 N., R. 23 E.,
Sec. 9: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 10: S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 15: All Public Lands;
Sec. 16: SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 23: All Public Lands.

Approximately 862 acres

Empire

T. 31 N., R. 23 E.,
Sec. 10: All Public Lands;
Sec. 11: All Public Lands;
Sec. 14: All Public Lands;
Sec. 15: All Public Lands.

Approximately 2,200 acres

Lovelock, Imlay, and Humboldt

T. 27 N., R. 32 E.,
Sec. 20: All Public Lands;
Sec. 28: All Public Lands;
Sec. 30: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (for sanitary fill);
Sec. 30: Remaining Public Lands;
Sec. 32: All Public Lands.

Approximately 2,600 acres

Lands Identified for Disposal (continued)Winnemucca

T. 35 N., R. 37 E.,

- Sec. 10: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 16: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 22: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 24: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 30: All Public Lands.

T. 36 N., R. 37 E.,

- Sec. 26: All Public Lands.

T. 35 N., R. 38 E.,

- Sec. 2: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 4: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 6: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 8: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 10: All Public Lands.

T. 36 N., R. 38 E.,

- Sec. 2: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 5: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 8: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 14: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 15: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 16: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 22: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 23: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 26: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 27: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 28: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 32: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 34: All Public Lands;
- Sec. 35: All Public Lands.

Approximately 10,500 acres