

Intergovernmental Executive Committee

Fallon Range Training Complex

Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

2:00 p.m. PDT

Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the:

Nevada Department Conservation & Natural Resources

901 South Stewart St., Ste. 1003

Carson City, NV 89701

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Please Note:

- Public Comment was limited to three (3) minutes per person. The Committee reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment.
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Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC) Elected Positions				
Government/Agency	Name	In Person	Zoom	Not Present
Nevada Department of Agriculture	Chair J.J. Goicoechea			√
Churchill County	Vice Chair Myles Getto	√		
IEC Members				
Government/Agency	Name	In Person	Zoom	Not Present
Department of the Navy	Mike Haymon, Captain	√		
Department of the Navy	Dan Muller, Commander			√
Bureau of Land Management	Director			√
Bureau of Land Management	Kim Dow, District Manager	√		
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Colleen LaBelle, WNA Superintendent			√
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Amy Roberts, Realty Specialist			√
Nevada Department of Wildlife	Brad Bauman, Administrator	√		
Nevada Department of Wildlife	Matt Maples, Administrator, Data and Technology Services Division			√
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	James Settelmeyer, Director	√		
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Chad Stephens, Deputy Director			√
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Dominique Etchegoyhen, Deputy Director			√
Nevada Department of Agriculture	J.J. Goicoechea, Director			√
Nevada Department of Agriculture	Doug Farris, Division Administrator			√
Nevada Division of Minerals	Rob Ghiglieri, Administrator	√		
Churchill County	Myles Getto, Commissioner	√		
Churchill County	Chriss Spross, County Manager	√		
Lyon County	Scott Keller, Commissioner	√		
Lyon County	Andrew Haskin, County Manager		√	
Mineral County	Tina Manzini, Commissioner			√
Pershing County	Connie Gottschalk, Commissioner		√	
Pershing County	Joe Crim, Jr., Commissioner			√
Nye County	Bruce Jabbour, Commissioner			√
Nye County	Meagan Labadie, Natural Resources Director		√	
Eureka County	Rich McKay, Commissioner			√
Eureka County	Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager		√	
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe	Cathi Tuni, Chairwoman			√

Walker River Paiute Tribe	Melanie McFalls, Chairman			√
Yomba Shoshone Tribe	Marisa Weaselboy, Environmental Manager			√
Yomba Shoshone Tribe	Darryl Brady, Chairman			√
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Steven Wadsworth, Chairman			√
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	Alfred Happy, Chairman			√
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	Debbie O'Neil, Chairwoman			√
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes	Dackota York, Chairman			√
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Daryl "Doug" Gardipe, Chairman			√
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California	Serrell Smokey, Chairman			√
Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada	Eric Magiera, Chairman			√
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe	Randi Lone Eagle, Chairwoman		√	
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe	Nedra Crane, Vice Chairwoman			√
Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Chairperson			√
Yerington Paiute Tribe	Ginny Hatch, Chairwoman			√

IEC Liaisons and Support

Government/Agency	Name	In Person	Zoom	Not Present
Naval Air Station Fallon	Toni Burton, Tribal Relations Coordinator	√		
Naval Air Station Fallon	Robin Schofield, Community Planning and Liaison Officer	√		
ManTech	Sam Lowry, Moderator	√		

Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call of Committee Members

- IEC Vice Chair Myles Getto, Churchill County, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- Ms. Toni Burton, Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon Tribal Coordinator, called roll. The list of attendees/absentees is above.

Verification of Agenda Posting

- The agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241.020.

Approval of Agenda

- Commissioner Scott Keller, Lyon County, motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. Kim Dow, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no changes.

Public Comment

- Vice Chair Getto opened the floor for public comments on the agenda, noting a three-minute time limit per person.
- No comments were made during this comment period. The public comment period was closed.

New/Old Business

- No new business or old business.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2025

- Mr. James Settelmeyer, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, motioned for approval of the June meeting minutes; Commissioner Keller seconded the motion. The June meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update

(Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details from the presentations)

- **Introduction:** Ms. Dow introduced team members updating the IEC on the BLM implementation strategy for modernization. She also introduced additional team members including Zack Reichold, Mary Feitz, and Mark Mazza.
- **Grazing Actions:** Ms. Kat McCray, Range Management Specialist, updated the IEC on grazing actions.
 - On July 31, 2025, two proposed decisions for the reduction of Animal Unit Months (AUMs) on the Lahontan and Horse Mountain grazing allotments were sent to proponents.
 - The Lahontan grazing allotment has been proposed to be reduced from 1,151 to 637 AUMs, while the Horse Mountain grazing allotment has been proposed to be reduced from 3,000 to 2,884 AUMs.
 - The monitoring for land health assessments and fully processed permits have begun. These permits are planned to be completed in fiscal year (FY) 2029. These assessments generally require multiple years of data to be completed. BLM will work with permittees on range improvements and proposed alternatives for their permits. This can include allotment management plans and new grazing arrangements.
- **Cadastral Update:** Mr. Wayne Strickland, Chief Cadastral Surveyor, provided an update on cadastral efforts.
 - Section 2981 Withdrawal and Reservation of Public Land for B-16 status: The project is on schedule. The surveys in sectors 1-5, 7, and 8 are completed and officially filed. The administrative survey for Simpson Road (Sector 9) will be filed prior to September 30, 2025. The administrative survey for Sand Canyon Road (Sector 10) cannot be completed until the right-of-way has been determined. No survey is required for Sector 6.
 - B-17 and B-20 status: Surveys are underway. BLM is supporting Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Southwest with their contract to locate 120 miles of range boundary for fencing requirements. For B-17, all field work is complete, and a review is underway. Field investigations are underway for B-17 and B-20 for federal authority surveys.

- Section 2907(b) Public Purpose Conveyances to Churchill County and the City of Fallon: Land conveyances are in progress. Sixteen land surveyor reports were submitted to the BLM Carson City District Office. Surveys will be required for portions of this project, and cost estimates have been provided to the district.
- Section 2907(c) Exchanges between Churchill County and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI): In progress. Ten land surveyor reports were submitted to the BLM Carson City District Office. Surveys will be required for portions of this project, and cost estimates have been provided to the district.
- Section 2922 Conveyances to Lander County: In progress. The U.S. Forest Service notified BLM that they will execute all survey needs for parcels to be conveyed within U.S. Forest Service lands. Land surveyor reports were completed and submitted to the district for parcels of land that can be selected for conveyance to Lander County.
 - Two supplemental plats under cadastral groups 1024 and 1025 were filed May 22, 2025. A cadastral survey will be required for portions of Parcel 21 if it is selected to be conveyed.
- Section 2988 Resolution of Walker River Paiute Tribe claims: Not yet initiated. Once the Tribe determines the lands for transfer, survey needs will then be identified and coordinated with Cadastral.
- Section 2989 Land to be held in Trust for the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe: In progress. Field surveys are complete and are in review for approval. BLM is coordinating with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for FY 2025-2026 funding.
- **Real Estate Update:** Ms. Shedra Rakestraw, BLM Assistant Field Manager for Sierra Front Field Office and Lands and Realty Manager for Carson City District, updated the IEC on realty actions.
 - State Route 361 Realignment
 - Ms. Rakestraw reviewed two maps showing alternatives considered for the realignment of State Route 361. The portion of State Route 361 that goes through the expanded B-17 will be rerouted outside the Navy expansion area.
 - CA Group, Inc., and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) are finishing baseline studies and reports, followed by BLM's review. The Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) is expected for review in fall 2025.
 - B-16 Sand Canyon Road Realignment
 - BLM is the lead agency for the NEPA analysis of the realignment of Sand Canyon Road and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is the co-lead. The result of this action is the closure of the portion of the existing Sand Canyon Road to general traffic so the road can be realigned. Ms. Dow sent an email to Churchill County outlining options from BLM and BOR to proceed with issuing an authorization for the road to the county. The contractor is working to submit a revised proposal for additional survey needs. The EA will include a range of alternatives for the road so NEPA can proceed despite not having a final road design. BLM, BOR, and the Navy will meet with Churchill County to discuss road maintenance, construction, and right-of-way on Sept. 12.
 - Section 2988 – Bureau of Indian Affairs – Walker River Paiute Tribe
 - BIA is the lead agency for the Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) with a one-year completion timeline. BIA submitted an ESA letter with the results to the

Walker River Paiute Tribe and BLM in May 2024. BLM sent a letter to BIA and the Tribe to confirm the lands they'd like to receive. BIA took leach pad samples in the area of interest on May 21, 2025, and led a second round of sampling this summer. BLM will review the data from these samples and await a response from BIA and the Walker River Paiute Tribe, as there is an option in the legislation where the Tribe may request to receive alternative parcels.

- Section 2907 – Land Conveyances and Exchanges
 - Approximately 25,386 acres of Churchill County lands and 13,920 acres of federal lands are identified for land exchange. BLM is focusing on two of Churchill County's four priorities (first priority is Township 19 North Range 28 East and Range 29 East; second priority is Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 22 North Range 26 East).
 - BOR and Churchill County are in discussions on priority parcels for exchange. BLM developed a timeline and draft budget plan, which were submitted to BLM management for review. BLM and BOR are preparing an interagency agreement; BLM is waiting for funding to be transferred from BOR to provide a process to transfer those lands and in preparation for a land exchange.
- Section 2908 – Checkerboard Resolution Area
 - The focus is for DOI and Churchill County private landowners to consolidate and "clean up" the checkerboard area. The draft implementation plan has been completed and presented to the state director. The next step is to present the plan to Churchill County in the upcoming meeting to discuss a path forward.

Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update

(Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details from the presentations)

- **Introduction:** Captain Mike Haymon, Commanding Officer of NAS Fallon, reviewed the agenda and introduced the Navy presenters.
- **Legislative/Implementation Update:** Mr. Matt Ryan, FRTC Modernization Program Manager, provided an overview of modernization status, the military construction (MILCON) program, FY 2025 plan updates and Year 3 implementation goals, the overall range modernization schedule, and where to find more information.
 - FRTC Modernization Overview: Mr. Ryan presented updated information and a map depicting each large-scale task or infrastructure project by range to support modernization, and the requirements in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and commitments the Navy made in the Record of Decision.
 - Year 3 Implementation: Mr. Ryan reviewed a snapshot of progress towards major Navy goals for Implementation Year 3.
 - Private land acquisition is in progress for the Dixie Valley Training Area and B-17. Wonder Mine was recently acquired, raising the number of acquired parcels to 91.
 - Two offers were made for B-16 grazing permits; modifications are in progress.
 - B-16, B-17, and B-20 mining claim offer letters were sent in mid-August. Responses to the offer letters are due by the end of September.

- Fence work for B-16 is in progress, with task orders nearing contract award to enable the ability to encircle B-16's new geographical footprint.
 - The EA associated with Sand Canyon Road is ongoing to support the eventual relocation of Sand Canyon Road.
 - The Navy is leading the EA for improvements to Lone Tree Road.
 - The EA for range improvements on B-16 is nearly complete.
 - The Navy continues to work with federal partners on the realignment of the Great Basin pipeline through B-17 and relocation of State Route 361.
 - B-17 private land acquisitions are in the due-diligence phase, and the team is working through title issues associated with properties in the area.
 - BLM will lead surveys for Pole Line Road. The Navy will continue to build support agreements, as it has with BLM and Churchill County, to enable the eventual relocation or realignment of Pole Line Road.
- Year 3 Non-Range-Specific Tasks:
 - The Draft Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) has been reviewed by stakeholders and the Navy is now addressing comments.
 - The Draft Wildland Fire Management Plan (WFMP) is in development.
 - The Navy is working to onboard conservation law enforcement officers to eventually patrol and provide enforcement to the expanded ranges.
 - The Sage Grouse Noise Pilot Study is in the data collection phase.
- Range Overview and Schedule: The integrated schedule shows related tasks associated with overall modernization effort and progress made.
- The project website is updated with the IEC briefs as well as quarterly. The Navy is working to make the website more interactive for more real-time information sharing.
- **Natural Resources Update:** Ms. Ann Schofield, NAS Fallon Conservation Manager, updated the IEC on the Navy's natural resources program, NDAA requirements, and follow-on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) projects.
 - Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan: The INRMP identifies how the Navy will manage natural resources across all Navy lands for NAS Fallon. The stakeholder review of the Draft INRMP has been completed, and the Navy thanks all who provided input. Meetings will be held in October to review and address the comments received. The next step is to initiate the EA for the INRMP, which will be awarded this fall. The EA process includes a public review and comment period for the INRMP.
 - Wildland Fire Management Plan: The Navy has partnered with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Fire Science Team to integrate innovative science and cutting-edge risk modeling for wildland fire protection. A draft of the plan is expected to be ready by late September or early October for the group to review, and the group will work through comments and revisions to the plan. The Navy is beginning implementation of the WFMP on the existing B-17 range. The contractor initiated aerial herbicide applications on high-priority areas of B-17 with mixed results. A second application focusing on pre-emergent herbicides will be applied in late fall 2025, with the potential to be delayed until fall of 2026 due to new Navy requirements. Multiple plots have been selected for the fire scar restoration study on B-17 to represent various habitats and are consolidated for future treatments. The Navy has implemented weed treatments and grass-seed mixes will be seeded this fall.

- Sage Grouse Noise Study: The purpose of the noise study is to assess the potential effects on sage grouse from military aircraft overflight noise. The Navy is conducting fall trapping, where GPS or radio trackers are placed on a handful of sage grouse to track during the brooding and breeding season next year. The Navy continues to work in partnership with USGS and Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW).
- B-16 Infrastructure Improvements EA: The Navy prepared the Final EA to analyze the potential impacts on the environment from range improvements, including fence installation, road improvements, and other infrastructure needed on the expanded B-16 range. The Final EA and a Finding of No Significant Impact will release in October.
- Lone Tree Road Improvements EA: The EA is in development, and schedule for the public review period is to be determined as more information is gathered for the scope of the effort.
- **Cultural Resources Update:** Mr. Mike Baskerville, NAS Fallon Cultural Resources Program Manager, updated the IEC on the Navy's cultural resources program and surveys.
 - B-20 cultural resource inventory survey: Far Western crews inventoried approximately 87,147 acres of the expansion area within the B-20 range. The inventory documented 572 cultural properties, the majority of which are associated with pre-contact activities. The properties were primarily located on the southern, eastern, northern, and western edges of the expansion area. The Far Western contract occurred before the new plan for splitting up inventory crews, so the inventory was completed by survey teams with at least one Native American archaeological technician or monitor. An additional contract to inventory the remaining 13,000 acres was awarded and the contractors have completed 60% of the inventories.
 - B-17 cultural resource survey: Approximately 241,025 acres need to be inventoried, and Far Western has completed approximately 200,000 acres working alongside Native American archaeological technicians. Native American monitors worked directly with archaeologists on 50,000 acres of the inventory. Monitors will complete the remainder of their portion of the B-17 inventories separately from the archaeological crews.
 - B-16 projects: Consultation with State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding effects on historic properties within open maneuver area and the administrative boundary fence is complete. The team will implement mitigation activities on the range.
 - The Navy provided B-16 boundary fence cultural data to BLM to assist with their efforts related to the re-route of Sand Canyon Road.
 - Navy cultural staff is working with NDOT and Federal Highways to define the scope of the project so that consultation with the SHPO related to the Area of Potential Effect can begin.
 - The Navy provided the BLM with B-17 data that may assist with Gabbs Pipeline re-route.
 - The Navy reviewed the report related to the State Route 361 re-route.
 - NAS Fallon forwarded copies of the final Ethnographic Report to Tribes for their records.
 - The Traditional Cultural Properties Report has been reviewed, and comments were forwarded to the contractor. The revised report is expected in October.
 - The working draft of the Programmatic Agreement was completed in 2024. The draft was sent for review and comment to all consulting parties. A revised working draft has been completed to incorporate the applicable comments. The revised draft was sent to

Tribal, county, and local governments, as well as interested parties for additional review and comment.

- A draft of the Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan has begun.
- **Tribal Engagement Update:** Ms. Toni Burton, NAS Fallon Tribal Relations Coordinator, updated the IEC on the Navy's Tribal Engagement program.
 - Draft Programmatic Agreement: Tribes have been invited as Consulting Parties on the agreement. The final draft was sent to all stakeholders and Tribal partners in August 2025. The next step is to execute the agreement by the end of December 2025.
 - Cultural Resource Survey Draft Work Plan: The survey is a priority, and the revised draft work plan was sent for Tribal review on May 22, 2025. The next steps include finalizing the work plan and developing a plan of action for discoveries found during surveys.
 - Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan: The Tribal review period is complete, so the team is reviewing comments received and will meet with Tribes in October to discuss the comments and concerns with the plan.
 - B-16 Range Infrastructure Improvements EA: The Final EA and FONSI are expected to be completed by October 2025.
 - Lone Tree Road Improvements EA: The Navy will keep Tribes informed on EA deadlines.
- **Public Questions:**
 - Mr. Tom Callicrate, manager of Mountain Gold Claims LLC, commented that payments are missing from the BLM's Mining Claims letter dated August 19, 2025. He requested reimbursement for required annual payments or fees paid to Mineral County and BLM. He also requested a personal meeting to discuss these requests.
 - Ms. Robin Schofield, NAS Fallon Community Planning and Liaison Officer, suggested the information be sent to the contact provided in the letter dated August 19, 2025, and to include any other information not presented today.
 - Mr. Bryan Ellis made a comment regarding "Mining Law Fifth Amendment Takings Analysis" and how it addresses fair market value compensation for loss of land. Mr. Ellis also noted a separate issue in the mining claim letter he received, only some filing fees were included. He represents a group with 32 lode claims south of Eagleville. Mr. Ellis would like to have a meeting between his group and the Navy.
 - Mr. Myles Getto responded that it was a similar circumstance to the previous comment, and he should have contact information on the letter received.

Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting

- Captain Mike Haymon asked for an update from NDOT and Churchill County on Lone Tree Road at the next IEC meeting.

Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting

- The next IEC meeting will be held during the week of December 1-7 or 8-14.

Public Question and Comment

- No public comments were made during the comment period, and comment period was closed.

Adjourn

- Vice Chair Getto adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.