Intergovernmental Executive Committee

Fallon Range Training Complex

Draft Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026

2:00 p.m. PDT

Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the:

Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431

This meeting was also held virtually pursuant to NRS 241.023.

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Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for this meeting was posted at the following locations: State of Nevada Website (https://notice.nv.gov/), the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization website (www.frtcmodernization.com/IEC), the Clearinghouse website (http://clearinghouse.nv.gov/), and the Churchill County Administration Building (155 Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406).

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.
- Presentations should be approximately 15 minutes in length plus 15 minutes for questions and answers.
- Items on the agenda may be taken out of order, combined, or removed, or discussion delayed, at the direction of the Committee.
- Documentation and supporting agenda items are available on the FRTC website at www.FRTCmodernization.com/IEC

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	Lucas Keiser, Commander			√
Bureau of Land Management	Justin Abernathy, Acting State Director			√
Bureau of Land Management	Kim Dow, Acting Associate State Director	√		
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Amy Roberts, Realty Specialist			√
Nevada Department of Wildlife	Brad Bauman, Administrator	√		
Nevada Department of Wildlife	Mark Freese, Habitat Division Administrator			√
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Vince Guthreau, 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	Joe Sanford, County Manager	√		
Lyon County	Scott Keller, Commissioner			√
Lyon County	Andrew Haskin, County Manager			√
Mineral County	Larry Grant, Commissioner			√
Mineral County	Tony Ruse, Commissioner			√
Pershing County	Kristen Gonzalez, County Manager			√
Pershing County	Joe Crim, Jr., Commissioner			√
Nye County	Bruce Jabbour, Commissioner			√
Nye County	Megan Labadie, Natural Resources Director			√
Eureka County	Marty Plaskett, Commissioner			√
Eureka County	Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager			√
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe	Cathi Williams-Tuni, Chairwoman			√
Walker River Paiute Tribe	Melanie McFalls, Chairman			√

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Steven Wadsworth, Chairman			√
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	Debbie George, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer			√
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	Tia Happy, Chairperson			√
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	Warren Graham, Chairman			√
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes	David Hinkey, Chairperson			√
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	Suzanna Sandoval, Chairperson			√
Yerington Paiute Tribe	Ginny Hatch, Chairman			√

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 Chair J.J Goicoechea, Nevada Department of Agriculture, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- Ms. Toni Burton, Naval Air Station (NAS) Tribal Relations 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

- Captain Mike Haymon, Department of the Navy, stated that Agenda Item 8 is for information only and the Navy will not comment on the proposed language.
- Mr. Vince Guthreau, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Joe Sanford, Churchill County, seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no changes.

Public Comment

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

New/Old Business

- Ms. Robin Schofield noted that future meeting minutes will be streamlined by referencing the presentations which are posted on the IEC website.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2026

- Captain Haymon motioned for approval of the June meeting minutes; Mr. Guthreau seconded the motion. The June meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

For Information Only: Senator Rosen/Cortez-Masto Draft Modernization Language
(Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details from the presentations)

- **Introduction**: Mr. Sanford presented on Senate Amendment 6028, as introduced by Senators Rosen and Cortez-Masto on June 24, 2026, and would apply to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2027.
    - The purposes of the proposed amendment are to:
        - Add three roads where public access must be maintained until an alternative route is reconstructed or relocated;
        - Make the Secretary of the Navy responsible for timely maintenance of certain roads that must be relocated or reconstructed due to the Navy's expansion;
        - Give impacted counties the ability to determine if newly reconstructed and relocated roads are open for public access; and
        - Clarify Congressional intent regarding livestock grazing permittee compensation.

Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update
(Please note that information in this section includes updates from the last IEC meeting. Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details)

- **Introduction:** Ms. Dow introduced team members updating the IEC on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) implementation strategy for modernization. Ms. Dow also announced that Mr. Justin Abernathy is the Acting State Director, she is the Acting Associate State Director, and Ms. Matt Magaletti is the Acting District Manager. These positions have been extended through January 2027, and they are hoping to announce new State Directors in the coming months. She also noted that BLM is in the process of preparing vacant allotments to be offered for transfer. The first allotment is a conglomerate of the Belleville, Basalt, Little Huntoon, and McBride Flat allotments. Once the Environmental Assessment (EA) is finalized and a proposed decision is published, a letter will be sent inviting eligible permittees to apply for the permit.
- **Grazing Actions:** Ms. Kat McCray, Range Management Specialist, updated the IEC on grazing actions. New information or updates included:
    - Letters announcing the two-year notice were sent to grazing permittees affected by B-17 and B-20 expansion on March 2, 2026. The letters stated that accepting and signing a

new permit will not indicate an agreement or acceptance of the Navy's proposed compensation.
    - To keep in line with the new timeline, assessments for B-17 and B-20 affected allotments will be completed by Fiscal Year 2030, and followed by a land health assessment and new permit.
- **Cadastral Update:** Mr. Wayne Strickland, Chief Cadastral Surveyor, updated the IEC on cadastral efforts. New information or updates included:
    - B-16 status: On schedule.
    - B-17 and B-20 status: Completed. BLM supported the Navy with locating boundaries for B-17 and B-20 and completed and filed those surveys. Field work for the cadastral survey for the Monte Cristo Mountain Special Protection Area is underway and on schedule.
    - Public purpose conveyances to Churchill County and the City of Fallon, exchanges between Churchill County and the U.S. Department of the Interior, preparation of maps and legal descriptions, and conveyances to Lander County are all in progress.
    - Resolution of Walker River Paiute Tribe claims status: BLM is working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to determine survey needs to locate the boundaries of selected lands.
    - Land to be held in Trust for the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe status: Required surveys are undergoing final review and being prepared for official filing.
- **Real Estate Update:** Ms. Shedra Rakestraw, BLM Assistant Field Manager for Carson City District, updated the IEC on realty actions. New information or updates included:
    - SR-361 Realignment: BLM is drafting the Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record. A deed from Federal Highway Administration will be submitted to Nevada Department of Transportation and BLM for review.
    - B-16 Sand Canyon Road Realignment: BLM received Navy funding for additional biological and cultural baseline surveys. BLM is working on a purchase request for contractor funding and is awaiting an SF-299 from Churchill County and preliminary road designs to continue review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Bureau of Reclamation is awaiting an SF-299 from the Navy and Churchill County.
    - B-17 Great Basin Gabbs Lateral Pipeline Realignment: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order on June 23, 2026, granting Great Basin Gas Transmission Co. (GB) a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate. BLM is working on a land survey service request to determine legal land descriptions. GB prepared an SF-299 form for a short-term right-of-way to conduct geotechnical studies. Next, BLM will draft the Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record. The contractor will continue to collect baseline information.
    - Bureau of Indian Affairs – Walker River Paiute Tribe: BLM will meet with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Walker River Paiute Tribe to identify alternative options for the land transfer to the Tribe.

Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update

(Please note that information in this section includes updates from the last IEC meeting. Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details)

- **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, Fiscal Year 2026 plan updates and Year 4

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 NDAA and commitments the Navy made in the Record of Decision. Four major areas have been withdrawn and are in various stages of expansion.
- Year 4 Implementation: Mr. Ryan reviewed a snapshot of progress towards major Navy goals for Implementation Year 4.
  - Dixie Valley Training Area (DVTA) and B-17 Private Land Acquisition: The Navy has acquired 88 of the 95 parcels in DVTA for B-17.
  - B-16, B-17, and B-20 Nominal Mining Claim Payments: The Navy is in the process of making payments for nominal mining claims; 18 claim holders have accepted payments. The Navy will continue to work with claim holders to discuss the payment process.
  - B-16 Sand Canyon Road NEPA: Final road design is needed for the associated NEPA requirements to progress. The team is aiming to begin construction for the road realignment in Fiscal Year 2027.
  - B-16 Lone Tree Road NEPA: The project team concluded the design for Lone Tree Road and the majority of construction will be solicited this fall. Reconstruction is currently scheduled for Fiscal Year 2027.
  - B-17 Great Basin Pipeline EA/Design: The Navy anticipates new appropriations in Fiscal Year 2027 to enable the relocation of the pipeline. The intended schedule is for all precursor work and certifications to be completed to allow for construction to begin in late 2027.
  - B-20 Private Land Acquisition: The vast majority of properties require acquisition. Three properties currently have offers and one in the southern portion of B-20 is in escrow.
- Range Overview and Schedule: The integrated schedule shows related tasks associated with overall modernization effort and progress made. Mr. Ryan reviewed the status of the timelines for the four ranges.
- Mr. Sanford noted some hurdles with the Lone Tree Road process and that the project may extend beyond the Navy's current schedule. Churchill County is awaiting additional information from the Federal Highway Administration and the Navy to proceed with work on Sand Canyon Road.

- **Combined Environmental Brief:** Ms. Ann Schofield, NAS Fallon Conservation Manager, updated the IEC on the Navy's natural, cultural, Tribal, and NEPA programs. New information or updates included:
  - Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP): The final draft INRMP is in development. The Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives (DOPAA) and Preliminary Draft EA are in development.
  - Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan: The contractor is addressing Navy comments as the revised draft is in development.
  - Sage Grouse Noise Study: Crews trapped sage grouse and were able to install about 60 GPS and radio trackers on them. Moving forward, funding will be addressed by the Navy as partners experienced budget cuts.

- B-17 Infrastructure Development EAs: Natural resource surveys are completed. Cultural resource surveys were awarded and fieldwork is planned.
- B-20 Infrastructure Development EA: Infrastructure requirements are in development. Natural and cultural resource surveys are in the planning and programming phase.

Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting

- No additional agenda items were mentioned to discuss at the next IEC meeting.

Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting

- The next IEC meeting will be held during the weeks of Jan. 25-29 or Feb. 1-5.

Public Question and Comment

- Ms. Emily Lande-Rose, Northern Nevada Director for Senator Rosen, will be leaving her position on Oct. 2, 2026, and introduced her replacement, Mr. David Boire. Ms. Lande-Rose thanked the committee for its continued stakeholder engagement and collaboration.

Adjourn

- Chair Goicoechea adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.