

Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC)

March 4, 2024
2:00 p.m. PST

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Intergovernmental Executive Committee

Fallon Range Training Complex

Agenda

Monday, March 4, 2024

2:00 p.m. PST

**Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the
Churchill County Commission Chambers
155 N Taylor St. #145
Fallon, NV 89406**

This meeting will be held virtually pursuant to NRS 241.023.

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1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call of Committee Members
2. Verification of Agenda Posting
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Comment – Three minutes maximum per person. Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an item.
5. New/Old Business
 - Website Update
6. Approval of IEC Meeting Minutes from Nov. 14, 2023
7. Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update
 - Implementation Strategy Update
8. Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update
 - Implementation Strategy Update
 - Access Agreements
 - Natural Resources Update
 - Cultural Resources Survey Update
 - Tribal Engagement Update
9. Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting
10. Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting
11. Public Comment and Questions – Three minutes maximum per person. Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an item.
12. Adjourn

Intergovernmental Executive Committee

Fallon Range Training Complex

Draft Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023

2:00 p.m. PDT

Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the:

Nevada Department of Agriculture

405 21st St

Sparks, NV 89431

This meeting was also held virtually pursuant to NRS 241.023.

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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 Bus Scharmann	√		
IEC Members				
Government/Agency	Name	In Person	Zoom	Not Present
Department of the Navy	Shane Tanner, Captain	√		
Department of the Navy	Dan Muller, Commander	√		
Bureau of Land Management	Jon Raby, State Director			√
Bureau of Land Management	Kim Dow, District Manager	√		
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Colleen LaBelle, WNA Superintendent			√
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Seann Woster, Regional Archaeologist		√	
Nevada Department of Wildlife	Alan Jenne, Director			√
Nevada Department of Wildlife	Matt Maples, Habitat Division, Wildlife Staff Specialist	√		
Nevada Department of Wildlife	Tony Wasley, Director			√
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	Mike Visher, Administrator			√
Nevada Division of Minerals	Rob Ghiglieri, Deputy Administrator	√		
Churchill County	Bus Scharmann, Commissioner	√		
Churchill County	Jim Barbee, County Manager	√		
Lyon County	Scott Keller, Commissioner	√		
Lyon County	Andrew Haskin, County Manager		√	
Mineral County	Cassie Hall, Commissioner			√
Pershing County	Shayla Hudson, Commissioner	√		
Pershing County	Larry Rackely, Commissioner			√
Nye County	Bruce Jabbour, Commissioner (1069)		√	
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	Andrea Martinez, Chairman	√		
Walker River Paiute Tribe	Elveda Martinez, Water Resources Coordinator		√	
Yomba Shoshone Tribe	Marisa Weaselboy			√
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	James Phoenix, Chairman			√
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	Debbie George, Chairwoman			√
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	Warren Graham, Tribal Chairman and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer			√
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	Debbie O'Neil, Vice-Chairwoman			√
Battle Mountain Band Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Clorinda Guzman, Chairwoman			√
Elko Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Danena Ike, Chairwoman			√
Elko Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Leah Brady, Council Member			√
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes	Arlo Crutcher, Chairman			√
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman			√
South Fork Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Duane Garcia, Chairman			√
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California	Serrell Smokey, Chairman			√
Wells Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Harvey Healey, Chairman			√
Wells Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Andrea Wood, Vice Chairwoman			√
Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada	Judy Rojo, Chairwoman			√
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe	Randi Lone Eagle, Chairwoman			√
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe	Nedra Crane, Vice Chairwoman			√
Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Joseph Holley, Chairman			√
Yerington Paiute Tribe	Elwood Emm, Chairman			√

IEC Liaisons and Support

Government/Agency	Name	In Person	Zoom	Not Present
Naval Air Station Fallon	Toni Burton, Tribal Coordinator	√		
Naval Air Station Fallon	Robin Schofield, Community Planning and Liaison Officer	√		
ManTech	Allison Turner, Moderator	√		
Bureau of Land Management	Melanie Hornsby, Military Liaison	√		

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

- Chair J.J. Goicoechea, Nevada Department of Agriculture, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- Ms. Toni Burton, IEC Liaison, 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

- No additions or corrections to the agenda were noted.

Public Comment

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

New/Old Business

- *FRTC Modernization Website Update.* Ms. Robin Schofield, IEC Liaison, noted that the FRTC Modernization website has been updated since the August IEC Meeting. She also noted that several public questions from the August IEC focused on air and water quality, and pointed out where documents with information on those topics are located on the website.
- *Navy Access Protocols.* Ms. Schofield noted that at the August IEC there was a request for the Navy to review its access protocol agreements. She requested on behalf of the Navy that this be pushed to the February IEC as one access agreement is currently being finalized.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2023

- Ms. Schofield noted that there was one change made to the August IEC draft meeting minutes. Chair Goicoechea asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. James Settelmeyer, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, motioned to approve the August meeting minutes; Commissioner Scott Keller, Lyon County, seconded the motion. Chair Goicoechea asked if any IEC member was opposed; no opposition was given and Chair Goicoechea adopted the minutes.

Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update

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

Mr. Mark Mazza, BLM Stillwater Field Office, provided the IEC with an update on livestock grazing.

- BLM is continuing its efforts to review relevant historic documents relating to the grazing permits that will be affected by range closures.
- The last grazing permittee letter for B-16 was received on July 13, 2023. Therefore, the two-year notification period will end July 13, 2025.
- BLM reiterated that they are trying to maintain the grazing operations as long as feasible, working with the Navy to determine the closure timeline and having good communication with permittees.

Mr. Mike Harmening, BLM Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Nevada, provided the IEC with background information on BLM Cadastral.

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

- As the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Mr. Harmening oversees the land status and title records, analogous to the County Recorder's office and the Assessor's office, tracking titles and documents for the federal government.
- BLM Cadastral tracks land it controls and land that leaves its control. They keep track of the initial patent document, and also keep track of withdrawals affecting federal interest land, such as a National Forest or a military withdrawal.
- Cadastral surveys are required after passage of legislation due to the following reasons: protection of valid existing rights or conveyances of parcels that don't conform to the public land survey system.
- The first step BLM takes when legislation is passed is to reach out to stakeholders. BLM reads the legislation to understand the legislative intent. If BLM can't reach an understanding on the legislative intent with stakeholders, then they have to go back to Congress for clarification.
- BLM is focused on surveying the FRTC boundaries and getting the wilderness areas on title plats.
- Cadastral surveys go through an intensive process before BLM will approve them by a formal decision, as they must be able to defend their decision against any protests.
- Mr. Jake Tibbits, Eureka County Natural Resources Manager, asked if BLM can be more granular than 40-acre surveys for some of the bombing ranges where there's a smooth line, such as for the weapons defense zones. Surveys can be more granular than 40-acre plots. BLM can survey to one and a half acre parcels.
- Forty percent of Nevada is pre-1910 rectangular surveys. The 1910 date is important because that's from the direct system. There was a contract era where surveys were not reliable and boundary certainty in those areas is questionable.
- Mr. Tibbits asked if a Cadastral survey is required for the fencing of a bombing range. Mr. Harmening responded that when the legislative intent is to follow boundaries, and when there are competing interests, BLM has to locate those boundaries in accordance with the rules. The FRTC ranges are interesting because they have non-conforming boundaries and there are also areas where there are valid existing rights being bisected by the FRTC boundaries.
- Commissioner Scharmann, Churchill County Commissioner, asked if boundary surveys need to be completed before consideration can be given to reimbursement for grazing rights. BLM does not

believe that boundary surveys need to be completed prior to grazing reimbursements. There may be Cadastral concerns for improvements such as a water well.

- Early delays to Cadastral surveys were because the BLM needed to make sure they understood the intent of the legislation.
- Mr. Tibbits asked what types of valid existing rights would not show up on a master title plat, then clarifying that to pre-Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) conveyances or rights of way. Mr. Harmening stated that pre-FLPMA right of way grants may not be displayed on BLM title plats. If it's not a valid right getting the research can be hit or miss. If someone sees something they think should be on the title record, let BLM know.
- Mr. Tibbits asked if all federal land withdrawals, whether a presidential order or secretarial order, are they on the master title plats. Mr. Harmening responded that they should be, and that the BLM is working hard to get the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) notations up.
- When BLM re-acquires land, agencies are supposed to notify BLM of any right of way grants. If BLM doesn't receive those notations, they don't know about the rights of way.
- BLM Cadastral is working on cleanup work currently, but there are a lot of latent errors on title plats.
- Commissioner Scharmann asked if BLM has started any of the processes to transfer the lands included in the Churchill County Lands Bill. Ms. Kim Dow, Carson City Field Manager, stated that it would be a good question for after the BLM realty presentation.

Ms. Shedra Rakestraw, BLM Stillwater Field Office, provided the IEC with an update on the four real estate actions.

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

- **B-16 Sand Canyon Road Realignment**
 - The planned realignment was identified on a map and updates were provided on the status of land management responsibilities, the SF-299 application and Plan of Development, and the PR package.
- **Bureau of Indian Affairs – Walker River Paiute Tribe Trust Land**
 - The parcels of land to be conveyed to the Tribe were identified on a map and an update on the environmental site assessment was provided.
- **Section 2907 – Churchill County Land Conveyances and Exchanges**
 - Recreation and public purpose land conveyances and land exchanges were identified on a map and updates were provided on the legislative processes for each land classification.
- **Section 2908 – Checkerboard Resolution Area**
 - The Checkerboard Resolution Area was identified on a map and an update on the Implementation Strategy Plan was provided.

There were no questions from the IEC on the real estate presentation.

Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update

- **Thanks and Introduction**
 - In light of the Thanksgiving season, Captain Tanner began by giving thanks to the many people and teams that have been working on the Modernization effort.
- **Natural Resources Update**

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Ms. Ann Schofield, Conservation Manager at NAS Fallon, provided the IEC with an update on the Navy's natural resources program.

- Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)
 - The Navy is working with their contractor, ManTech International, to update the INRMP.
 - The Navy has held a kick-off meeting with the contractor.
 - The Navy is currently waiting for a formal schedule and work plan for how the plan revision will be executed.
 - The revision of the INRMP will incorporate newly acquired lands, all of the biological studies that were completed during the EIS, and any existing data that is available from stakeholder agencies.
 - The Navy is also planning to update the INRMP goals and objectives, as well as update the species list to ensure it is comprehensive.
 - The INRMP will also have the recently completed Wildland Fire Management Plan and the Agricultural Greenbelt Management Plan incorporated into it, along with an amendment for the current INRMP dealing with the Dixie Valley toad, which is currently being finalized.
 - The INRMP will require an Environmental Assessment (EA) level analysis to ensure public review of the INRMP and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document.
 - Stakeholder involvement in the INRMP process is critical and the Navy is looking for active participation from Sikes Act stakeholders as well as County and Tribal stakeholders.
- Wildland Fire Management Plan
 - The Wildland Fire Management Plan along with its NEPA document were finalized for existing range lands. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed in July 2023.
 - The Navy has secured funding to revise the plan to the additional acreage now that modernization has passed, as well as to implement the original plan.
 - The Navy will provide schedules and work plans to stakeholders (Sikes Act, County, Tribal, etc.) and encourages feedback for both the Wildland Fire Management Plan revision and the implementation projects.
 - The Navy will incorporate the new lands, evaluate fire risk of those new lands, and propose fire breaks and treatment areas based on fire risk.
 - There will be an EA for the new Wildland Fire Management Plan, which will allow for public input. That effort will kick-off in 2024.
 - The Navy secured funding for implementation through its Installation Climate Resiliency program.
 - The Navy started implementation of the plan in 2023 and they have funding to start fuel breaks. B-17 will be the priority for fuel breaks, as that is the highest risk fire area.
 - The Navy will also be working on fire scar restoration in B-17.
 - A map was shown with indications of fuel break and fuel treatment areas on the existing B-17 range.
 - The Navy will be working with the contractor to determine the extent of what can be covered.
 - Highest priorities will be first.

- ManTech will be providing the Navy with a work plan shortly that the Navy welcomes feedback on.
- The fire scar footprints were identified on a map. There were two fires that overlapped on the eastern side of B-17 and that is the area where the Navy is focusing on doing fire scar restoration.
- Fire scar restoration is foreseen as being a multi-year effort, dependent on funding.
- **Cultural Resources Update**
(Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details from the presentations)

Mr. Mike Baskerville, archaeologist at NAS Fallon, provided the IEC with an update on the Navy's cultural resources program.

- B-20 cultural resource survey:
 - The total inventory area is 118,000 acres.
 - There was a delay in surveys due to weather and environmental conditions, but surveys have resumed, resulting in approximately 73,122 acres (approximately 62%) surveyed to date.
 - The inventory to this point has recorded 487 sites and 705 isolates. Isolates are typically lone pieces of glass or pottery unconnected to a site.
 - Sites documented include Paleo-Indian sites, at this point 11,500 to 7,500 years BP, along with historic mining sites, roads and other things like that.
 - Each field crew usually has four archaeologists and one Native American archaeological technician assigned.
- B-17 cultural resource survey:
 - Currently around 35,000 acres are under contract for survey, of which 19,767 acres have been surveyed so far.
 - An additional 30,000 acres have just been submitted.
 - There are a total of 197,349 acres to be surveyed.
 - Work plans are updates as new acreage is added, and those work plans are made available to the Tribes for review.
- Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan and Programmatic Agreement (PA):
 - The Fallon ICRMP is under contract and is expected to start soon. Originally anticipated to have already been started, but there were some contracting issues that are being worked through.
 - The PA has been finalized.
 - The PA will be sent to Tribes and available for public comment before formal consultations with the State of Nevada and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Consultation will be completed by December 2024.
- Commissioner Scharmann asked if cultural resource surveys can be reviewed by the counties. Mr. Baskerville stated that, under the Archeological Resources Protection Act, there are restrictions on who can view survey information. Surveys can be shared with Tribes and the state, but not the counties.
- Chairwoman Martinez of the Walker River Paiute Tribe asked if there are any Native Americans involved with the B-17 inventories. Mr. Baskerville confirmed that there are.

- **Tribal Engagement Update**

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

Ms. Toni Burton, Tribal Relations Coordinator at NAS Fallon, provided the IEC with an update on the Navy's Tribal Engagement program.

- Tribal Access Memorandum of Agreement (MOA):
 - Communicating with the Tribes about the MOA has been one of the main priorities of the Tribal engagement office and started at the beginning of the modernization proposal.
 - The Tribal memorandum of agreement (MOA) is nearing completion. It's been an inclusive process with the Tribes, making sure that their comments are received and reviewed and incorporated by the Navy.
 - Ms. Burton reviewed the recent timeline for Tribal engagement since the NDAA was approved in February.
 - A Tribal Leadership discussion was held in April, and the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe took leadership of the Tribal MOA to ensure Tribes provided input and ensure all were included in the process.
 - The Navy met with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Walker River, the Washoe Tribe, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, and the Yerington Paiute Tribe on Oct. 16. A general discussion was held covering the list of Tribal priorities, including the Tribal MOA. During the meeting, the Navy reviewed the Tribes' comments to address and clarify them.
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Consultation and Coordination:
 - The Navy is in possession of remains that have been with the base for a while.
 - The Navy completed an Inventory Collection Study which they've been reviewing with the Tribes for input, ensuring that the Navy is consulting with the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, their cultural committees and representatives, and Tribal leadership.
 - The Tribes had a Tribal-only meeting to have a free discussion to determine which Tribe they feel would have the right to repatriate the remains.
 - The Navy had a site visit in September and is moving forward with the guidance of the Tribes.
 - The Navy hopes the consultation will be posted in the Federal Register by the end of November to move forward with repatriation of the remains to Tribe(s).

- **Legislative/Implementation Update**

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

Ms. Liz Barris, Navy FRTC Modernization Program Manager, provided the IEC with a status update on recent accomplishments, B-16 execution, and the overall project timeline.

- Recent Accomplishments:
 - Several contracts were awarded in September at the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

- The Navy transferred funding to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the State Route (SR) 361 relocation for B-17.
 - The Navy funded the pipeline NEPA efforts to Great Basin for B-17.
 - Ms. Schofield covered awards for the Wildland Fire Management Plan.
 - The Navy has provided funds for Sand Canyon environmental analysis to BLM to start that effort.
- The Navy met with Churchill County to review requirements for Sand Canyon and Lone Tree roads.
- The Navy met with BLM, BOR, and grazing permittees to answer questions and discuss plans for B-16 grazing permit modifications.
- B-16 Overview:
 - The Navy is adding 31,000 acres of BLM land; there is no private land acquisition for B-16.
 - Cultural resource surveys for the fence have been completed.
 - Upon receipt of Naval Special Warfare's plans for target areas, the Navy will ensure there are minimal or no impacts on cultural or natural resources.
 - There will be additional natural and cultural resource surveys once the range improvement plan is received to ensure the Navy meets its Record of Decision (ROD) commitment.
 - The FRTC Modernization EIS will be looked at again to ensure the target area and any roads were adequately covered. If not, the Navy will evaluate what additional analysis may be needed.
 - Letters were sent for the grazing permit modifications for the B-16 areas.
 - There are nominal mining claims on the timeline for FY25 or later because Navy funding for the mining claims is an appropriation in FY25.
 - This appropriation, like all military construction (MILCON) appropriations, is valid for five years. Payments may happen the first year, but the Navy has up to five years to make payments.
 - The B-16 fence is an FY21 appropriation and funding expires in FY25. Fence construction is on track. The Navy is working with BLM on boundary surveys to start fence construction.
 - Chair Goicoechea asked if it needs to be on contract or complete by FY25. Ms. Barris stated that it needs to be on contract; the Navy has time to expend money after FY25.
 - The Navy met with Churchill County and NDOT to discuss Lone Tree Road widening plans. Churchill County is working on cost estimates for NEPA work, design, and relocating Sand Canyon Road.
 - Both road relocations are at FY25 on the timeline as the Navy pushed to accelerate that MILCON to get the ranges online as soon as possible.
 - Previously Sand Canyon was tracking for FY28, but the Navy was able to accelerate. They are taking the same approach with Lone Tree Road, trying to move it to FY25.

- Ms. Barris noted that the relocation of both roads are on the unfunded priority list for FY25 and, although this is a high priority for the Navy, there is some risk.
 - The Navy has received Churchill County's cost estimates and will be talking to Congress to have them included. The Navy is moving as if it's happening in FY25 because that gets the ranges online soonest; however, until appropriations are made there is risk, as other priorities may occur.
- Ms. Barris displayed the B-16 schedule timeline; color coded by action lead.
 - BLM is the lead on the Sand Canyon NEPA analysis. For design, Churchill County has provided the cost estimate to start to get funds; the Navy expects to include in the FY25 submittal. It's the same for Lone Tree Road, 3.1 miles of the road which serves as an access road to B-16, along with the change in ownership.
- Mr. Rob Ghiglieri, Nevada Department of Minerals, asked if a formula has been determined for how nominal mining claim payments will be allocated. Ms. Barris responded that the Navy looked back at the EIS and an appropriated amount was set aside in the MILCON 1391. The Navy is still discussing how the payments will be calculated internally. Mr. Ghiglieri then asked if it would need to be a valid existing claim at present, or when the bill became enacted, so would claimants need to continue to pay their claim fees? Ms. Barris responded that it needs to be a valid claim. If claim fees are dropped claimants would not be eligible for payments.
- Commissioner Shayla Hudson, Pershing County Commissioner, asked if the Navy met with all grazing rights permittees affected, or only permittees for the affected bombing ranges. Commissioner Hudson noted that Pershing County has some permittees. Chair Goicoechea affirmed that they had met with all permittees and would continue to do so.
- Range Overview:
 - All private land acquisition appraisals are starting now.
 - The Navy is looking to appraisers to determine fair market values for land to be acquired.
 - The Navy is prioritizing Dixie Valley draft reports first, planning for March 2024.
 - Dixie Valley will remain unfenced and open to the public. It's difficult to know when the Navy will receive appraisals or who will come to an agreement, but ideally Dixie Valley will be first.
 - The Navy has three MILCONs to purchase land, up to the last MILCON in FY26. The assumption is the Navy will use the appropriation they have now to purchase Dixie Valley land.
 - After BLM Cadastral finishes the boundary surveys at B-16, they will move to B-17, followed by B-20.
 - Grazing appraisals are starting now with B-16 first, but B-17 and B-20 appraisals may be completed sooner than indicated on the timeline.

- Mining claims are scheduled for FY25.
- The Navy funded NEPA efforts for NDOT's relocation of SR-361 and Great Basin's pipeline relocation. Those projects will undergo environmental analyses, design, and then construction. Both projects are planned as FY26 construction projects. The Navy will obtain design funds prior to FY26, but construction is planned to begin in FY26.
- BLM is conducting an environmental analysis for Pole Line Road; the counties are responsible for construction.
 - Commissioner Hudson asked if Pershing County would be responsible for Pole Line Road. Mr. Jim Barbee, Churchill County Manager, stated that it would be split with Churchill County and they can coordinate offline. Ms. Barris stated it would likely be a split, or the Navy paying one county to make it one effort if the counties want that.
- Ms. Barris plans to continue to attend IEC meetings to update on major changes, as schedules shift.
- Three-Month Look Ahead:
 - Lone Tree Road and Sand Canyon Road cost estimates have been received.
 - BLM is working to get NEPA analyses under contract.
 - Navy expects B-16 draft grazing appraisals in January 2024.
 - Great Basin and NDOT are working to get NEPA analyses under contract for the pipeline and SR-361 projects.
 - Navy expects Dixie Valley Training Area appraisals in March 2024.
 - Website has updates on project-specific items.

Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting

- The Navy will discuss access protocols at the next meeting.
- If committee members have anything to add to the agenda, they can send to Chair Goicoechea, Ms. Schofield, or Captain Tanner to add to the agenda.

Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting

- The next IEC meeting will be held during the weeks of Feb. 12-16 or 19-23 in Fallon. A poll will be sent out for the members to vote for their preferred date and time.

Public Comment

- Chair Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments or public questions, noting the three-minute time limit per person. The IEC Moderator reviewed instructions for how to comment via Zoom.

- *Cortes Exploration Oil & Gas Lease.* Mr. Les Cufuade, manager of Cortes Exploration, updated the IEC on Cortes' activities and efforts to work with the Navy. Cortes has a rig being refurbished for \$500,000 that is scheduled to be onsite in a week. Mr. Cufuade stated that he is making his comment to save everyone money. If Cortes proceeds, their development schedule is 5-7 years of development wells, with 54 development wells in total, five above-ground facilities, and an expected 420,000 gallons of oil per facility, at a cost of \$70-100 million. Funding is from either debt equity financing or convertible note; therefore, Cortes would become a partner in the exploration, which would add to any compensatory damages. The life of the field looks to be 30-55 years. If Cortes will be unable to complete 55 years of development, Mr. Cufuade will confer with owners and avert any situation. He noted that BLM and Navy know how to get in touch with him, and he hopes everyone can work together to figure this issue out.
- *Complex Public Questions.* John Powell from JP Aerospace asked if a process has been put in place for questions too complex to be covered in a three-minute public comment period as discussed at the previous IEC meeting. Ms. Schofield stated that the process has been put in place, cards are provided at the back of the IEC room and commenters can fill those out and submit to any of the IEC staff to work through the more complex questions.
- *Aviation.* Mr. Jim Lee commented on the planned airspace expansion for the FRTC. Mr. Lee expressed appreciation for the aerospace update at the August IEC meeting that he requested. His intent is to keep aviation on the table as he does not hear much discussion about the topic. Mr. Lee then stated that the airspace proposal would lead to a larger blockade between Reno and Salt Lake City than currently exists. All aviators he has spoken to are opposed to the proposal, and public comments he has heard are primarily opposed. Mr. Lee suggested that the Navy work with the Air Force to use restricted airspaces 4606 through 09 between Tonopah and Las Vegas, which is approximately three times the size of the proposed FRTC airspace.

Adjourn

- Chair Goicoechea made comments expressing his gratitude to the committee and to the Navy. Chair Goicoechea then adjourned the meeting by proclamation of the Chair at 3:48 p.m.

Intergovernmental Executive Committee

March 4, 2024

2:00 p.m. PST

Churchill County Commission Chambers

155 N Taylor St. #145

Fallon, NV 89406

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Welcome and Member Roll Call

- Navy
- BLM
- BIA
- NDOW
- Nevada Dept. of Agriculture
- DCNR
- Nevada Division of Minerals
- County Commissioners
 - Churchill
 - Lyon
 - Mineral
 - Pershing
 - Nye
 - Eureka
- Tribal Representatives
 - Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
 - Walker River Paiute Tribe
- Tribal Representatives (continued)
 - Yomba Shoshone Tribe
 - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
 - Lovelock Paiute Tribe
 - Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
 - Battle Mountain Band Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
 - Elko Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
 - Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes
 - Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
 - South Fork Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
 - Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
 - Wells Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
 - Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada
 - Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
 - Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
 - Yerington Paiute Tribe

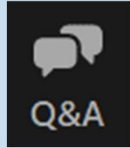
March 4, 2024 IEC Agenda

- Call to Order, Welcome, Member Roll Call
- Verification of Agenda Posting
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comment
- New/Old Business
- Approval of Nov. 14 Meeting Minutes
- Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update
 - Implementation Strategy Update
- Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update
 - Implementation Strategy Update
 - Access Agreements
 - Natural Resources Update
 - Cultural Resources Survey Update
 - Tribal Engagement Update
- Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting
- Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting
- Public Comment and Questions
- Adjourn

Commenting Instructions

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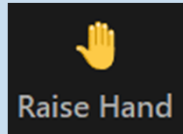
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- 1) Click on the Q&A icon.
- 2) Type your name, organization (if applicable), and comment.
- 3) Your comment will be read by the moderator.



Speak Your Comment



- 1) Click on the RAISE HAND icon.
- 2) When it is your turn, the moderator will announce your name and prompt you to unmute your microphone.
- 3) Speak your name, organization (if applicable), and comment.



USING THE TELEPHONE

- 1) Press *9 to indicate you have a comment.
- 2) When it is your turn, the moderator will announce the last 4 digits of your phone number and ask you to unmute your audio by pressing *6.
- 3) If your phone has a mute feature, make sure your phone is not muted.
- 4) Press *6 to unmute or mute yourself.
- 5) Speak your name, organization (if applicable), and comment.



Timer

- 3-minute maximum per person
- Be courteous and respectful!
- The Committee reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment.

New/Old Business

- Website Update
 - National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and Record of Decision Commitments updated

Approve Nov. 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes are included in FRTC IEC meeting package
- No changes received on draft minutes



NDAA

BLM-related actions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

- Cadastral
- Realty Actions



CADASTRAL UPDATES:

SEC. 2981. WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION OF PUBLIC LAND -

Range B-16 Status: On Schedule

- Field work underway and on-schedule
- Sand Canyon Road realignment and ROW will determine northwest boundary survey timelines

Range B-17 & Range B-20 Status: Planning Initiated

- *Survey Contract:*
 - BLM assisting NAVFAC SW with development of survey contract to locate 120 miles of range boundary for fencing requirements
- *BLM Federal Authority Surveys:*
 - BLM planning underway for areas requiring Federal Authority Surveys



CADASTRAL UPDATES, CONTINUED:

SEC. 2907(b). PUBLIC PURPOSE CONVEYANCES to Churchill County and the City of Fallon

- **Status: In Progress**
- Preliminary coordination meeting with Churchill County and RCI representatives completed
- BLM determining potential survey needs for 16 parcels identified for conveyance to both parties

SEC. 2907(c). EXCHANGES between Churchill County and DOI

- **Status: In Progress**
- BLM determining potential survey needs for parcels to be conveyed to Churchill County and DOI
- Preliminary coordination meeting with Churchill County and RCI representatives to be requested in coming months



CADASTRAL UPDATES, CONTINUED:

SEC. 2922. CONVEYANCES TO LANDER COUNTY, NEVADA

- **Status: In Progress**
- Preliminary coordination with Lander County and the US Forest Service completed in January
- BLM and US Forest Service currently confirming survey needs for parcels to be conveyed
- Follow-up meeting with Lander County to be requested in coming months



CADASTRAL UPDATES, CONTINUED:

SEC. 2988 - RESOLUTION OF WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE CLAIMS

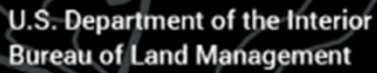
- **Status: Not Initiated**
- Survey actions cannot be initiated until required environmental assessment by BIA is complete and Trust lands are identified

SEC. 2989 - LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST FOR THE FALLON PAIUTE SHOSHONE TRIBE

- **Status: In Progress**
- BLM Land Status Records have been updated to show the new lands held in Trust
- Currently working with BIA to coordinate funding for required surveys
 - Plan to request coordination meeting through BIA with Tribal Council to discuss survey requirements once funding is established



- State Route 361 realignment
- B-16 Sand Canyon road realignment
- Bureau of Indian Affairs - Walker River Paiute Tribe
- Section 2907 – Land Conveyances and Exchanges
- Section 2908 Checkerboard Resolution Area



REALTY ACTIONS

State Route 361 realignment

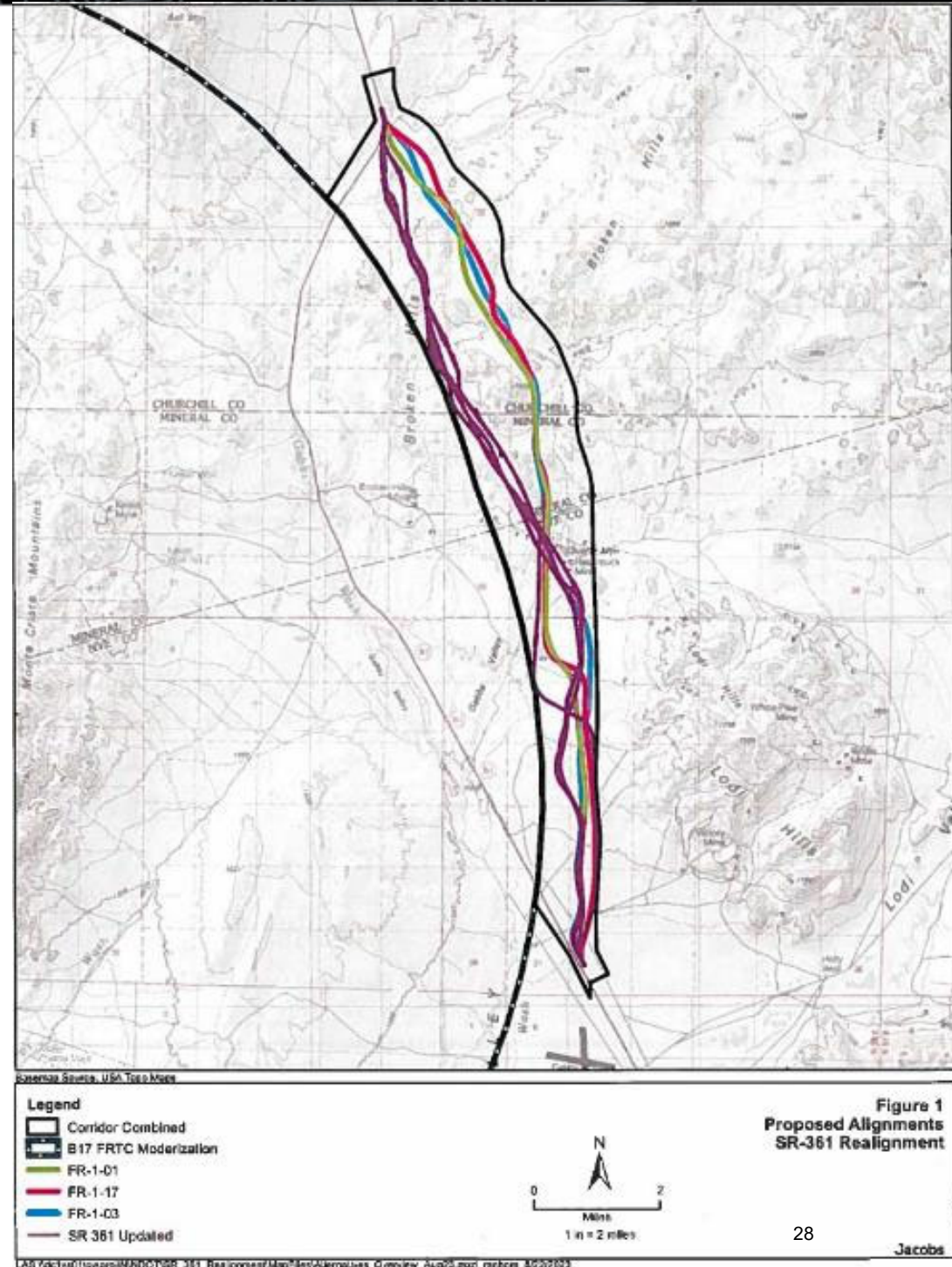
NDOT is the lead agency, working with Federal Highways Administration. BLM is a cooperating agency.

Community Impact: Result in the closure of a portion of the existing Sand Canyon Road to general traffic.

Completed: NDOT has conducted data collection and environmental screening.

Current: NDOT submitted a SF-299 application.

Next: BLM, NDOT, FHWA to meet on Feb. 26, 2024, to discuss MOU process and funding. BLM will provide input for required Environmental Baselines prior to writing the NEPA document.





B-16 Sand Canyon road realignment

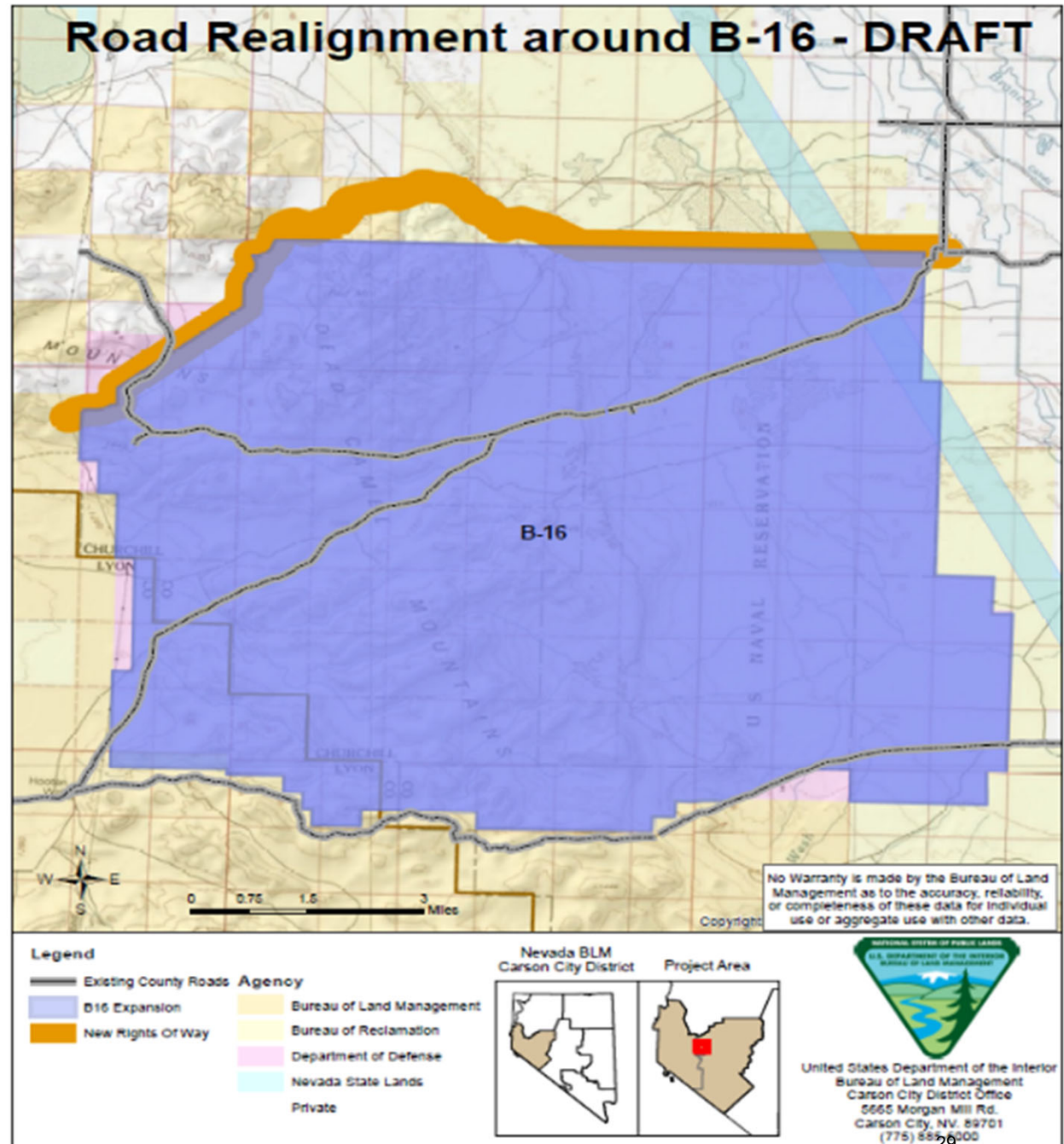
BLM is the lead agency on the NEPA analysis (EA).

Community Impact: Result in the closure of a portion of the existing Sand Canyon Road to general traffic.

Completed: BOR and BLM have agreed on which lands they manage for this authorization and have communicated that with the Navy and Churchill County.

Current: Churchill County to submit a SF-299 application and Plan of Development.

Next: Working on the PR package for a NEPA contractor to start baselines in 2024. Funding pending.





Bureau of Indian Affairs - Walker River Paiute Tribe

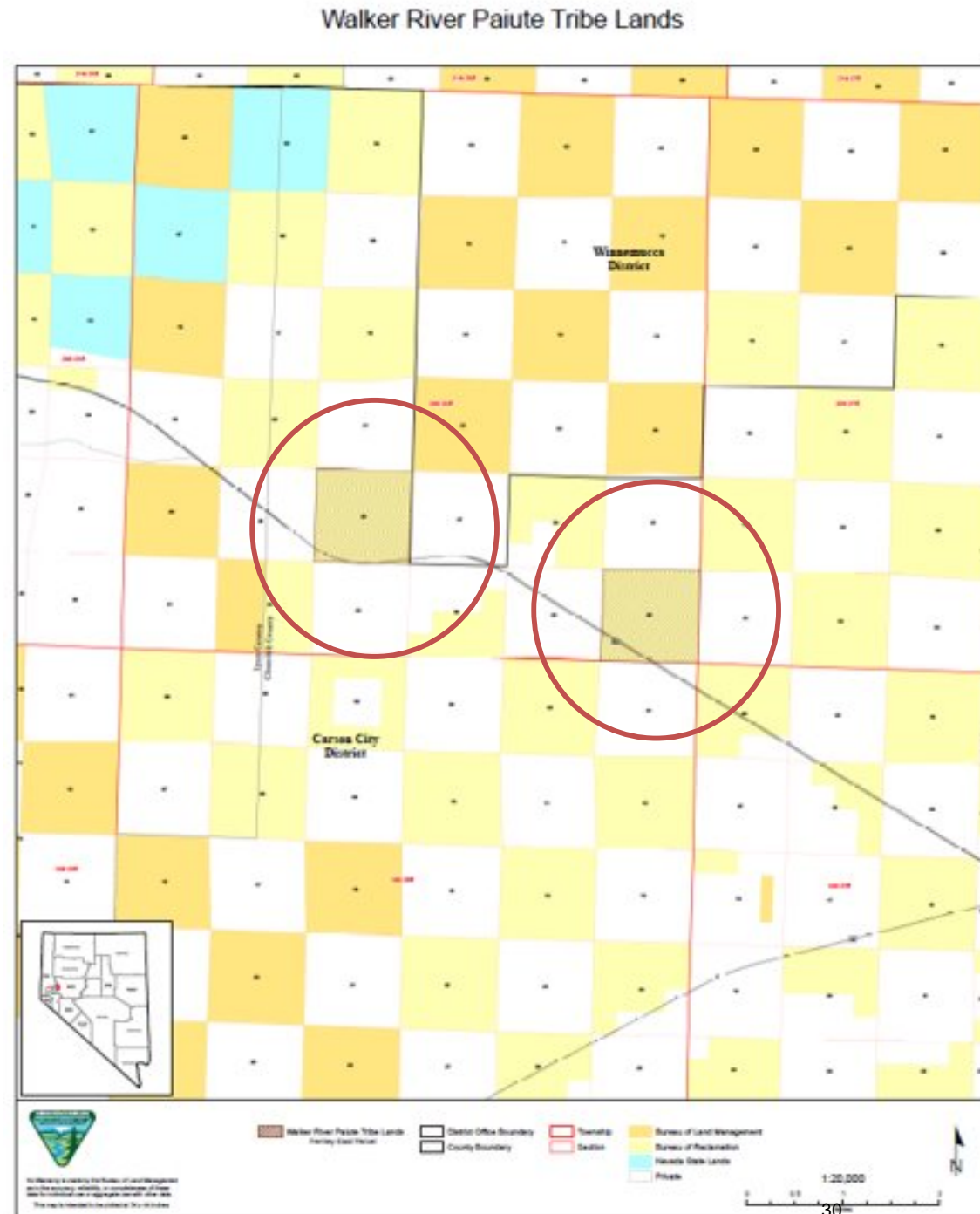
Bureau of Indian Affairs - Walker River Paiute Tribe – BIA is the lead agency on the Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) with a 1 – year timeline from enactment date.

Community Impact: ESA is valid for 6 months after completed.

Completed: Assisted BIA on the ESA and provided land information on the area.

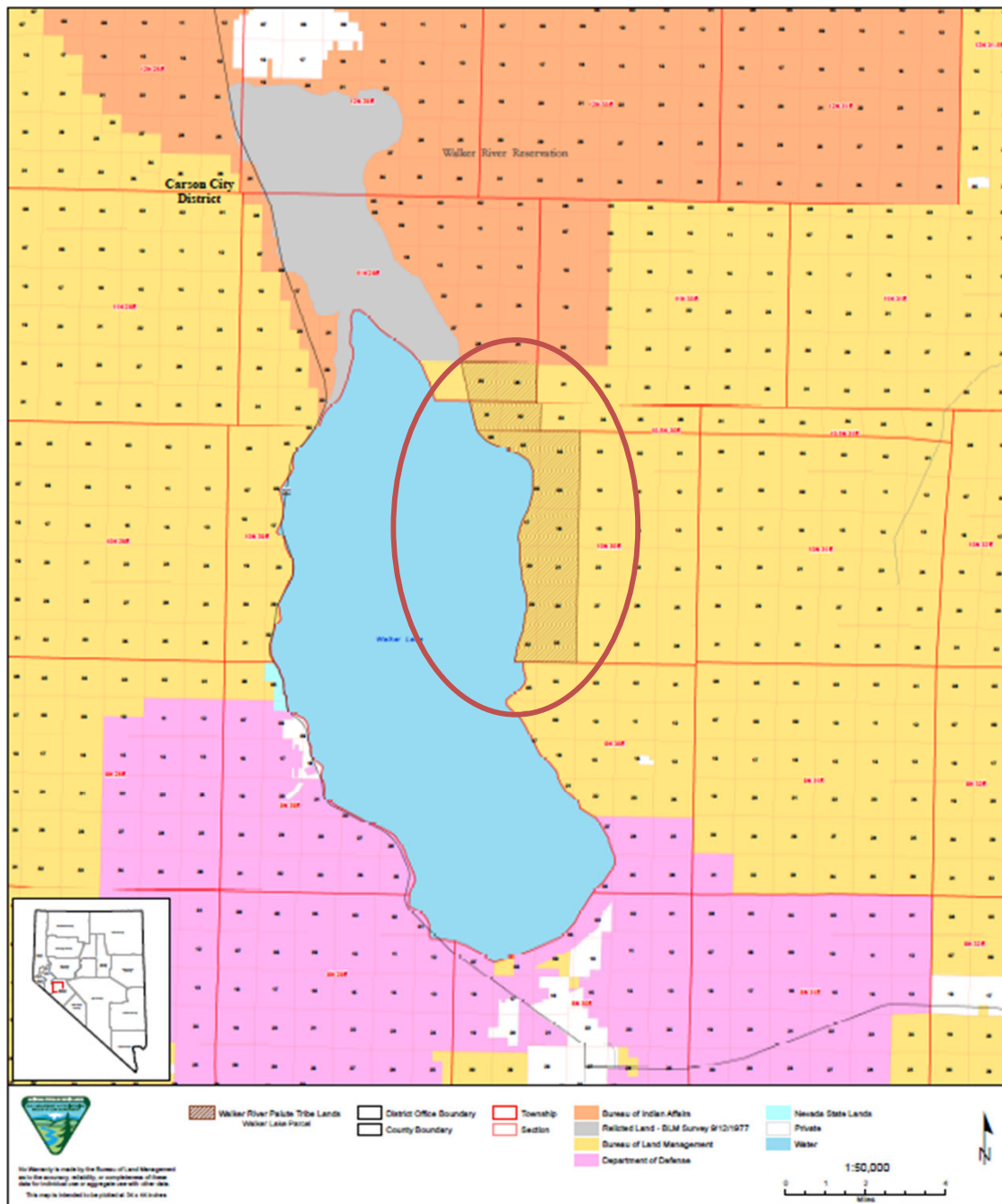
Current: Waiting to meet with the BIA after the ESA completion date.

Next: Nothing is due for BLM to complete.





Walker River Paiute Tribe Lands





Section 2907 – Land Conveyances and Exchanges

Secretary of the Interior shall seek to enter into an agreement with Churchill County, Nevada to exchange lands identified on the legislative map. 25,386 acres of Churchill County lands and 13,920 acres of Federal Lands are identified for exchange.

BLM and BOR are discussing lead agency roles on NEPA analysis.

Community Impact R&PPs to Churchill County:

- Section 2907 also identifies 6,892 acres of Federal land for conveyance to Churchill County for the public purposes of constructing and operating a new fire station, expansion of an existing wastewater treatment facility, operation or expansion of existing gravel pits and rock quarries (10), and the construction and operation of public recreational facilities (3). 212 acres to the City of Fallon.

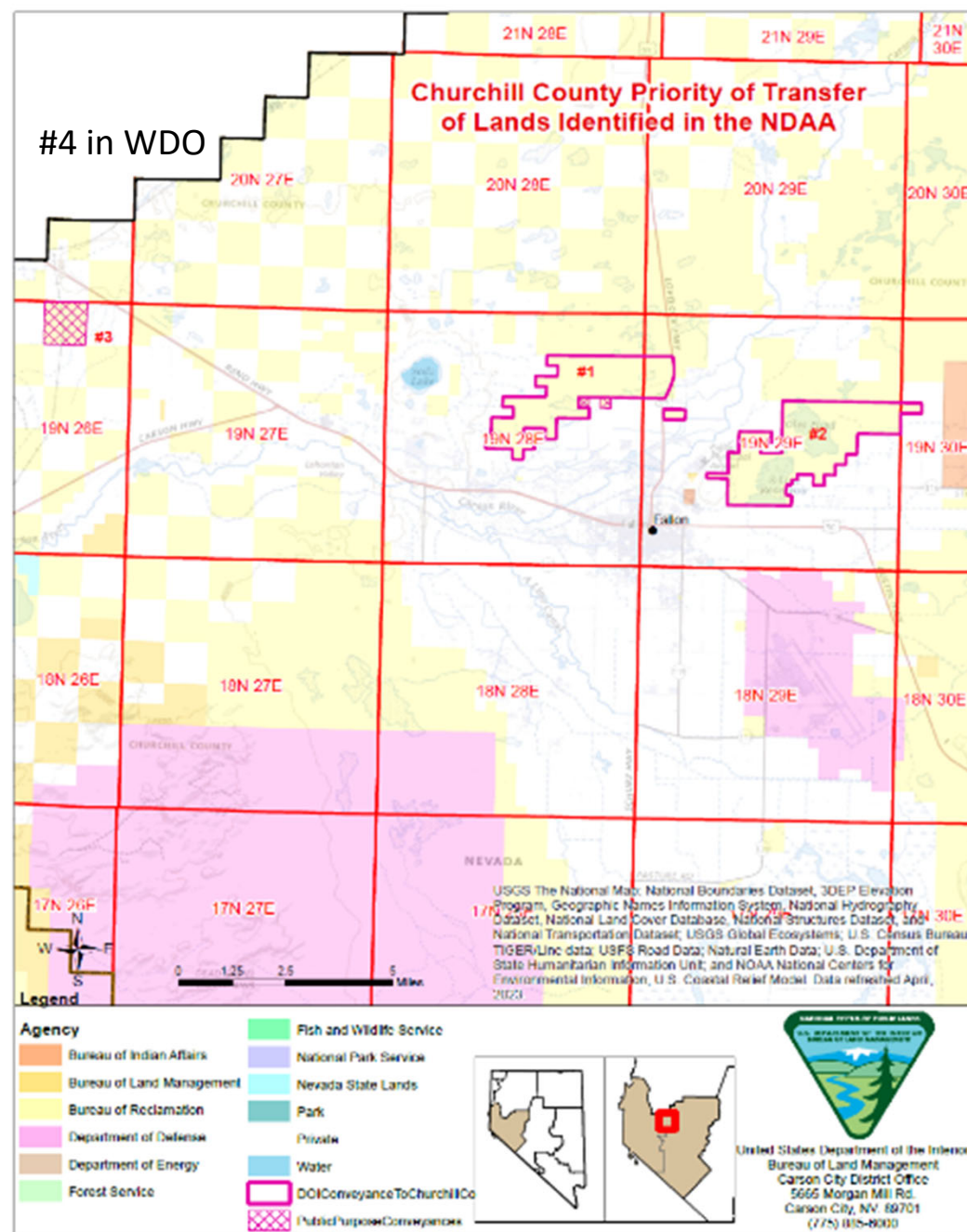
Churchill County four priorities:

1. Township 19.N Ranges 28.E and Range 29.E
2. Township 19.N, Ranges 29.E and Range 30.E
3. Section 2, Township 19.N, Range 26.E
4. Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 22.N, Range 26.E.

Completed: Submitted a request form to the DOI Solicitor's Office for opinion on Section 2907 questions from the BLM and BOR on path forward.

Current: Preparing brief materials with BLM State Director and Associate State Director to review the land exchange and R&PP conveyances processes, timeline, and letter to Churchill County.

Next: BLM and BOR to meet with Churchill County to review the land exchange and R&PP conveyance processes, timeline, and letter.





Title XXIX, Section 2908 - Checkerboard Resolution Area

Section 2908 of Public Law 117-263 (NDAA 2023) prompted the Secretary of the Interior, Churchill County, and private landowners in Churchill County to seek to consolidate Federal land and non-Federal land ownership in Churchill County, NV.

BLM is the lead agency on the NEPA analysis.

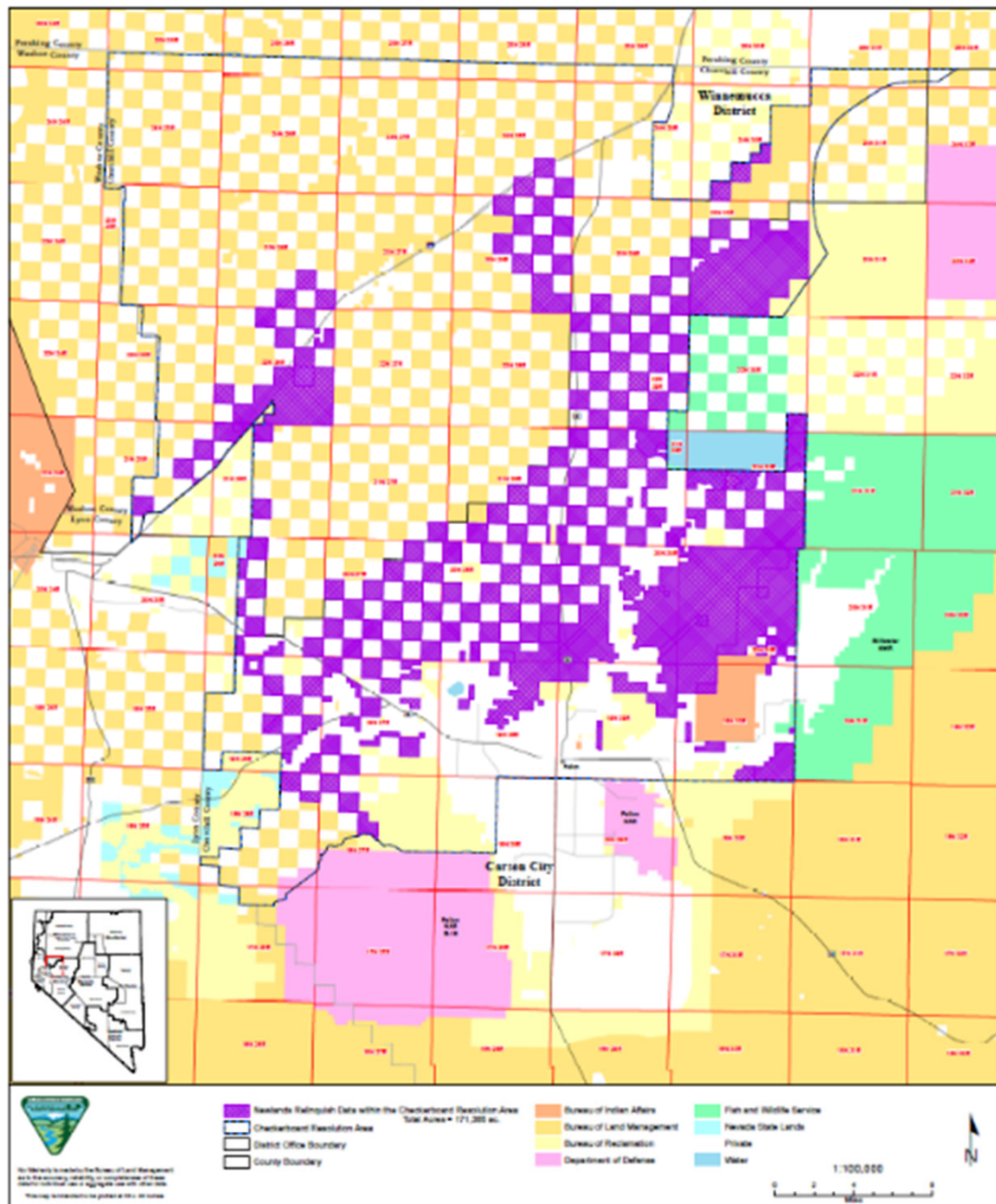
Community Impact: The focus of the checkerboard will probably start sometime in FY2024 to review the land exchange process between DOI and Churchill County.

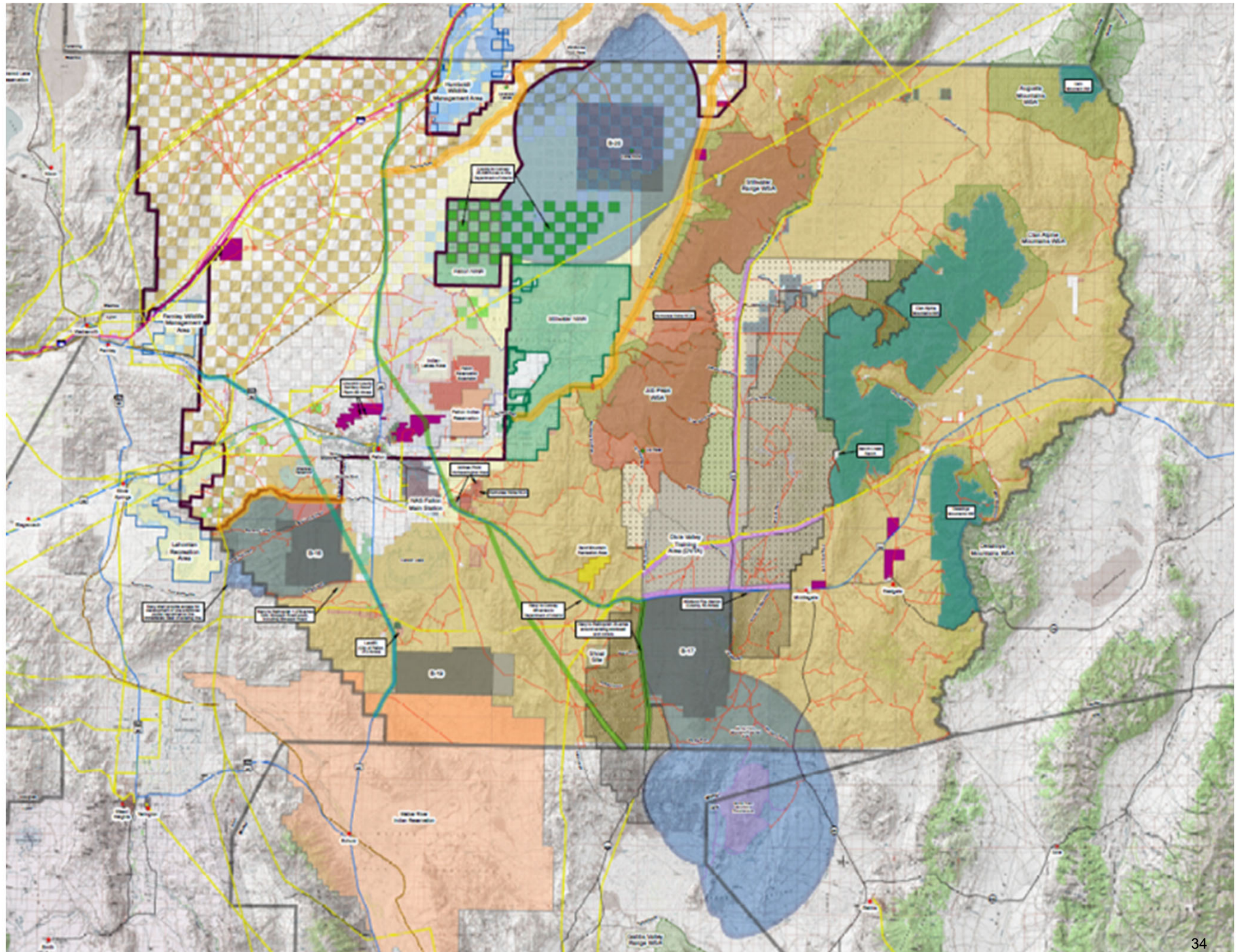
Completed: Coordinated with State Realty Specialist and Winnemucca Assistant Field Manager on the land exchange processes and suggested timeline.

Current: Assigned a CCDO Realty Specialists to start drafting sections in the Checkerboard Resolution Implementation Strategy Plan.

Next: Need to identify federal priority areas in Churchill County with BOR.

Checkerboard Resolution Area - Newlands Data Overlay







Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Implementation Plan

Intergovernmental Executive Committee Meeting

Liz Barris

FRTC Modernization Program Manager

4 MAR 2024





Agenda



- 1. Milestone Accomplishments**
- 2. Recent Accomplishments**
- 3. Range Overview Slide**
- 4. B-16 Working Schedule**
- 5. 3-Month Look Ahead**
- 6. More Information**



Milestone Accomplishments



- DEC 2022 – **FY23 NDAA Authorized Land Withdrawal**
- MAY 2023 – B-16 Grazing Notification Letters Sent
- JULY 2023 – SR361 NEPA funded – B-17
- AUG 2023 – Great Basin Pipeline NEPA funded – B-17
- AUG 2023 – MILCONs put back into Program
- AUG 2023 – Awarded INRMP Update and EA for Withdrawn lands
- SEP 2023 – Awarded WFMP Update and EA for Withdrawn lands
- SEP 2023 – Sand Canyon NEPA funds sent to BLM
- OCT 2023 – P448, New MILCON for B-16 Roads (6th MILCON)

Acronyms:

- NDAA: National Defense Authorization Act
- NEPA : National Environmental Policy Act
- MILCON: Military construction funding (Congressional appropriation for a specific project)
- INRMP: Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan
- EA: Environmental Assessment (NEPA documentation)

Year 1 since passing NDAA: Navy continues to make progress on ROD commitments and funding NEPA efforts in support of infrastructure relocation projects B-16/B-17



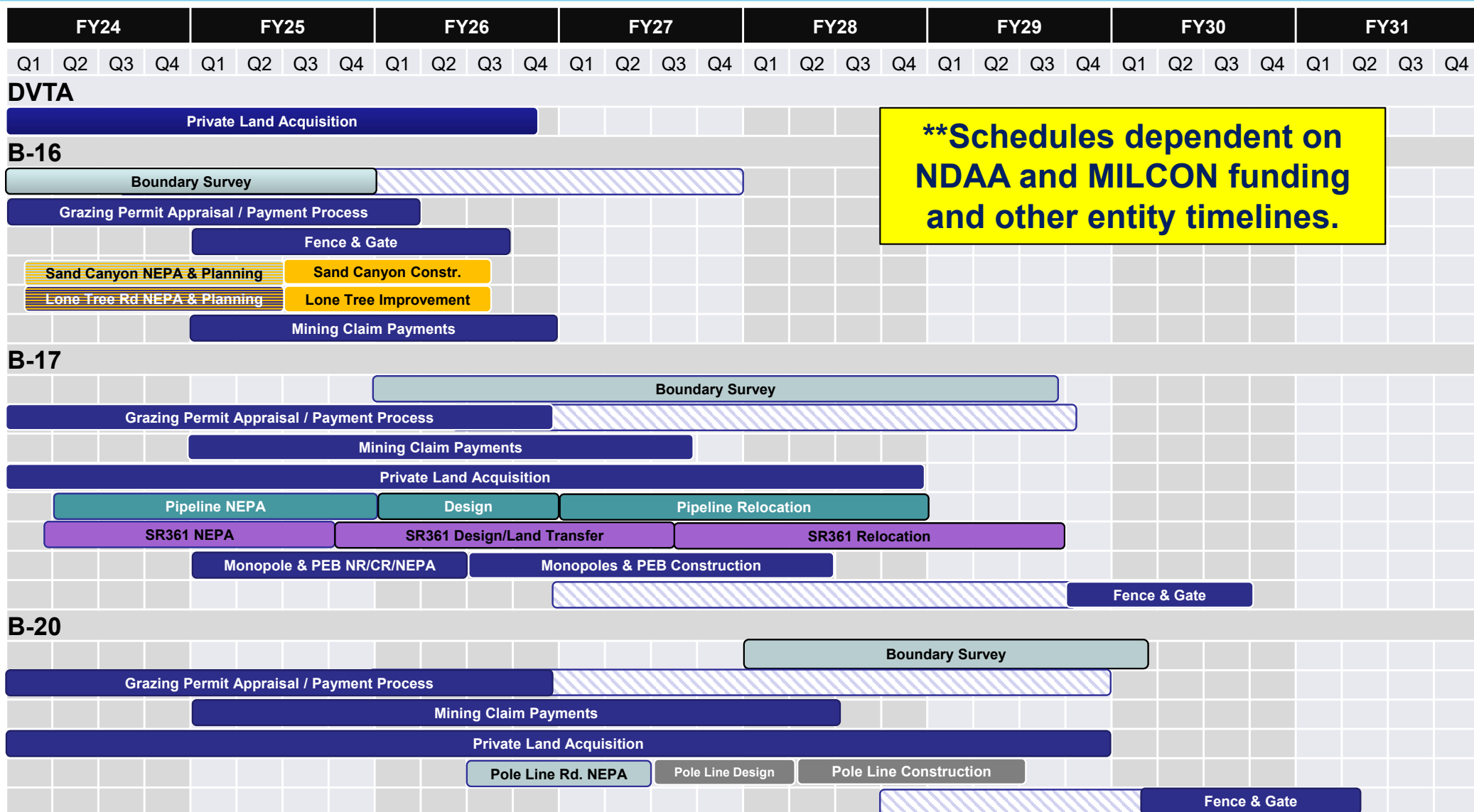
Recent Accomplishments



Task	Completed	Notes
Intergovernmental Executive Committee	NOV 23	
Oil and Gas SME contract modification	DEC 23	Contract mod complete
Funded BLM NEPA for Sand Canyon	JAN 24	Re-sent funds
Programmatic Agreement Tribal Meeting	JAN 24	Review Draft Document
Established working group Sand Canyon-Lone Tree Road fund transfer meeting	JAN 24	Determined agreement/fund transfer



Range Overview Slide



****Schedules dependent on NDAA and MILCON funding and other entity timelines.**

Key: Navy Actions BLM Actions Churchill County Great Basin NDOT Other Counties



B-16: Working Schedule



	FY24				FY25				FY26			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
B-16 Project Schedule												
Boundary Survey	Boundary Survey											
Grazing Permits	Allotment Modification Process / Decision Document											
	Allotment Appraisals / Payment Process											
Fence & Gate	RFP Prep + Design				Fence & Gate Construction							
Mining Claims					Mining Claim Payment Determination (May take full 5 years)							
Targets & Roads (Cultural/Natural Resource Surveys/NEPA)			Cultural & Natural Resource Impact Analysis (ROD Commitment)									
			NEPA Determination						Navy Range Improvements (Safety)			
Sand Canyon Rd. Relocation (Churchill County Lead)	NEPA											
	Planning & Design											
							Sand Canyon Rd. Construction					
Lone Tree Rd. Improvements (Churchill County Lead)	NEPA											
	Planning & Design											
							Lone Tree Rd. Improvement					

Key: BLM Actions Navy Actions Churchill County Actions

Changes since Nov IEC: 1) Navy funded BLM for Sand Canyon NEPA; 2) Navy NEPA lead for Lone Tree Road; 3) Fund transfer to Churchill County through DAR Program (FHWA, NDOT) in process



3-Month Look Ahead



Task	Start	End	Notes
Tribal Access MOA	DEC22	-	Within Navy for signature
Sand Canyon NEPA contract	AUG23	-	BLM NEPA contract underway
B-16 Draft Grazing Appraisals	MAR23	MAR24	Prioritizing B-16
DVTA Private Land Appraisals	MAR23	MAR24	Prioritizing DVTA
Issue RFP for ICRMP Revision	MAY24	MAY24	Anticipate contract award JUN24



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FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION

Welcome to the United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy's website for the *Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization*. This online resource provides information about the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (referred to as the "Fallon Ranges"), located near Fallon, Nevada.

The Navy prepared a Final EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of [modernizing the Fallon Range Training Complex](#). Modernization would include: 1) renewal of the Navy's current public land withdrawal, 2) land range expansion through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, 3) airspace expansion and modifications, and 4) upgrades to range infrastructure. Aviation and ground training would not increase from the types and tempos currently conducted. The Navy signed a [Record of Decision](#) on March 12, 2020.

Click the image to watch an informational video about the Fallon Range Training Complex.



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Announcements

FY23 National Defense Authorization Act signed, enacting FRTC Modernization

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 was enacted into law on December 23, 2022. This act granted the Navy's proposed expansion and modernization. [Read about Project Updates](#)

Navy and DOI Establish Intergovernmental Executive Committee

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Questions?



Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC)



Managed Access Brief



Outline



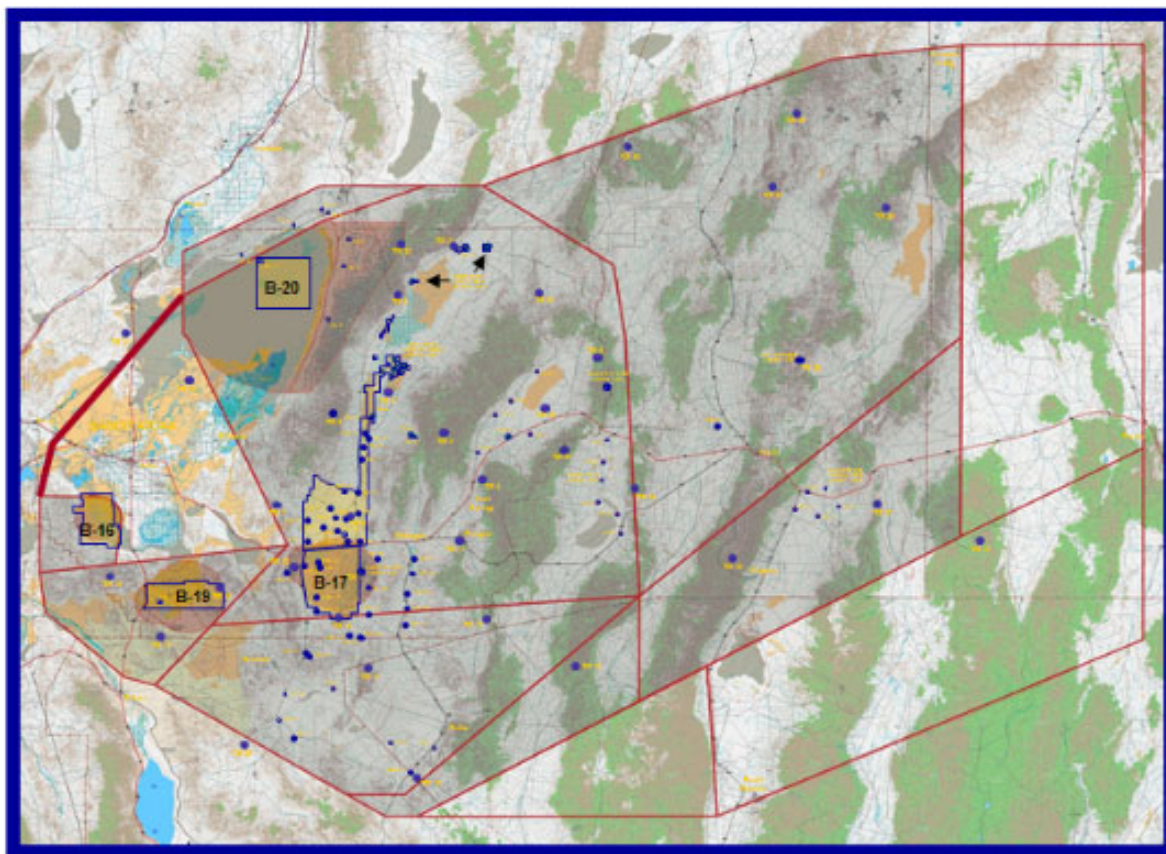
- **Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC)**
- **Managed Access**
- **Access Request Process**



Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC)



➤ The Crown Jewel of Naval Aviation Training



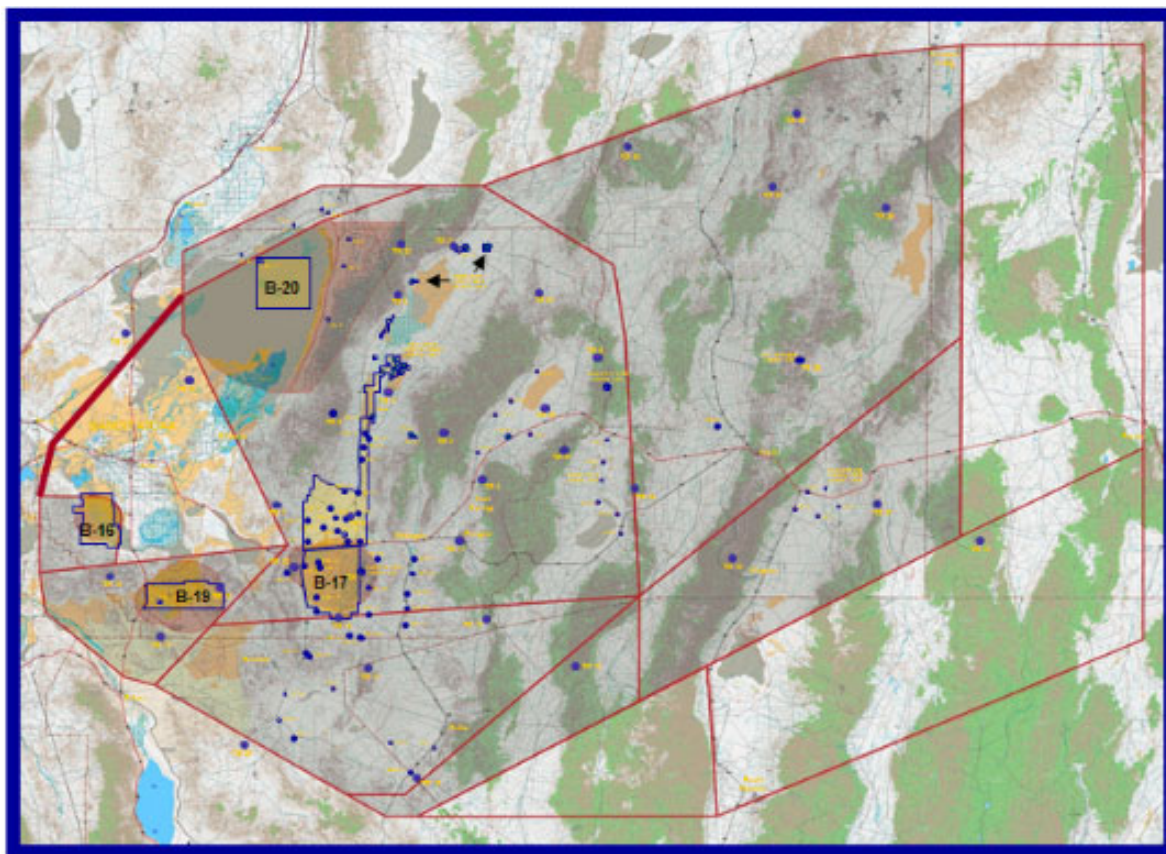
- Home of the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC)
- Home of Naval Special Warfare Tactical Ground Mobility (TGM) course



Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC)



Training Metrics



- **Major Training Events**
 - CVW Detachments (6-8/Yr)
 - ARPs (9/Yr)
 - WTI Courses (9/Yr)
- **Training Events**
 - Carrier Strike (10/Yr)
 - ARPs (4/yr)
 - WTI Courses (2/Yr)
 - Viper U (4/Yr)
- **Other**
 - Fleet ULT (750-1250/Yr, 3-5/Day)
 - 5,500 Air Sorties/Yr
 - 5,200 Ground Events/Yr
 - 1.6M Ordnance Expended/Yr



Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC)



JNTC Certified Site

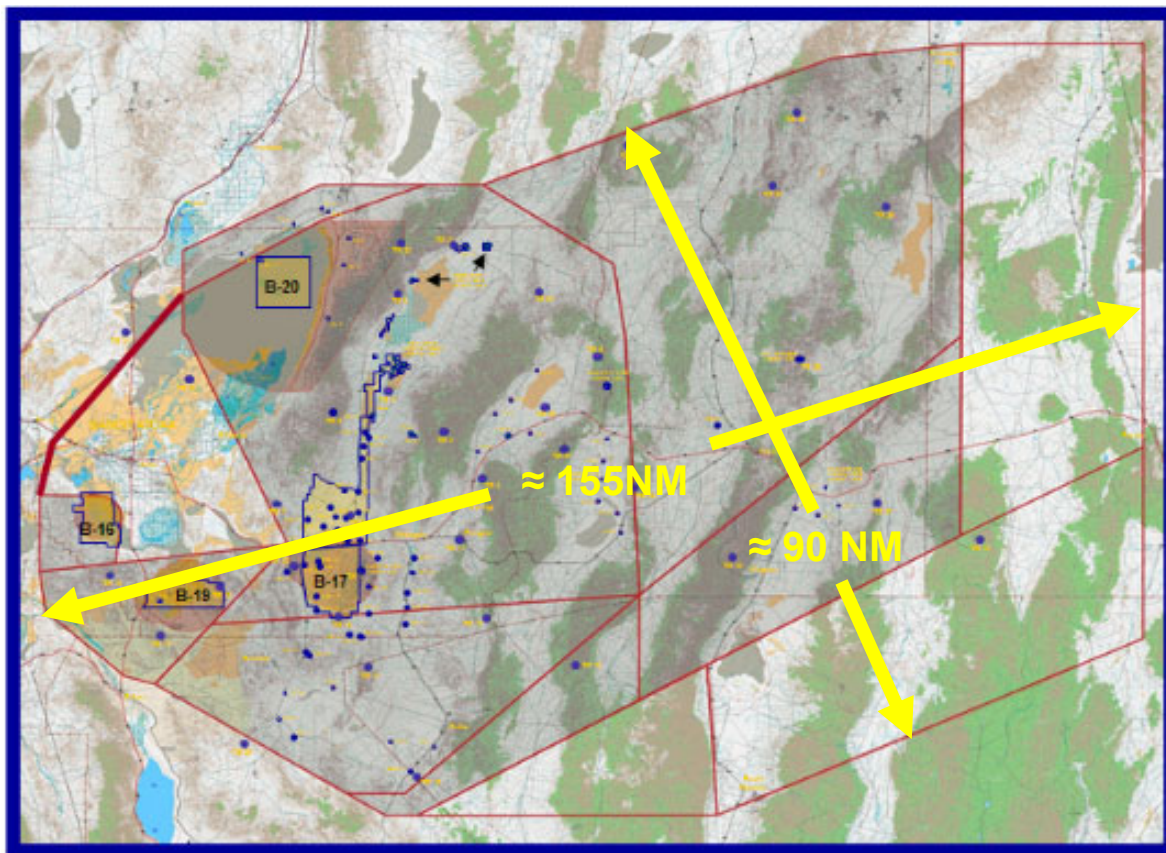




Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC)



Composition



- **Airspace ≈ 13,000 Sq. Miles**
 - Six restricted areas
 - Seven MOA/ATCAAs
- **Public Land Space**
 - Rights of Way (ROWs)
- **Navy Land Space ≈ 231,000* Acres**
 - Two Ground Training Areas
 - ◆ DVTA
 - ◆ Shoal
 - Four Bombing Ranges
 - ◆ B-16
 - ◆ B-17
 - ◆ B-19
 - ◆ B-20

*Current usable land, ≈ 828,000 acres post FRTCM



Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC)



- **Air-to-Air Training Range**
 - Air Combat Maneuvering



Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC)

- **Air-to-Surface Training Range**
 - Bomb, Rocket, Missile & Strafe Ranges



➤ Ground Training Ranges

- Tactical Ground Maneuvering (TGM – SEALs)
- EAB (Expeditionary Advanced Base)
- JTAC/JCAS



➤ Electronic Warfare Training Ranges

- Surface-to-Air Counter-Tactics (SACT)
 - ◆ Navy Owned/Controlled Land
 - ◆ Public Land with ROWs





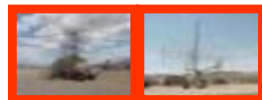
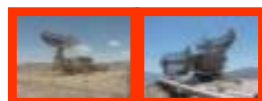
Assets and Infrastructure



"Fixed" Manned Threat Radar Systems



"Fixed" Acquisition Search Radar Systems



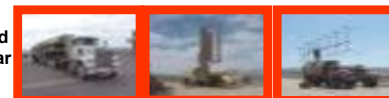
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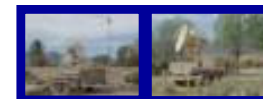
Other Miscellaneous Systems



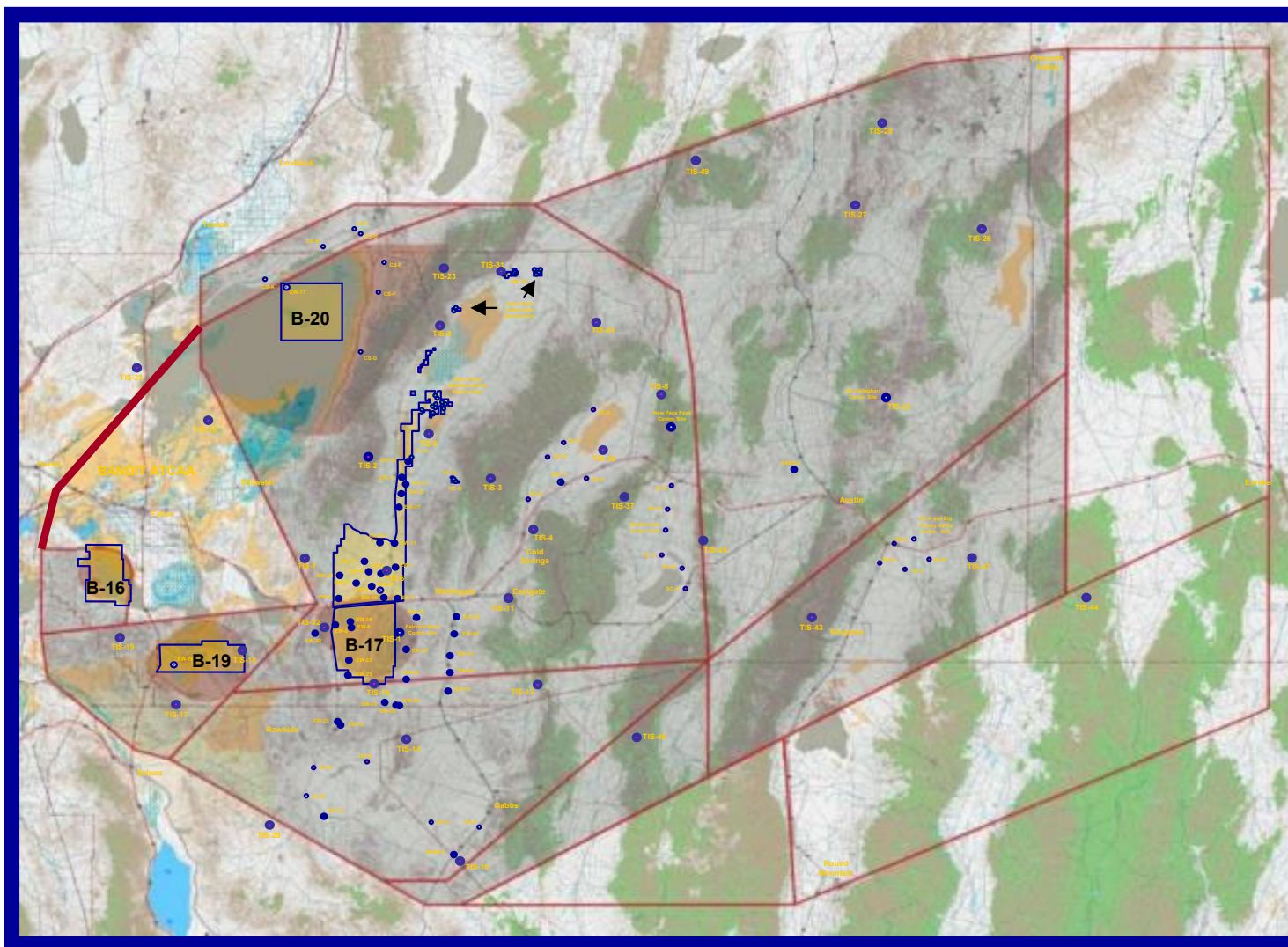
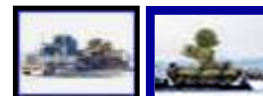
"Mobile" Manned Acquisition Radar Systems



**"Mobile" Unmanned Threat Radar Systems
Based from Various Sites**



"Mobile" Manned Threat Radar Systems





Managed Access



Managed Access



➤ Purpose

- Measures taken to safeguard personnel and to prevent unauthorized access to information, documents, materiel, equipment, assets, infrastructure, installations; environmental, cultural or historical resources; and to safeguard them against espionage, sabotage, damage, destruction or theft.



Access Doctrine



- **All of NASF and FRTC have Access Control Doctrine**
 - NASF
 - ◆ NASFINST 5560.1D, Access Control and Traffic Enforcement Instruction
 - FRTC Airspaces
 - ◆ FAA Regulations
 - ◆ CNAF M-3710.7, General Flight and Operating Instructions
 - ◆ NASFINST 3710.2, Airfield Operations Manual
 - ◆ NAWDCINST 3700.2H, Range Operations Manual
 - FRTC EW Spaces
 - ◆ FCC Regulations (Spectrum)
 - ◆ ROW Stipulations
 - FRTC Land Spaces
 - ◆ Open Navy Land (Training Areas)
 - NAWDCINST 3700.2H, Range Operations Manual
 - Navy/BLM Memorandum of Agreement for Joint Management
 - ◆ Public Land
 - Navy/BLM Memorandum of Agreement for Use of Public Land, and
 - BLM Guide for Military Operations on Public Land



Access Doctrine (cont.)



- **All of NASF and FRTC have Access Control Doctrine**
 - **FRTC Land Spaces**
 - ◆ **Closed Navy Land (Bombing Ranges)**
 - NASFINST 5560.1D, Access Control and Traffic Enforcement Instruction
 - NAWDCINST 3700.2H, Range Operations Manual
 - OPNAVINST 5530.13C, DON Physical Security Instruction for Conventional Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives
 - NTTP 3-07.2.3, Law Enforcement and Physical Security
 - NAVSEA Ordnance Pamphlet 5 (OP5), Ammunition and Explosives Safety Handling Ashore
 - Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board, Technical Publication 18 (DDESB TP 18), Qualifications for Personnel Conducting Munitions and Explosives of Concern-related Activities
 - DoD MIL-HDBK-828C, Range LASER Safety Guide



Bombing Range Access



➤ Types of Access

- Training
- Maintenance
- Facility Inventories and Surveys
- Wildlife Management
- Resource Surveys (Water, Oil, Mineral, GT, etc.)
- Research
- Environmental, Historical or Cultural Sustainment
- Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs – NVANG, BLM, NDOW, Tribal*, etc.)



*In Progress

Range Hazards



The FRTC bombing ranges have been in use for many years.

Due to Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), Materials and Explosives of Concern (MEC), Material Potentially Posing an Explosive Hazard (MPPEH) and/or other dangerous munitions or components, **no area of any range can be assumed to be safe!**

UXO



- **UXO or UneXploded Ordnance may be found anywhere at any time and may lie hidden just beneath the surface**
- **Ordnance may be uncovered by adjacent bombing, soil erosion from wind and rain, seismic action, or excavation**
- **It is possible you could be near live & fused UXO anywhere on the bombing ranges at any time – always use caution!**

HEI, UXO & MPPEH



- Access to High Explosive Impact (HEI) areas extremely hazardous due to known concentrations of UneXploded Ordnance (UXO)
- All man-made objects on range are classified as Material Potentially Possessing an Explosive Hazard (MPPEH)

WARNING!

Do not touch, kick, step on, pick up or otherwise disturb ANY man-made objects found on the ranges.

Range Hazards (cont.)



GP HE Bomb



Hand Grenade



LAW Rocket



105mm Projectile



60mm Mortar



40mm Grenade



Mk 343 Fuse



Mk 13 Igniter

The bombing ranges contain numerous explosive hazards:

- **Unexploded ordnance**
- **Cartridge actuators**
- **Spotting charges**
- **Unexpended flares**
- **Ordnance related energetics**

Environmental Hazards



- **Can include:**
 - Rattlesnakes, scorpions, mountain lions, coyotes, badgers, etc.
 - Mine shafts, rock slides
 - Extreme weather conditions, Summer or Winter. Temperatures may vary by as much as 70 degrees in a 24 hour period
- **Bring extra water, food, or prescribed medications as necessary**
- **Range areas are remote. Medical assistance may be 90 minutes (or more) away by vehicle.**
- **Requesters should consider including at least one medically trained person in their party.**



Access Request Process



Bombing Ranges are Dangerous



- **There are no “safe” areas**
- **Some areas are more dangerous than others**

Access Request Considerations

➤ Hazard Level



➤ Environment





Access Request Considerations



➤ Training Schedule

- 5 Days/Wk, 280 Days/Yr, 0730 – 2330
- Training Space Requested at 135% of Ability to Accommodate
 - ◆ Range Closures for Maintenance
 - ◆ Weekends/Holidays
 - ◆ White Space



Access Requests Types



➤ General

- No Formal Agreement
- NAWDCINST 3700.2 H
- POC: NASF CPLO or PAO
- Process: Submit a request to include:
 - ◆ “5Ws” (Who, What, When, Where, Why)
 - ◆ Number of personnel and vehicles, movement locations and schedule
 - ◆ Any details specific to the access event that will aid in the approval process
 - ◆ The request can be submitted in any written format : Letter, Email, Text, Word Document, etc.
 - ◆ NASF and NAWDC will work together to accommodate or find suitable alternatives



Access Requests Types (cont.)



➤ Specific

- Codified via Written Agreement, usually MOA
 - ◆ NVANG – SAR
 - ◆ NDOW – BHS Hunting, Wildlife Management
 - ◆ BLM – JMA Grazing, Herd Management, Wildfire Management, etc.
 - ◆ Tribal – Managed Access for Cultural/Sacred Sites*
- NAWDCINST 3700.2 H
- POC: Specified by Agreement
- Process: Specified by Agreement
- Example: BHS Hunting MOA...

*In Progress



Big Horn Sheep Hunt MOA



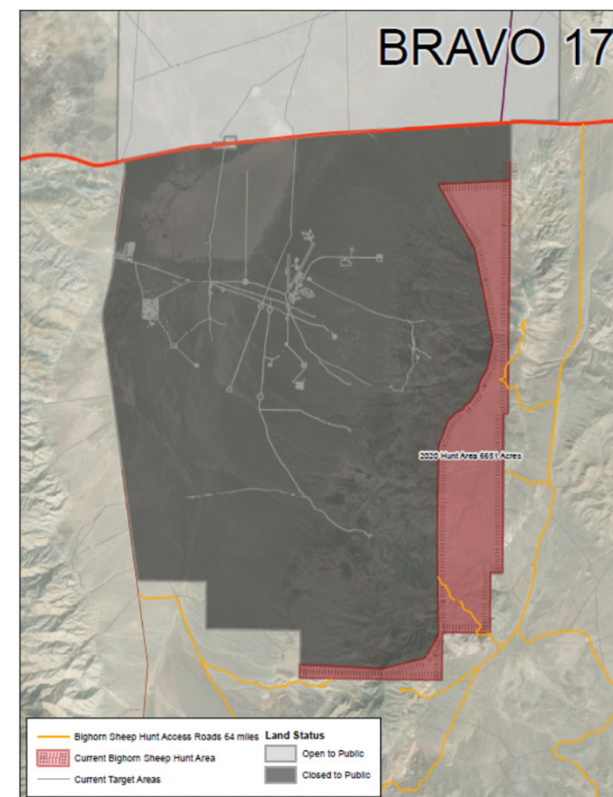
- **Per NAVSEA OP 5, access can be provided to FRTC bombing ranges by “anomaly avoidance” in areas known or suspected to contain UXO, MEC and/or MPPEH.**
- **During the annual Big Horn Sheep hunt, anomaly avoidance is achieved through:**
 - Limiting the area (s) that can be accessed to a small portion of one range (12.3% of B-17).
 - Sweeping, clearing and marking the hunt area prior to hunt season.
 - Limiting the number of people allowed onto the range (5 people per hunt party).
 - Limiting available time of access (2 weeks during the hunt season, Dec – Jan).
 - Limiting access to periods of range closure for maintenance.
 - Providing access only for a specific purpose (hunting BHS).
 - Limiting access to persons 18 years and older.
- **BHS hunters go through a vetting and training process that includes:**
 - Permit application and approval.
 - Provide personal information and identification (hunter and all hunt party members) to include: name; DOB, address; vehicle make, model, and plate number; and firearm(s), make model, caliber, and serial number.
 - Agreement to submit to a background check if required.



Big Horn Sheep Hunt MOA (cont.)



- **BHS hunters go through a vetting and training process that includes:**
 - Complete a ground access brief and sign an acknowledgement and waiver of liability form.
 - Accept a formal range access procedures briefing and range orientation tour.
 - Agree to perform a positive check-in and check-out whenever entering or exiting the range.
- **Compliance with directives to achieve anomaly avoidance is verified through:**
 - Activity surveillance via ROC cameras.
 - Direct observation by ground maintenance personnel.
 - Periodic spot-checks by NAWDC Range personnel





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Questions?

No "What if...?"



Natural Resources Program Intergovernmental Executive Committee Brief

Ann Schofield
March 4, 2024



Natural Resources



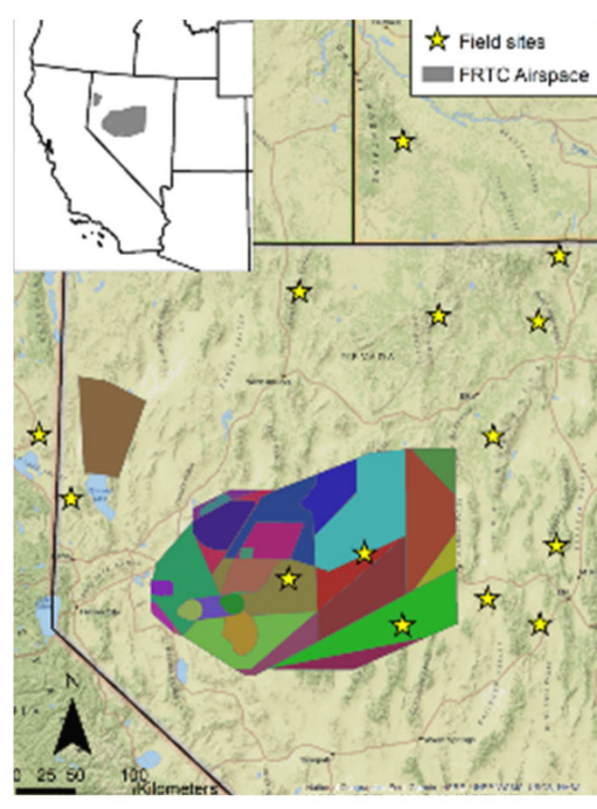
Sage Grouse Noise Study

Purpose:

- Assess potential effects on Sage Grouse in response to military aircraft overflight noise

Current Status:

- USGS Study Design final edits in progress
- 2-year Pilot Study begins Spring 2024
 - DOD Legacy Program funding awarded
 - Navy funding in process to NDOW and USGS
 - USGS and NDOW to conduct fieldwork



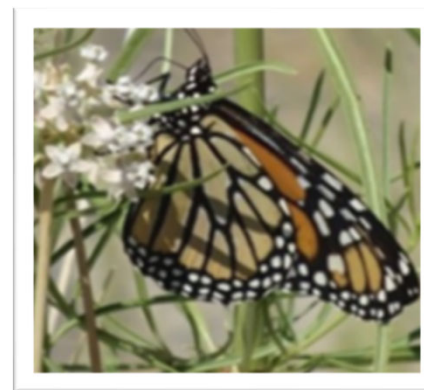


Natural Resources



Natural Resources Plan Revisions

- Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) status
 - Integrating biological data and updating sections from EIS data
 - Address ongoing plan updates
 - Revise goals and objectives
 - Update species lists, status and management
 - Incorporate recently completed plans
 - Schedule in development for INRMP revision and EA
 - NDAA identifies 2-year timeline, EA 1-year process





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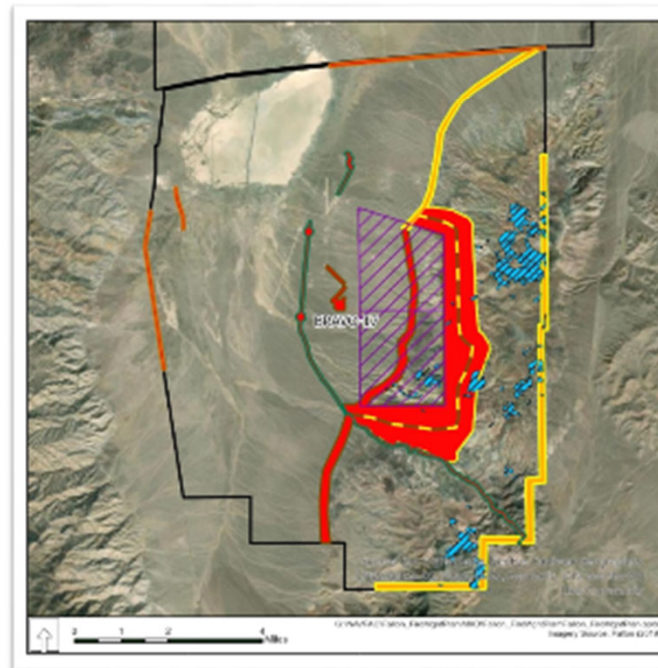
Natural Resources Plan Revisions

–Wildland Fire Management Plan (WFMP) status

- Contractor gathering data for revision
 - Evaluate fire risk of expansion lands
 - Propose new fuel breaks/treatment areas
 - EA is planned for revised WFMP

–Current WFMP Implementation

- Fuel break installation - B17 priority proposed methods in development
- B17 fire scar restoration
 - Reconnaissance survey planned for May
- Stakeholder meeting planned for July to discuss proposed methods and locations





Questions



Cultural Resources Intergovernmental Executive Committee Brief

Mike Baskerville
March 4, 2024



B-20 Inventories



- Inventory of 118,000 acres of B-20 Range expansion
 - Winter conditions have impacted inventory
 - Crews have inventoried approximately 73,590 acres (approx. 62%).
 - Inventory has documented 487 sites and 705 isolated cultural finds.
 - Sites documented include Paleo-Indian sites (11,500-7,500 B.P.) and historic mining sites.
 - Currently each field crew has a minimum of one Native American Archaeological Technician assigned.



B-17 Inventory



- Work has commenced on the inventory of 38,302 acres within the B-17 expansion area.
- Approximately 23,476 acres have been inventoried.
- Navy may have to contract with several companies to complete inventories of B-17.



NAS Fallon Housing Expansion



- Initial work is being conducted on expansion of NAS Fallon Housing area to the north of existing housing.
- Areas affected have been inventoried multiple times for different projects.
- Letters being prepared for Native American Consultation.



Fallon PA and ICRMP Development



- Working Draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) is complete.
 - Working draft was sent to Tribal, county, and local governments, as well as interested parties for initial comments. Comments due March 18.
 - A revised working draft will be sent to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) after initial comments are received.
- Development of a new Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP) has begun. Information gaps within the existing document have been identified and updates are being prepared.



Questions



Tribal Engagement Program Intergovernmental Executive Committee Brief

Toni Burton
Tribal Relations Coordinator, NAS Fallon
March 4, 2024



Tribal Access MOA

- Purpose:** to establish a procedure on accessing the FRTC ranges based on the needs of all the Tribes & the Navy
- 2023 progress**
 - **Nov 2023** Navy received final round of tribal comments
 - **Dec 2023** Navy internal review
- 2024 progress**
 - **Jan 2024-Current** Routing for signatures within Navy
 - Final to be forwarded to tribes for final approval and signatures



Programmatic Agreement (PA)

- Purpose:** A program alternative developed pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.14, which allows federal agencies to govern the implementation of a particular agency program or the resolution of adverse effects from complex projects or multiple undertakings similar in nature, through negotiation of an agreement between the agency, appropriate SHPO(s) /THPO(s), and the ACHP.
- 2023 progress
 - **Nov 2023** Emailed Draft PA to Tribes for first look & review
- 2024 progress**
 - **Jan 2024** G2G Consultation with all Tribes for review
 - **Jan 2024** Draft sent to Counties/BLM/BOR
 - **Mar 2024** Deadline for 1st round of comments: Mar 18
 - **May 2024** Navy to send 2nd draft to Tribes/Counties/BLM/BOR



NAGPRA Consultation & Coordination

- **2024:**

- Working with National Parks Service to finalize “Notice of Inventory Completion” and post on Federal Register
- Tribal Consultation with the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe to discuss plan for repatriation
- New NAGPRA regulations took effect Jan 2024, DOD/Navy staff training to integrate new regulations into current procedures



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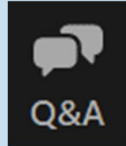
Next IEC Meeting

- Call for agenda items
- Schedule next meeting
 - Proposed date
 - Location

Comment/Question Instructions

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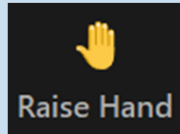
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- 3) Your comment/question will be read by the moderator.



Speak Your Comment/Question



- 1) Click on the RAISE HAND icon.
- 2) When it is your turn, the moderator will announce your name and prompt you to unmute your microphone.
- 3) Speak your name, organization (if applicable), and comment/question.



USING THE TELEPHONE

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- 2) When it is your turn, the moderator will announce the last 4 digits of your phone number and ask you to unmute your audio by pressing *6.
- 3) If your phone has a mute feature, make sure your phone is not muted.
- 4) Press *6 to unmute or mute yourself.
- 5) Speak your name, organization (if applicable), and comment/question.



Timer

- 3-minute maximum per person
- Be courteous and respectful!
- The Committee reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment/question.

Adjourn

Thank you!