

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

Nov. 14, 2023  
2:00 p.m. PST

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# Intergovernmental Executive Committee

## Fallon Range Training Complex

### Agenda

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023

2:00 p.m. PST

#### **Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the**

#### **Nevada Department of Agriculture**

405 21st St.

Sparks, NV 89431

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. 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.
4. New/Old Business
5. Approval of IEC Meeting Minutes from Aug. 8, 2023
6. Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update
  - Implementation Strategy Update
  - Land Conveyances / Checkerboard Update
7. Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update
  - Implementation Strategy Update
  - Natural Resources Update
  - Cultural Resources Survey Update
  - Tribal Engagement Update
8. Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting
9. Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting
10. 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.
11. Adjourn

# Intergovernmental Executive Committee

## Fallon Range Training Complex

### Draft Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023

1:00 p.m. PDT

**Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the:**

#### **Fallon Convention Center**

100 Campus Way

Fallon, NV 89406

This meeting was also held virtually pursuant to NRS 241.023.

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| <b>Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC) Elected Positions</b> |                                                          |                  |             |                    |
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| <b>Government/Agency</b>                                             | <b>Name</b>                                              | <b>In Person</b> | <b>Zoom</b> | <b>Not Present</b> |
| Nevada Department of Agriculture                                     | Chair J.J. Goicoechea                                    | √                |             |                    |
| Churchill County                                                     | Vice-Chair Bus Scharmann                                 | √                |             |                    |
| <b>IEC Members</b>                                                   |                                                          |                  |             |                    |
| <b>Government/Agency</b>                                             | <b>Name</b>                                              | <b>In Person</b> | <b>Zoom</b> | <b>Not Present</b> |
| 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 Conservation and Natural Resources              | Scott Carey, State Lands Planner                         |                  |             | √                  |
| 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                                                      | Carol Shank, Commissioner                                |                  |             | √                  |

| Government/Agency                                         | Name                                                                    | In Person | Zoom | Not Present |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|-------------|
| Nye County                                                | Bruce Jabbour, Commissioner (1069)                                      |           |      | √           |
| Nye County                                                | Lorinda Wichman, 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***

| <b>Government/Agency</b> | <b>Name</b>                                             | <b>In Person</b> | <b>Zoom</b> | <b>Not Present</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Naval Air Station Fallon | Toni Burton, Tribal Coordinator                         | √                |             |                    |
| Naval Air Station Fallon | Robin Schofield, Community Planning and Liaison Officer | √                |             |                    |
| ManTech                  | Allison Turner, Moderator                               | √                |             |                    |

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

- Chair J.J. Goicoechea, Nevada Department of Agriculture, called the meeting to order at 1:00 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.
- Vice Chair Bus Scharmann, Churchill County, motioned to approve the agenda; Mr. Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County, seconded the motion. IEC members voted to approve the meeting minutes by consensus voice vote; the motion passed with no dissent or abstentions.

### **Public Comment**

- Chair Goicoechea opened the floor for providing public comments on the agenda, noting a three-minute time limit per person. He then began the comment period with in-person comments.
- Ms. Natasha Gibson of the Bishop Paiute Tribe began her comment in her native language. She then stated in English that she was not notified of the IEC meeting as a member of her tribal nation. Her comments consisted of dissatisfaction for the lack of tribal representation at the meeting, worry for the future generations of her Tribe as well as many others, and the misuse and degradation of sacred lands.
- Ms. Kaycee Royer stated she is an attorney representing Jack and Rachel Payne. The Payne's are multi-generational ranchers who employ numerous people throughout northern Nevada. She stated that she is attending the meeting to gain a better understanding of the IEC and how the expansion will impact the Payne's and other private property owners in the area. She noted that the FRTC expansion significantly impacts their business and private property rights, and encouraged the IEC to conduct individualized outreach with private landowners.
- No further public comments were received during this public comment period. The public comment period was closed.

### **New/Old Business**

- *Point of Contact on FRTC Website.* There is now an email and phone number on the website for use if the public has questions that are not answered by the information on the website.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2023**

- Ms. Kim Dow, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), motioned to approve the April meeting minutes; Mr. Mike Visher, Nevada Division of Minerals, seconded the motion. IEC members voted to approve the meeting minutes by consensus voice vote; the motion passed with no dissent or abstentions.

### **Discussion/Possible Action: Nevada Department of Transportation**

Mr. Ryan Hornback, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) provided a brief to the IEC on the State Route (SR) 361 Realignment Project.

- *SR 361 Reroute.* The expansion of B-16 necessitates relocation of SR 361. The funding for relocation is provided by the Navy, and an environmental study will be conducted, with NDOT seeking public comment during this process. QUANTM software will be used to take a surface survey of the area, engineering inputs will be placed into the program, and different alignments plotted so that NDOT can choose a corridor that is both cost efficient and safe. A 2-mile-long corridor along the north side is currently the best solution.
- *Environmental Screening.* Eagles and nests, as well as mining and grazing, are concerns. Tribes are encouraged to be engaged so their concerns are heard and considered. There is the possibility of naturally occurring asbestos in the area.
- *Stakeholders.* Stakeholders include U.S. Navy, county officials, BLM, Federal Highway Administration, resource agencies, Fallon residents, and Tribes.
- *Next Steps.* Next steps include addressing and mitigating concerns, receiving public comments on the updated reports and amendments, and starting the environmental impact analysis process. Comments can be provided on the public website ([www.dot.nv.gov/sr361](http://www.dot.nv.gov/sr361)). There will be a plan to keep a road open until the realignment is complete so that public travel is not impacted. Hunting and recreation areas will also be maintained in the area until completion.

### **Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update**

Mr. Mark Mazza, BLM Stillwater Field Office, updated the IEC on livestock grazing and mining claims.

- **Livestock Grazing**
  - BLM Carson City and Winnemucca District Offices had conversations with all permittees impacted by the future bombing range closures. Common questions included specific dates of closures.
  - The Navy is focusing first on making the B-16 bombing range operational. Impacted allotments will be issued a 2-year closure notification letter in accordance with BLM regulations.
  - Intent is to maintain grazing operations until bombing ranges are fully operational (fenced).
- **Mining Claims**
  - Each claimant has different circumstances related to their access needs, so they are encouraged to ask questions about their claims directly to the BLM Carson City District.
  - New claims under the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) will not be valid on any withdrawn areas.

Ms. Shedra Rakestraw, BLM Stillwater Field Office, updated the IEC on real estate actions.

- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to decisions being made.
- B-16 Sand Canyon Realignment
  - BLM is the lead agency on the NEPA analysis.
  - A portion of the existing Sand Canyon Road will be closed to general traffic, resulting in an impact on the community.
  - A Project Information Form has been completed and submitted for this project. This form identifies the project and resource specialists will be brought in to assist in the overall understanding of the environment.
  - The Navy is funding the project and BLM is working to develop a comprehensive timeline.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs – Walker River Paiute Tribe Trust Land
  - The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is the lead agency for an Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for Walker River Paiute Tribe Trust Lands.
  - This is land that will be transferred to the Walker River Paiute Tribe to account for the change in land use.
  - Currently, BLM is meeting with BIA and Walker River Paiute Tribe for field visits to review the parcels. The next step will be assisting BIA with completing the ESA.
  - Walker River Paiute Tribe land parcels were identified on a map.
- Checkerboard Resolution Area
  - Newlands project lands overlaps with NDAA 2023 Checkerboard Resolution Area (approximately 171,000 acres).
  - BLM is the lead agency on the NEPA analysis.
  - Work in the Checkerboard Resolution Area is planned to begin in fiscal year (FY) 2024.
  - Currently, coordination with the BLM Winnemucca District is occurring due to jurisdiction crossover.
  - A strategic plan for FY2024, and identification of priority areas in the checkerboard, will be developed.
- Bureau of Reclamation Newlands Project
  - Newlands project lands overlaps with NDAA 2023 (approximately 239,000 acres).
  - BLM identifying priorities across the BLM Carson City and Winnemucca District Offices.
  - BLM reviewed Newlands acres that overlap NDAA 2023 Congressional map.
  - There is a need to identify which parcels of land can be directly conveyed from the Bureau of Reclamation to Churchill County.
  - Currently, the overlapping land has been reviewed and the BLM Nevada State Office needs to verify Title Records and maps.
  - The next step is to discuss the conveyance process between the BLM and Bureau of Reclamation.
  - Chairwoman Martinez of the Walker River Paiute Tribe stated the Tribe has concerns regarding the suitability of Parcel 36, part of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District drain, but the Tribe has to accept the land.

## Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update

- **Legislative/Implementation Update**

- Ms. Liz Barris, Navy FRTC Modernization Program Manager, provided a status update on the accomplishments of the FY2023 NDAA, including overall accomplishments and specific Tribal engagement and outreach actions.
- Since passing in December 2022, there have been three \$20-million-dollar payouts made, with funds transferred to Churchill County, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, and Walker River Paiute Tribe.
- The Navy is funding infrastructure efforts because the relocations (e.g., Sand Canyon, Great Basin pipeline, etc.) are occurring off of Navy land, so the Navy is not the lead for NEPA or construction.
- New updated and integrated natural resource and fire management plans are being prepared.
- All commitments on the timeline will be met in a broad sense, but specific dates are subject to change (e.g., timing of the fence).
- Ms. Barris summarized current commitments in progress, as well as upcoming planned commitments and completed projects.

- **Natural Resources Update**

- Ms. Ann Schofield, Natural Resources Specialist at NAS Fallon, provided an update on the Navy's natural resources program.
- *Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan Update and Revisions.* Ms. Schofield shared that efforts are now being focused on incorporating new FRTC lands so that the contract can be awarded by the end of August, seeking meaningful input from Sikes Act partners, Tribes, and counties. The 2-year timeline is identified in the NDAA, so new operation and effect signatures and NEPA will be required for the anticipation of an EA.
- *Wildland Fire Management Plan.* The Wildland Fire Management Plan will be revised to include the new lands, and Fallon has secured funding this year to implement that contract to analyze the new expansion lands for fire risk and identify skills management projects that are necessary to protect habitat and infrastructure on those ranges from wildfire. An EA will be required and is anticipated to be initiated in the next fiscal year. Public comments and input from all stakeholders will be pursued.
- *Sage Grouse Noise Study.* The U.S. Geological Survey is developing the study plan to evaluate the potential effects of military overflights on sage grouse. Desktop analysis is in progress; fieldwork is set to begin in 2024.
- *B-17 Bighorn Sheep Hunt Memorandum of Agreement.* The draft Memorandum of Agreement is being aligned with NDAA language and maps prior to finalization and signature.
- *Conservation Law Enforcement Officers.* The Navy had been coordinating with BLM to fund two Conservation Law Enforcement Officers (CLEOs) but it was determined non-viable. Navy is currently pursuing in-house CLEO positions.

- **Cultural Resources Survey Update**

- Mr. Mike Baskerville, archaeologist at NAS Fallon, provided an update on the Navy's cultural resources surveys.
- *B-20*. 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 Paleo-Indian sites, historic mining sites, and others. Each field crew has a minimum of one Native American archaeological technician assigned to them.
- *B-17*. Approximately 12,355 acres of the 34,595 acres contracted to be inventoried (around 38%).
- *Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan and Programmatic Agreement*. The draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) is being reviewed internally. Fallon National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 practices will be generally consistent with BLM strategies. Development of a revised Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP) is being planned for as the Navy is executing options to begin the revision this fiscal year.
- *Additional Range Studies*. As part of the climate resiliency project, completion of a paleo-environmental study was suggested. This research is intended to address gaps in knowledge related to the area's environmental history. This will assist in developing natural resource management strategies that match regional environmental trends. This will also assist in understanding pre-contract changes in technology and resource procurement strategies.

- **Tribal Engagement Update**

- Ms. Toni Burton, Tribal Relations Coordinator at NAS Fallon, provided an update on the Navy's Tribal Engagement program.
- *Tribal Access and MOA*. This agreement was established to create a procedure on accessing the FRTC ranges based on the needs of all the Tribes and the Navy. The progress so far has included the Navy sending revisions and requirements from the NDAA, Tribal leadership discussing said revisions, and the Navy receiving the revision with tribal comments. The next step is Tribal consultation after Naval review for final version and signatures.
- *Ethnographic studies* are ongoing with coordination and consultation between Far Western and Tribal members.
- *SR-361 Realignment*. The realignment is an important topic, especially for the Yomba Shoshone Tribe, they were present at the July 18 public meeting. Ms. Burton has worked with NDOT to ensure they have Tribal contacts and are listening to any concerns the Tribes have.
- *NAGPRA Consultation and Coordination*. Collection is stored at the Nevada State Museum (NSM). The schedule included presentation and introduction to NSM (February 2023), tribal consultations with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and Cultural and Tribal Leadership (June 2023), a Tribal working group to discuss repatriation protocol and future findings (July 2023). The Tribal Engagement team will post a "Notice of Inventory Completion" in the Federal Register, host a site visit for repatriation location, and follow the guidance of Tribes to complete repatriation.

- **Airspace Update**

- Commander Patterson, Operations Officer for the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center, provided an update on the airspace associated with the FRTC Modernization.
- *Fallon Airspace Constraints.* There is a lot of military training that occurs in the western portion of our country including Utah, Nevada, and Oregon, so airspace needs to be used more efficiently in order to not block off commercial air traffic routes.
- *FRTC Airspace Overview.* CDR Patterson provided brief descriptions and definitions for the different airspace terminology. Visual Flight Rules (VFR) are regulations that allow aircraft to operate in clear visual conditions such as sunny, clear days. Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) are rules that govern flight under conditions in which flight by outside visual reference is not safe. Military Operations Area (MOA) is airspace established to separate certain military flights from other non-military flights. Restricted Areas (RA) is airspace where flight of aircraft is subject to restriction to segregate hazardous activities (e.g. dropping bombs) from civilian aircraft. Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace (ATCAA) is airspace of defined vertical and lateral limits assigned by Air Traffic Control for the purpose of providing a separation between the specified activities being conducted in the assigned airspace from other IFR air traffic. VFR Corridor is airspace with defined vertical and lateral boundaries in which VFR aircraft may operate without Air Traffic Control clearance or communication with Air Traffic Control.
- The next few slides showed a variety of images depicting the current extent of the FRTC airspace and the modernized airspace in 3D images. Images showed current RAs and MOAs in comparison to what the modernized RAs and MOAs would look like.
- *Airspace Implementation.* The implementation of airspace expansion and modification will happen in phases. Phase 1 is the Reno MOA and ATCAA. Phase 2 is the expansion of the current FRTC, and addition of new MOAs agreed to between Federal Aviation Administration, Oakland Center, and Salt Lake City Center. Phase 3 is establishing the remainder of the FRTC including the Diamond, Duckwater, and Smokie ATCAAs. Phase 4 is the modification of R-4803 and establishment of R-4804C. R-4804A and B, R-4813C, R-4816A and B, R-4816 North low, and R-4816 South Low are pending land acquisitions identified for expansion.
- *GPS Interference.* Mr. Tibbitts raised a concern with possible GPS jamming impacting farmers that use precision fertilizer and pesticide application. Mr. Tibbitts also noted conflicting statements in the FRTC modernization EIS regarding GPS jamming public notices and GPS jamming not being used.

**Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting**

- Mr. Barbee, Churchill County, requested an update on the production and finalization of the official modernization map as called out in the NDAA; a review of MOAs that address access, including big game; and an update on direct conveyances to Churchill County as well the checkerboard resolution component.
- Mr. Visser requested public access to shapefiles for the official modernization map.

## Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting

- The next IEC meeting will be held during the weeks of Nov. 6–10 or 13–17 in Carson City. A Doodle Poll will be sent out for the members to vote for their preferred date and time.

## Public Comment/Public Question

- Chair Goicoechea again opened the floor for public comments or public questions, noting the three-minute time limit per person. Ms. Robin Schofield, IEC Liaison, reviewed instructions for how to comment via comment card or on Zoom.
- *Tribes and the Land Agreement.* Ms. Schofield read a question turned in via a comment card asking when the Tribal Council spoke about the land agreement, did they provide proof of Tribal members were in agreement with the land agreement? The person requested this be read into the public record.
- *Airspace Concerns.* Mr. John Powell with JP Aerospace requested more precise airspace maps than those shown during today's meeting. Stating that in the text, it says that there will be expansion slightly to the north and the MOA is right on the property line of an airport, a balloon launch facility. Since it is on the property line, there is a need for more precise maps to make sure this won't be a major impact. He also asked about the potential for electronic interference and the type of public notification that will be sent out. Mr. Jerry Burns, NAWDC, stated the Navy has more precise GPX files and they are still being refined. When ready, the Navy can provide GPX or shapefiles. Regarding public notification and jamming, the Navy sends out notices anytime they are going to operate a system that may interfere with any portion of the frequency spectrum through NOTAM. The Navy employs an onsite frequency spectrum manager who approves use of any GPS-jamming system prior to its activation.
- *Noise and Quality of Life.* Mr. Jim Estill of Copper Kettle stated there is noise at his home now and is worried about a substantial increase. He asked why studies will be done for wildlife (sage grouse, sheep) but not for his family and home that has multiple people, chickens, sheep, horses, and other animals. He is worried about a potential decrease in quality of life and property value. He is also concerned with what will be done with the horses in the areas where they are fenced so when land ownership changes, horse ownership will change as well.
  - Ms. Dow stated that BLM is finishing up a Clan Alpine Environmental Assessment for horse gathers, and their next priority is to work on the Lahontan Herd Management Area gather plan. BLM's gather schedule is set by the BLM headquarters office. The district office is elevating the issue to headquarters as a priority.
  - CDR Muller stated the Navy has a phone number for noise complaints that will be posted on the website. Mr. Burns also informed the group of the noise studies conducted in previous environmental impact analyses, which resulted in the findings of no additional noise generated from an expanded range complex as the type and tempo of training would remain the same as current levels and noise contours would not change.
- *Local Business.* Mr. Jack Payne informed the IEC of a gas station in Middlegate which is the only gas station in the area, so it is crucial. He noted that it uses diesel generators to power electric car chargers which seems counterintuitive. Mostly asked about the gas station and the possibility of providing power to this gas station to save the waste of the diesel generators.

- *Water Quality.* Ms. Shaina Gibson, Bishop Paiute Tribe, asked about programs in place to keep the local water quality safe and prevent damage to it and keep track of it. Are there any programs in place given past issues and experiences? Most homes use well water in the area. Mr. Burns stated that the Navy is concerned about the migration of munitions constituents and has a program called a range condition assessment performed every five years. The assessments that have been done in the past have not shown any indication that constituents have migrated.
- *Dust Pollution.* Ms. Gibson expressed concern regarding dust pollution and potential migration to nearby counties due to military activity. Chair Goicoechea recommended this question be referred to the Nevada Department of Conservation of Natural Resources.
- *Research Access.* Mr. Brian Law asked via Zoom if there will be access issues for researchers as he is a geologist that does research in the B-17 area and if there will be access for him or any other researchers that use equipment in the area. Mr. Burns stated that there will be access to the expanded area until it is fenced off, and then there will be a managed access program, including for research. There will be construction and modifications and improvements to access roads and infrastructure.
- *Tribal involvement and engagement.* Ms. Natasha Gibson stated how native and Tribal people are not being heard as a part of this process. Why do people feel suppressed into not using their voice? How come the inherent value of this land to the native people as a sacred land is not being taken into account? How are these decisions being made without the original people being heard? Is this war over agriculture? How will the people eat and hunt? Is this cash over people? Ms. Burton stated that the Navy has been notifying and reaching out to Tribes on this project since 2015. She asked for Tribal members to speak to their leaders and ask them to get involved.
- *Land Jurisdiction.* Ms. Rena Ballew of the Bureau of Reclamation stated that most of the land that's involved in the Churchill County land bill is under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation, and there are processes that need to be completed before BLM can complete their processes. She asked if the Bureau of Reclamation should be a member of the IEC or a Department of Interior liaison since a good deal of Reclamation land is within this action. Ms. Schofield reviewed the process for becoming a member of the IEC, which includes submitting a letter requesting to become a member or a liaison, which would then be voted on by the IEC.

## Adjourn

- Ms. Dow motioned to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Barbee. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

# Intergovernmental Executive Committee

Nov. 14, 2023

2:00 p.m. PST

**Nevada Department of Agriculture**  
405 21st St.  
Sparks, NV 89431

Join the meeting online: <https://mantech.zoomgov.com/j/1604859482>

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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

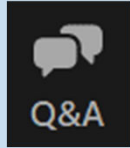
# Nov. 14, 2023 IEC Agenda

- Call to Order, Welcome, Member Roll Call
- Verification of Agenda Posting
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comment
- New/Old Business
- Approval of Aug. 8 Meeting Minutes
- Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update
  - Implementation Strategy Update
  - Land Conveyances / Checkerboard Update
- Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update
  - Implementation Strategy Update
  - 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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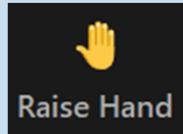
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- 3) Speak your name, organization (if applicable), and comment.



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## 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

- Schedule of Modernization Projects posted
- National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and Record of Decision Commitments updated

[frtcmodernization.com](https://frtcmodernization.com) > Project Updates

- Questions from Previous Meeting

- Impacts on air quality and water quality from modernization

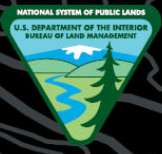
➤ See Final Environmental Impact Statement (2020) Volume 1 Section 3.8 (Air Quality) and Section 3.9 (Water Resources)

[frtcmodernization.com](https://frtcmodernization.com) > Documents > 2020 FRTC Modernization Final EIS Volume 1  
Page 653 (Air Quality) and Page 683 (Water Resources)

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# Approve Aug. 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes are included in FRTC IEC meeting package
- One change by Walker River Paiute Tribe to add to discussion of Newlands Project:
  - Tribe has concerns regarding the suitability of Parcel 36, part of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District drain, but the tribe has to accept the land.



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Bureau of Land Management

# NDAA

## BLM related actions in the NDAA

- Livestock Grazing
- Cadastral
- Realty Actions

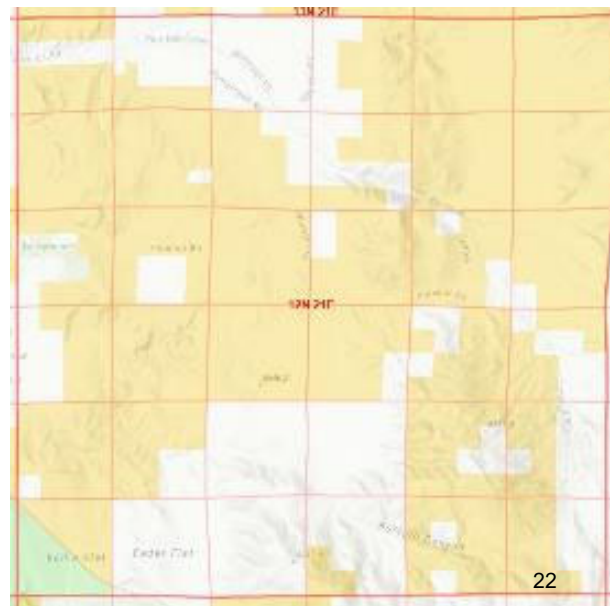
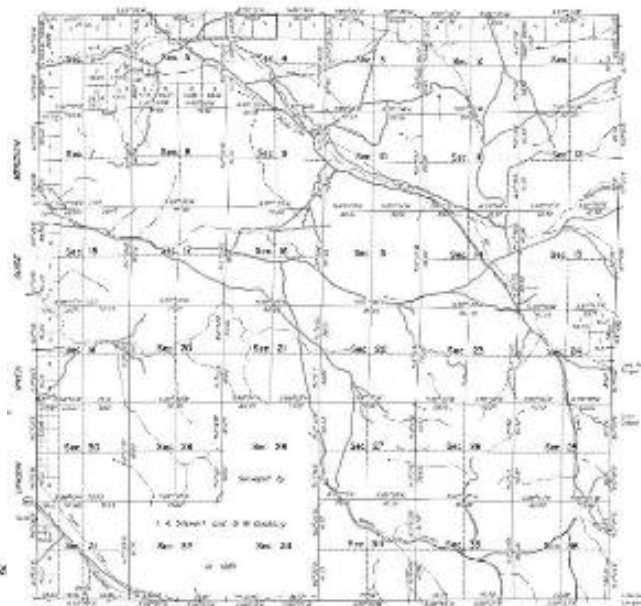
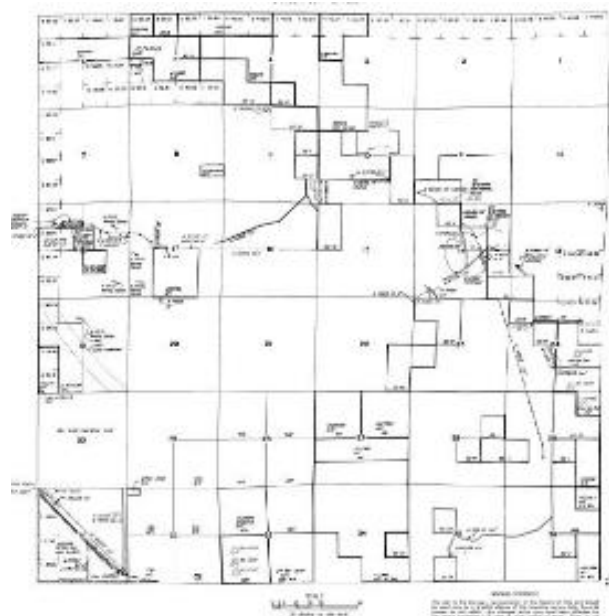


- **BLM CCDO invited B-16 affected permittees (Louie Damonte and Justin Snow) to come into the office and inform the forage discussion on their allotments. BLM will also be showing the permittees the results of our records search relevant to this discussion and their allotments. No date has been set yet.**
- **BLM issued a 2-year closure notification letter to permittees impacted by the B-16 closure in accordance with BLM regulations §4110.4-2, last letter received July 13, 2023.**
- **BLM is working with the Navy and permittees to maintain current grazing operations as long as feasible, specific dates have not yet been determined**



The BLM Cadastral Program in Nevada is responsible for:

- Land Status and Title Records - Updates to Federal Land Status (Master Title Plat and Historical Index).
- Cadastral Surveys – Conducts Official Federal Authority Surveys legally required for the management of Federal and Tribal land.
- Geographical Information Systems - Development and maintenance of Nevada BLM geospatial data and systems.





## **P.L. 117-236 Cadastral Survey Requirements**

The Cadastral Program will initiate the following preliminary tasks:

1. Coordinate with stakeholders to confirm common understanding of legislative provisions that are specific to boundary intent.
2. Conduct research and analysis to determine Federal survey requirements and communicate these needs with stakeholders.
3. Coordinate formal survey requests, as necessary.
4. Identify funding and establish financial agreements, as necessary.



## **P.L. 117-236 Cadastral Survey Requirements**

When preliminary efforts confirm that a Federal authority survey is required the Cadastral program will:

1. Conduct extensive title and survey records research
2. Conduct field investigations, as necessary
3. Prepare Special Instructions (analogous to a Statement of Work)
4. Issue Assignment Instructions and execute field work
5. Prepare survey records (plats and official field notes)
6. Perform required technical and legal examination.
7. Approve and officially file survey records.
8. Publish Federal Register filling notice and inform stakeholders.
9. Update land status records and public geospatial data.

An official survey is a formal decision of this agency and approval usually takes between 18 and 36 months from issuance of Assignment instructions, dependent on scope and complexity.



## Public Records

- **BLM Nevada Land Records Site -**  
<https://www.nv.blm.gov/LandRecords/>
  - Land Status Records (Master Title Plats and Historical Indexes)
  - Official Federal Authority Survey Plats and Field Notes
- **BLM General Land Office Records -**  
<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx>
  - Duplicate Survey Plats
  - Patents and other documents controlling Federal land status
- **BLM Geospatial Business Platform -**  
<https://gbp-blm-egis.hub.arcgis.com/>
  - BLM Geospatial data available to the public



## Cadastral Points of Contact

- **Land Status and Title Records -**

Barry Bonnett, Supervisory Land Law Examiner  
Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office  
Office: (775) 861-6602; email: jbonnett@blm.gov

- **Cadastral Survey –**

Michael Harmening, Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Nevada  
Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office  
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- **Geographical Information Systems -**

Donald Harper, GIS Manager  
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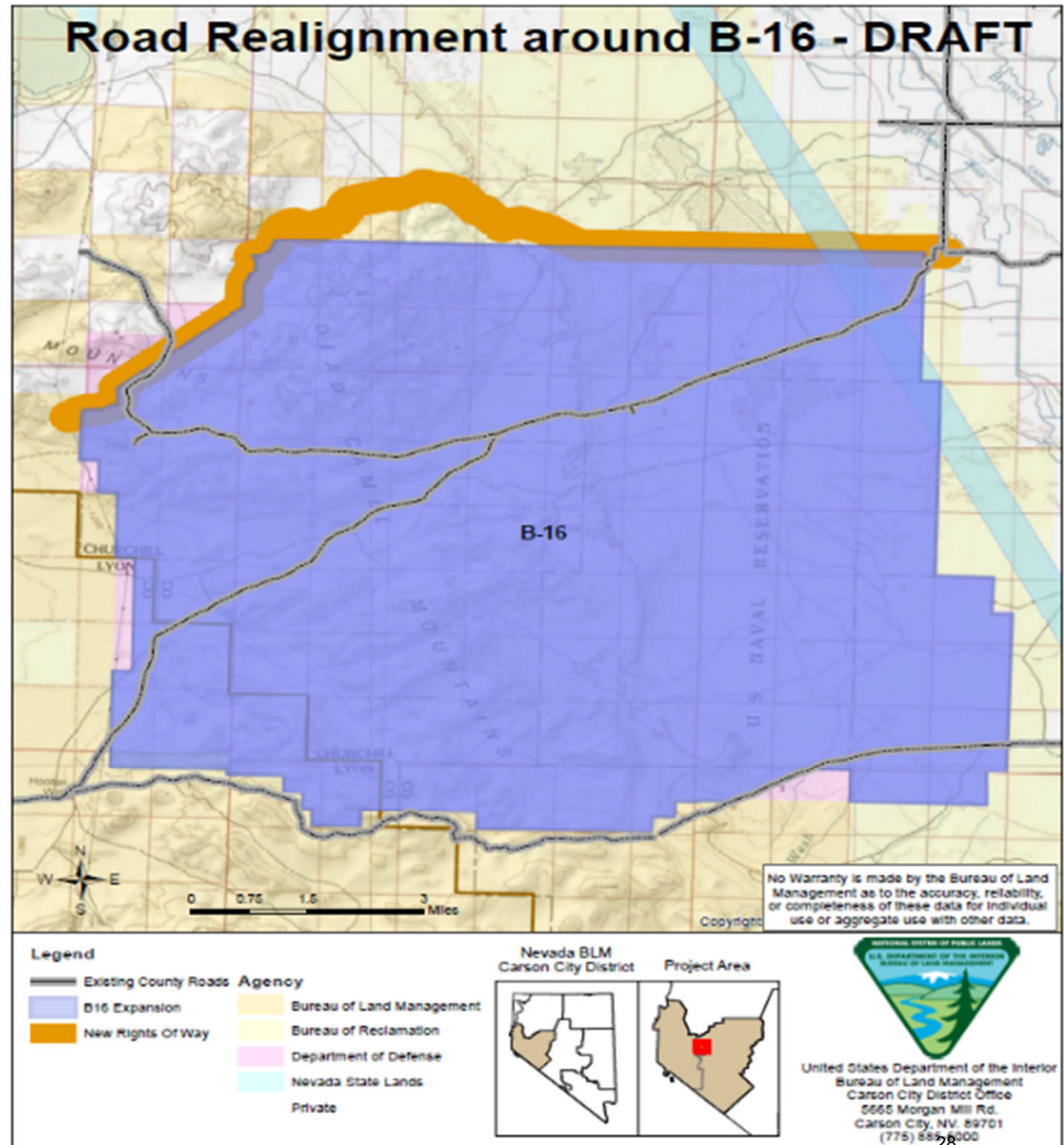
- B-16 Sand Canyon road realignment
- Bureau of Indian Affairs - Walker Lake Paiute Tribe
- Section 2907 – Land Conveyances and Exchanges
- Section 2908 Checkerboard Resolution Area



## 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 which could be in place by Dec. Then baselines in 2024.

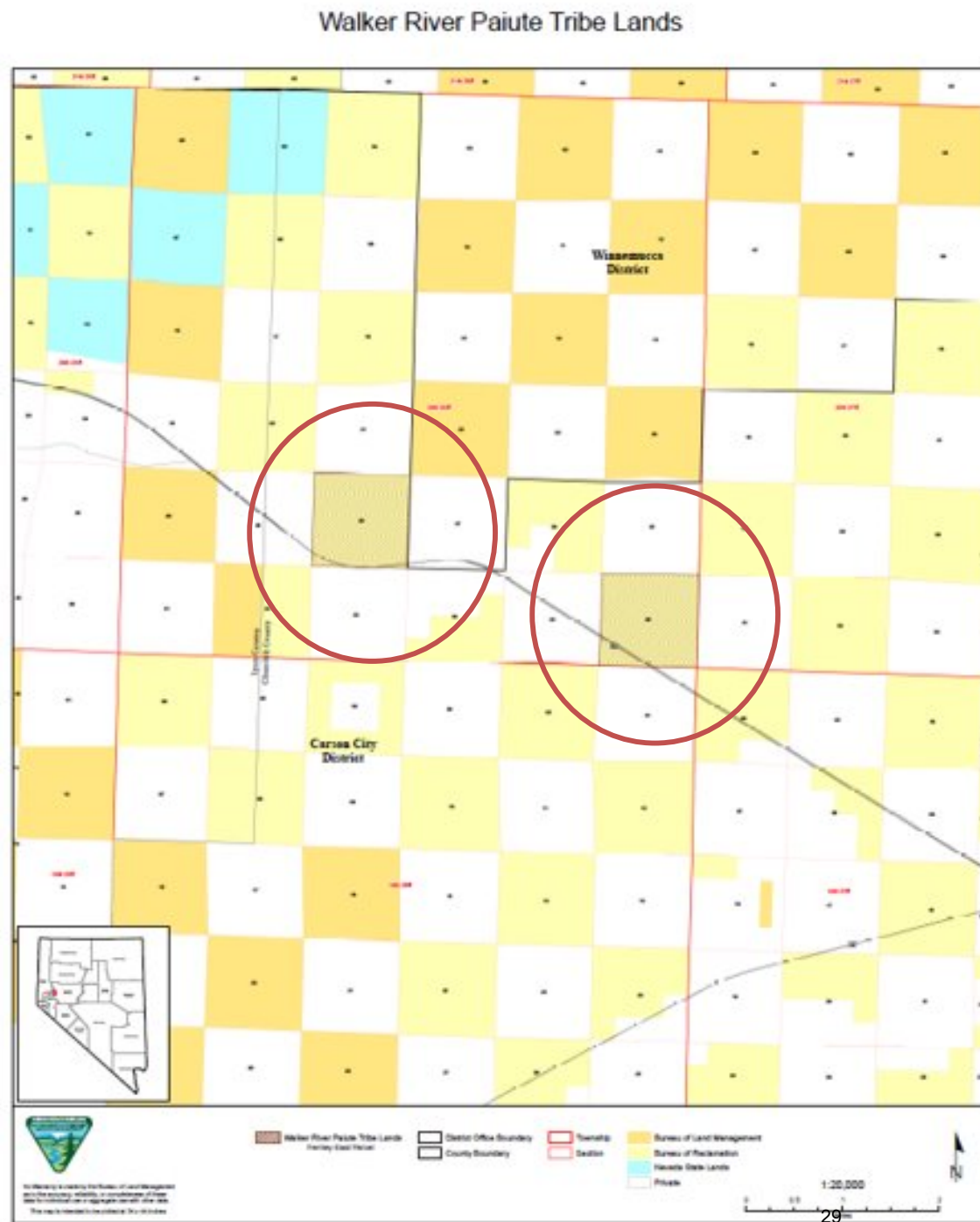




## Bureau of Indian Affairs - Walker Lake Paiute Tribe

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

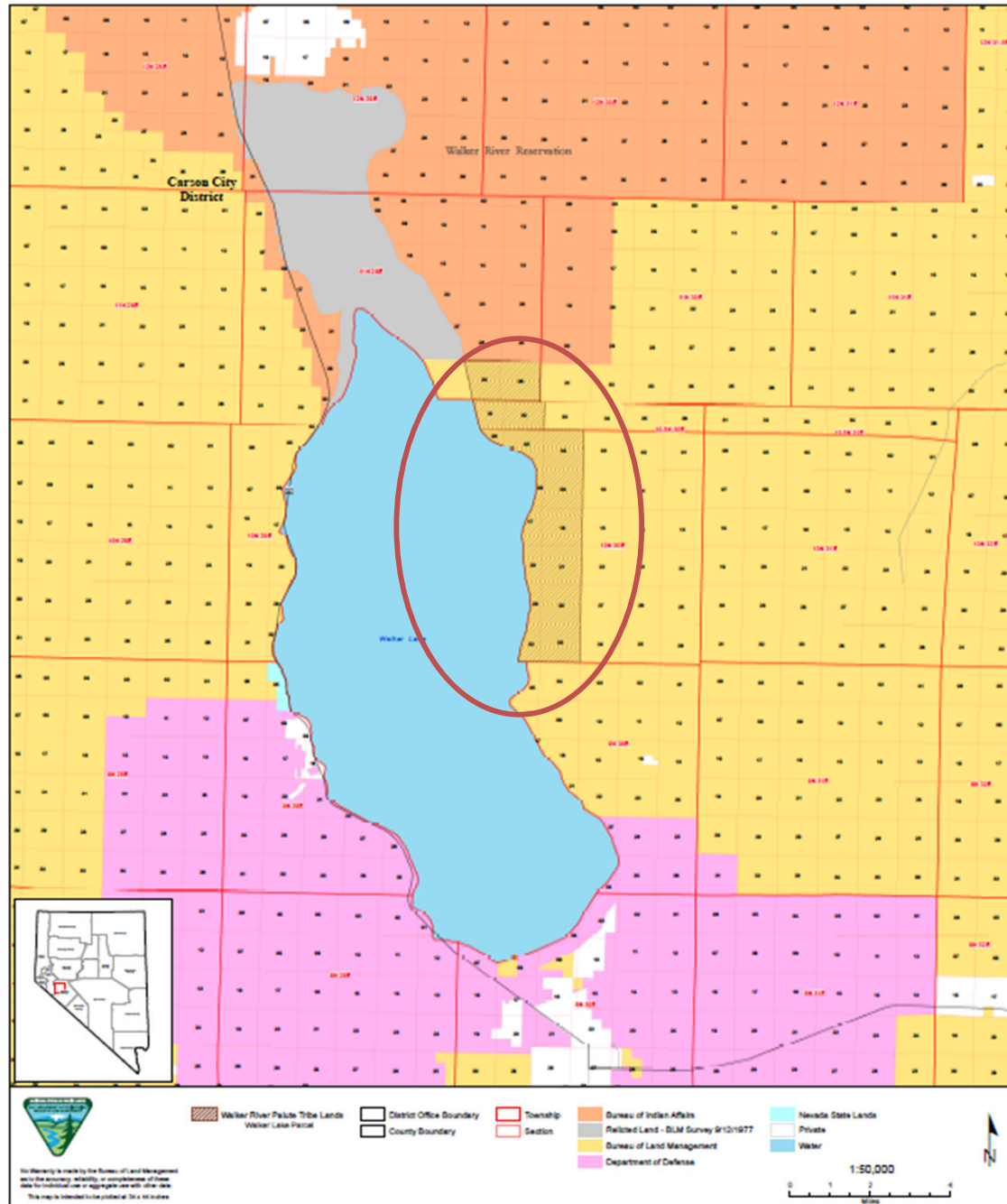
- *Community Impact:* ESA is valid for 6 months after completed.
- *Completed:* Assisted BIA on the ESA and provide land information on the area.
- *Current:* Waiting to meeting with BIA after the ESA completion date.
- *Next:* Nothing is from BLM to BIA due now.





# REALTY ACTIONS

## Walker River Paiute Tribe Lands





## Section 2907 – Land Conveyances and Exchanges

**Secretary of the Interior shall convey, 6,892 acres of Federal land to Churchill County, Nevada and 212 acres of land to the City of Fallon, Nevada**

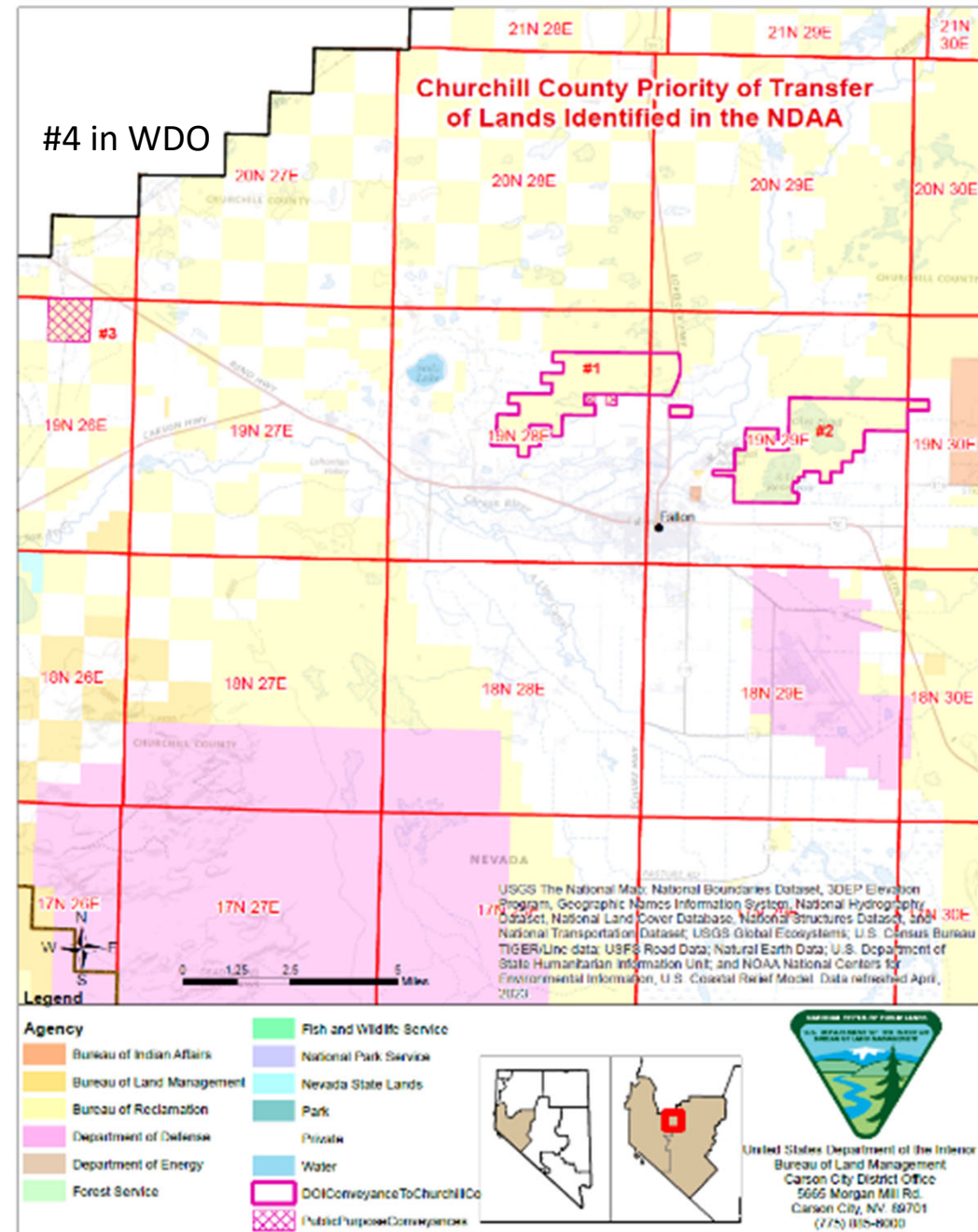
BLM and BOR are discussing lead agency roles on NEPA analysis.

- **Community Impact:**  
Four public purpose priorities:
  1. Construction and operation of a new fire station
  2. Operation or expansion of an existing wastewater treatment facility
  3. Operation and expansion of existing gravel pits and rock quarries
  4. Operation and expansion of an existing City "Fallon" landfill (212 acres)

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:** Hosted BLM and BOR meetings to discuss land authorizations and received Land Survey Services Request reports for the Public Purpose Conveyances to Churchill County.
- **Current:** Reviewing LSSR data
- **Next:** Need to meet with BOR to discuss LSSR data, processes, and next steps.





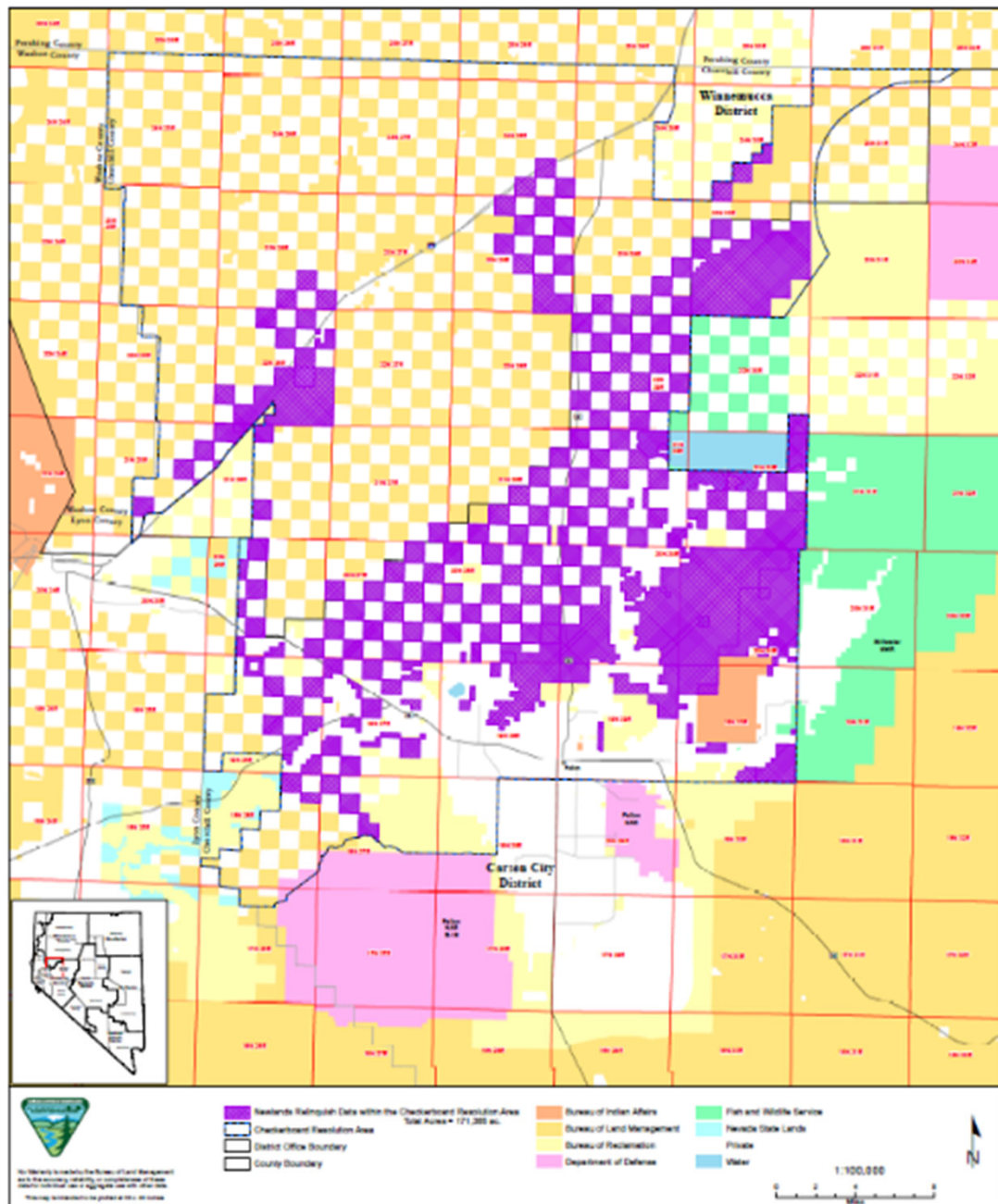
## Title XXIX, Section 2908 - Checkerboard Resolution Area

Checkerboard Resolution Area is approximately 13,920 acres

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:* Hosted meetings with BLM and BOR key contributors to discuss processes and conducted a land status validation effort exercise.
- *Current:* Coordinating with State Realty Specialist on the Checkerboard Resolution Implementation Strategy Plan.
- *Next:* Need to identify priority areas in Churchill County with key contributors.

Checkerboard Resolution Area - Newlands Data Overlay





# Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Implementation Plan

Intergovernmental Executive Committee Meeting

Liz Barris

FRTC Modernization Program Manager

14 NOV 2023





# Agenda



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

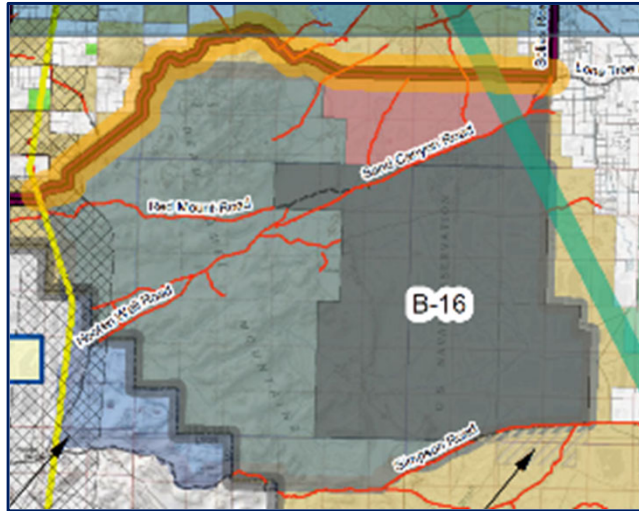


# Recent Accomplishments



| Task                                       | Completed | Notes                    |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Intergovernmental Executive Committee      | AUG 23    | w/ Grazing Permittee mtg |
| Tribal Access Agreement for Tribal Review  | 14 AUG 23 | Continued discussions    |
| FY23 SR361 NEPA funds to NDOT (B-17)       | AUG 23    | ROD/NDAA Commitment      |
| FY23 Pipeline NEPA funds to GB (B-17)      | AUG 23    | ROD/NDAA Commitment      |
| FY23 Int. Natural Resource Mgmt. Plan Wad. | AUG 23    | ROD Commitment           |
| FY23 Wildland Fire Management Award        | SEP 23    | ROD Commitment           |
| FY23 Sand Canyon NEPA funds to BLM         | SEP 23    | NDAA Commitment          |
| B-16 Churchill County Mtg.                 | 4 OCT 23  | Sand Canyon/Lone Tree    |
| Grazing Permittee/Navy/BLM/BOR             | 4 OCT 23  | B-16 timing, process     |
| Updated Legislative Shapefile Dataset      | 19OCT23   | Complete – BLM/Navy      |

# General Execution Approach: B-16



Navy shall provide access for development of one additional power transmission line immediately East of existing line.

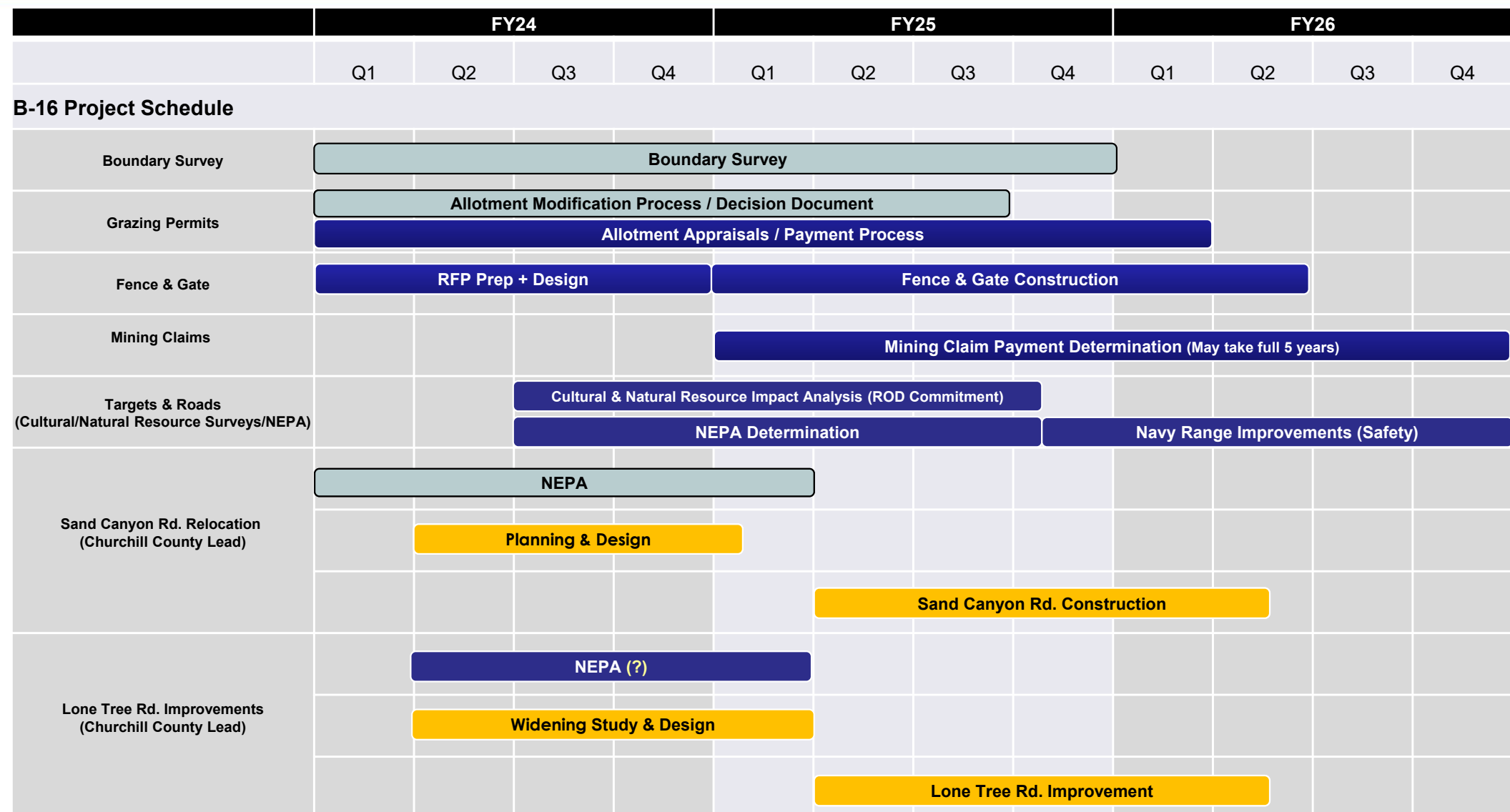
Navy to Relinquish 1,079-acres from Simpson Road south, including Simpson Road.

- Existing Minor County Roads<sup>1</sup>
- Withdrawn from BLM (Closed)
- Withdrawn from BLM (Open)
- Withdrawn from BLM (Open, Proposed Closed)
- Proposed FRTC Modernization
- B-16 (57,177 Acres)<sup>2</sup>
- Transportation, Utility and Infrastructure Corridors
- New Road Rights-of-Way
- Existing West-Wide Energy Corridor

- Additional land withdrawal (31.5K acres)
- Complete Cultural Resource Surveys
- Grazing Permit Modifications/Payments for Losses
- Evaluate/Offer Mining Claim Payments (FY25+)
- Construct Perimeter Fence (FY21-25)
- Widen/reinforce Lone Tree Road (FY25)
- Relocate Sand Canyon/Red Mtn Roads (FY25)



# B-16: Working Schedule



**Key:** BLM Actions Navy Actions Churchill County Actions

**Change since Aug IEC: Accelerate Lone Tree Road Improvement**  
**Lone Tree Road ownership – NDOT to Churchill County**



# Range Overview Slide

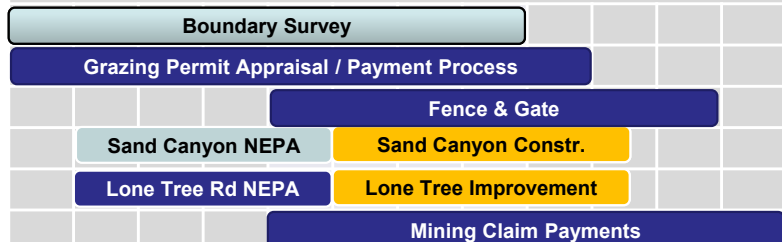


| FY24 |    |    |    | FY25 |    |    |    | FY26 |    |    |    | FY27 |    |    |    | FY28 |    |    |    | FY29 |    |    |    | FY30 |    |    |    | FY31 |    |    |    |
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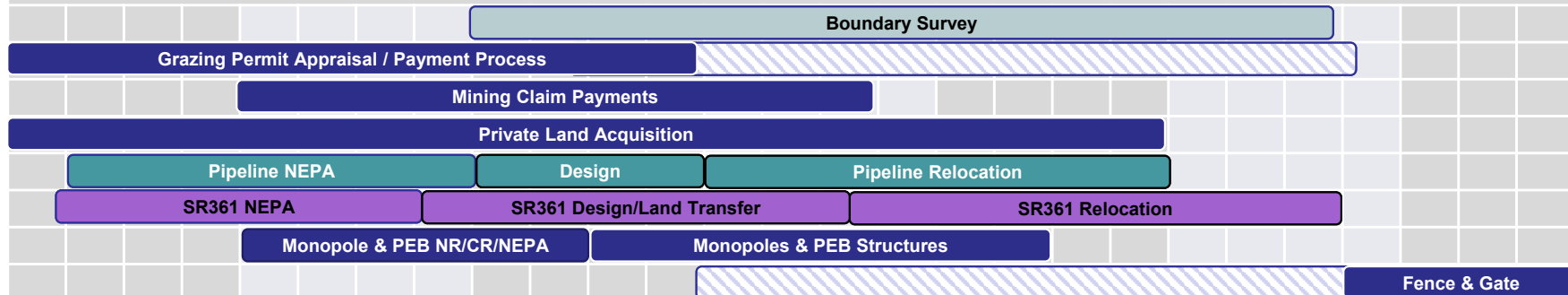
Private Land Acquisition

## B-16

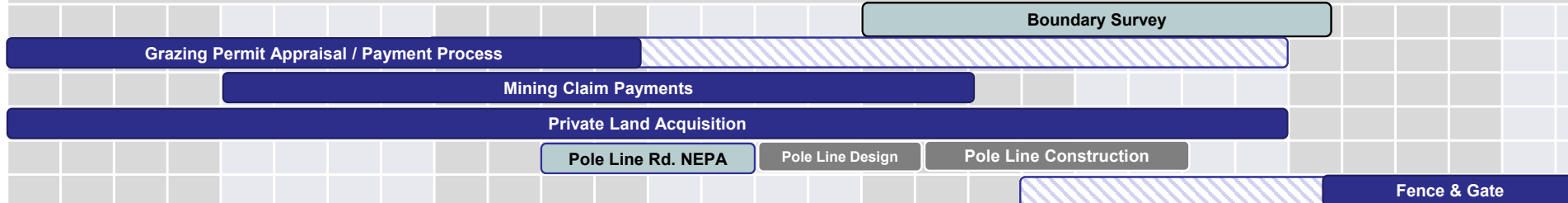


**Schedules subject to change  
- dependent on funding and  
resourcing limitations**

## B-17



## B-20



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



## 3-Month Look Ahead



| Task                          | Start | End   | Notes                         |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Lone Tree/Sand Canyon costs   | OCT23 | 30NOV | P448 estimates for FY25 UPL   |
| Tribal Access MOA             | DEC22 | DEC23 | Finalization of agreement     |
| Sand Canyon NEPA contract     | AUG23 | DEC23 | BLM NEPA contract underway    |
| B-16 Draft Grazing Appraisals | MAR23 | JAN24 | Prioritizing B-16             |
| Pipeline NEPA contract        | SEP23 | JAN24 | Great Basin contract underway |
| SR361 NEPA contract (NDOT)    | AUG23 | JAN24 | NDOT NEPA contract underway   |
| DVTA Private Land Appraisals  | MAR23 | MAR24 | Prioritizing DVTA             |



# More Information



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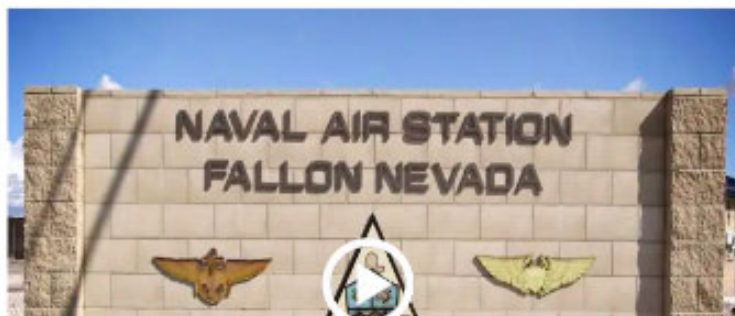


## FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION

**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.



**SUBSCRIBE HERE**  
to receive updates and  
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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

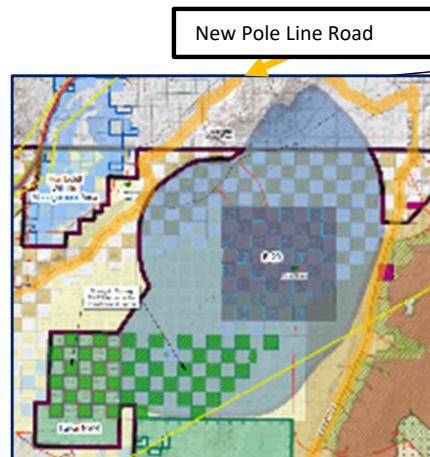
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# ***BACK-UP SLIDES***



## Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization



New Pole Line Road

### B-20

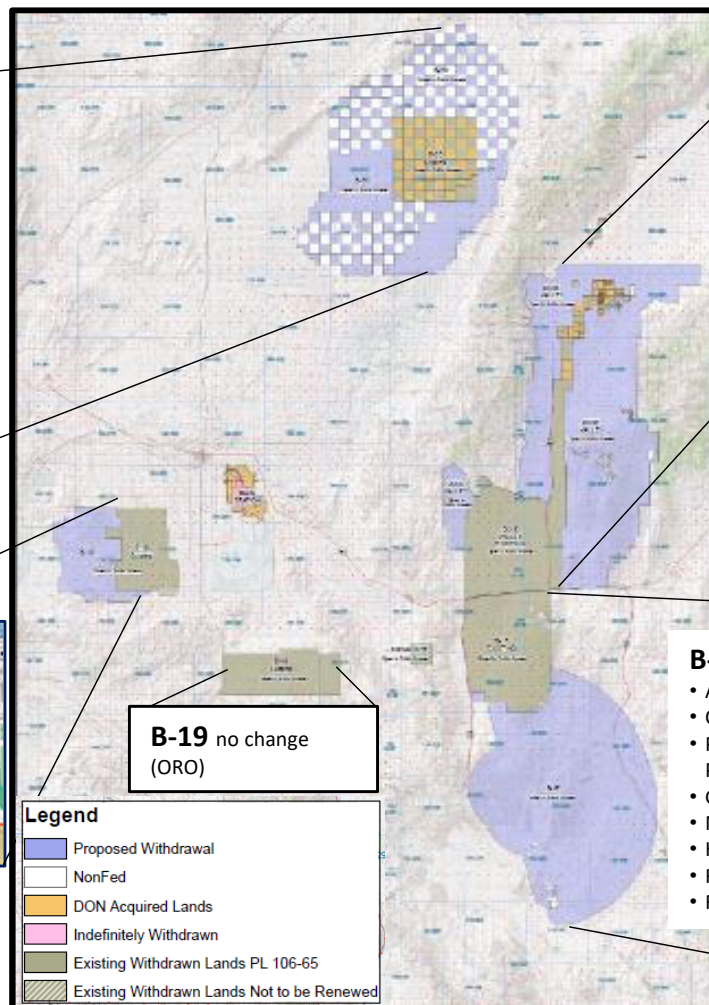
- Additional land withdrawal (115K acres)
- Purchase of non-federal land (62K acres) P442/445/446
- Complete cultural resource surveys
- Checkerboard (private parcel acquisition)
- Grazing permits (4) P442/P445
- Mining payments P445
- Pole Line Road relocation P447
- PEB structures P446
- Fence P446



New Sand Canyon Road

### B-16

- Additional land withdrawal (31.5K acres)
- Grazing permits (2) P442
- Fence (with gates for Sand Canyon) P442
- Lone Tree Road widen/reinforce P448
- Sand Canyon Road Relocation P448

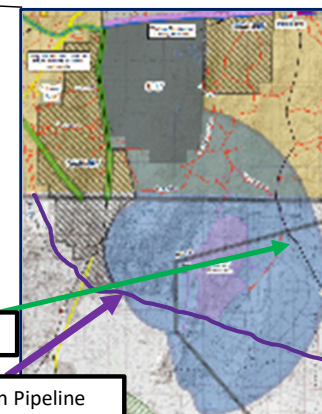


### Dixie Valley Training Area

- Additional land withdrawal (245K)
- Purchase non-federal land (2.3K acres) P442/P445/P446
- No fence; open to public

### B-17

- Additional land withdrawal (208K acres)
- Complete cultural resource surveys
- Purchase non-federal land (2.5K acres) P442/445/446
- Grazing permits (5)
- Mining payments P445
- Hunt Program
- Relocation of pipeline/SR361 P444
- Fence P445/P446



State Road 361

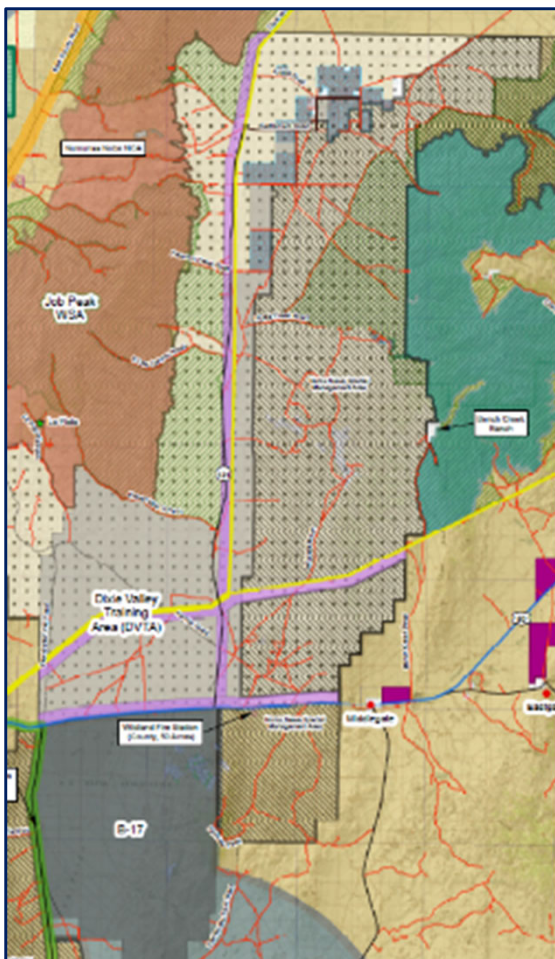
Great Basin Pipeline



# General Execution Approach: *Dixie Valley*



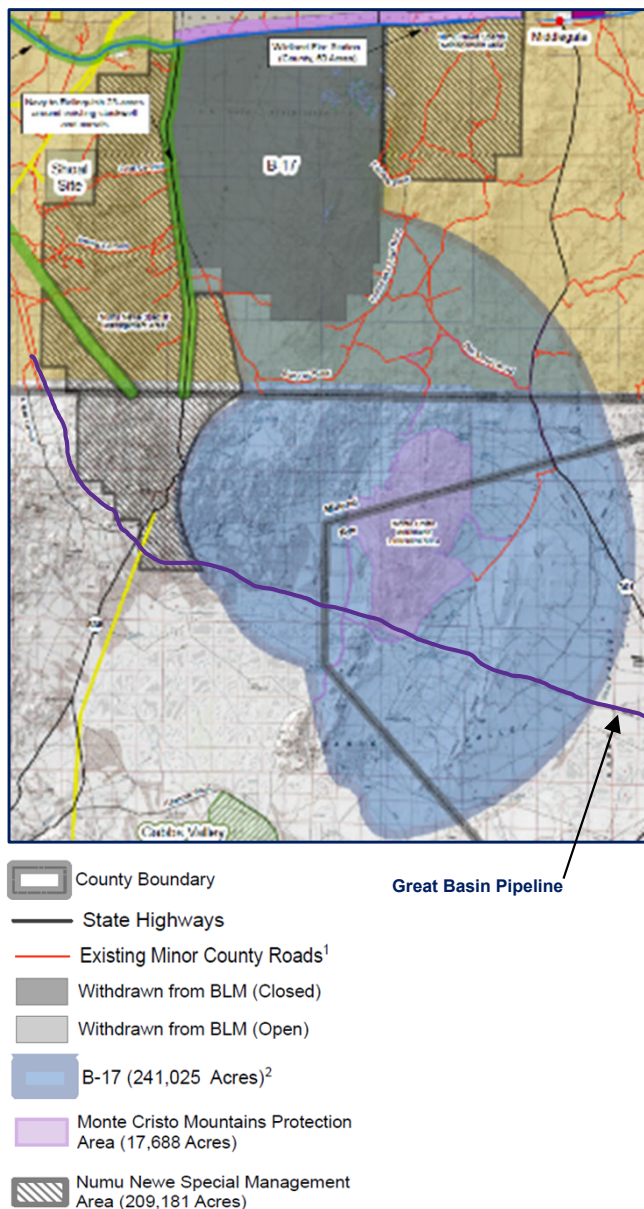
- Additional land withdrawal (245K acres)
- Purchase non-federal land (2.3K acres)
- Purchase Water Rights



- Existing Transmission Lines
- County Roads<sup>1</sup>
- Existing Minor County Roads<sup>1</sup>
- Dixie Valley Training Area (270,001 Acres)<sup>2</sup>
- Utility and Infrastructure Corridors

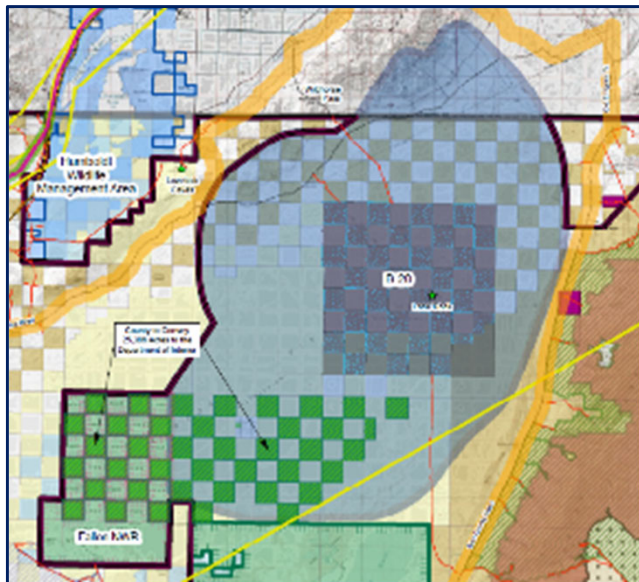


# General Execution Approach: B-17



- Additional land withdrawal (208K acres)
- Purchase non-federal land (2.5K acres)
- Complete Cultural Resource Surveys
- Fund/Facilitate Follow-on NEPA: SR361 and Pipeline
- Grazing Permits Modifications/Payment for Losses
- Evaluate/Offer Mining Claim Payments
- Construction of facilities/fence; Relocation projects
- Implement Hunt Program for expanded area

# General Execution Approach: B-20



- County Roads<sup>1</sup>
- Existing Minor County Roads<sup>1</sup>
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- B-20 (191,049 Acres)<sup>2</sup>
- New Road Rights-of-Way
- Withdrawn from BLM (Closed)
- Withdrawn from BLM (Open)
- Checkerboard Resolution Area (764,875 Acres)<sup>3</sup>

- Additional land withdrawal (115k acres)
- Purchase non-federal land (62K)
- Complete Cultural Resource Surveys
- Grazing Permits Modifications/Payment for Losses
- Evaluate/Offer Mining Claim Payments
- Relocate Pole Line Road – new in NDAA



# Natural Resources Program Intergovernmental Executive Committee Brief

Ann Schofield  
November 14, 2023

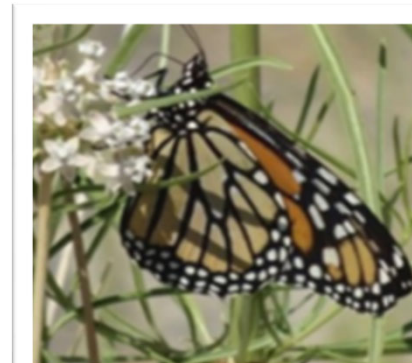
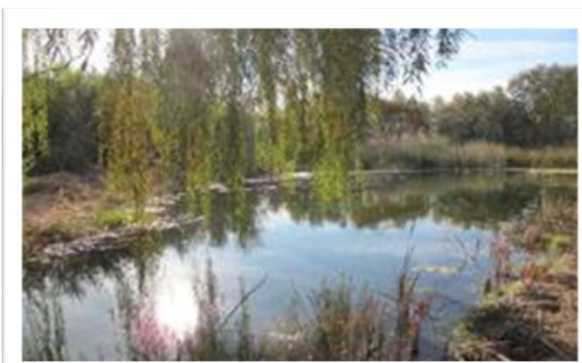


# Natural Resources



## Natural Resources Plan Revisions

- Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)  
Revision status
  - Incorporate newly acquired lands
  - Will also address ongoing plan updates
    - New goals and objectives
    - Update species lists, status and management
    - Incorporate newly completed plans
  - NDAA has 2-year timeline for INRMP update
  - Planning for Environmental Assessment-level NEPA document





# Natural Resources



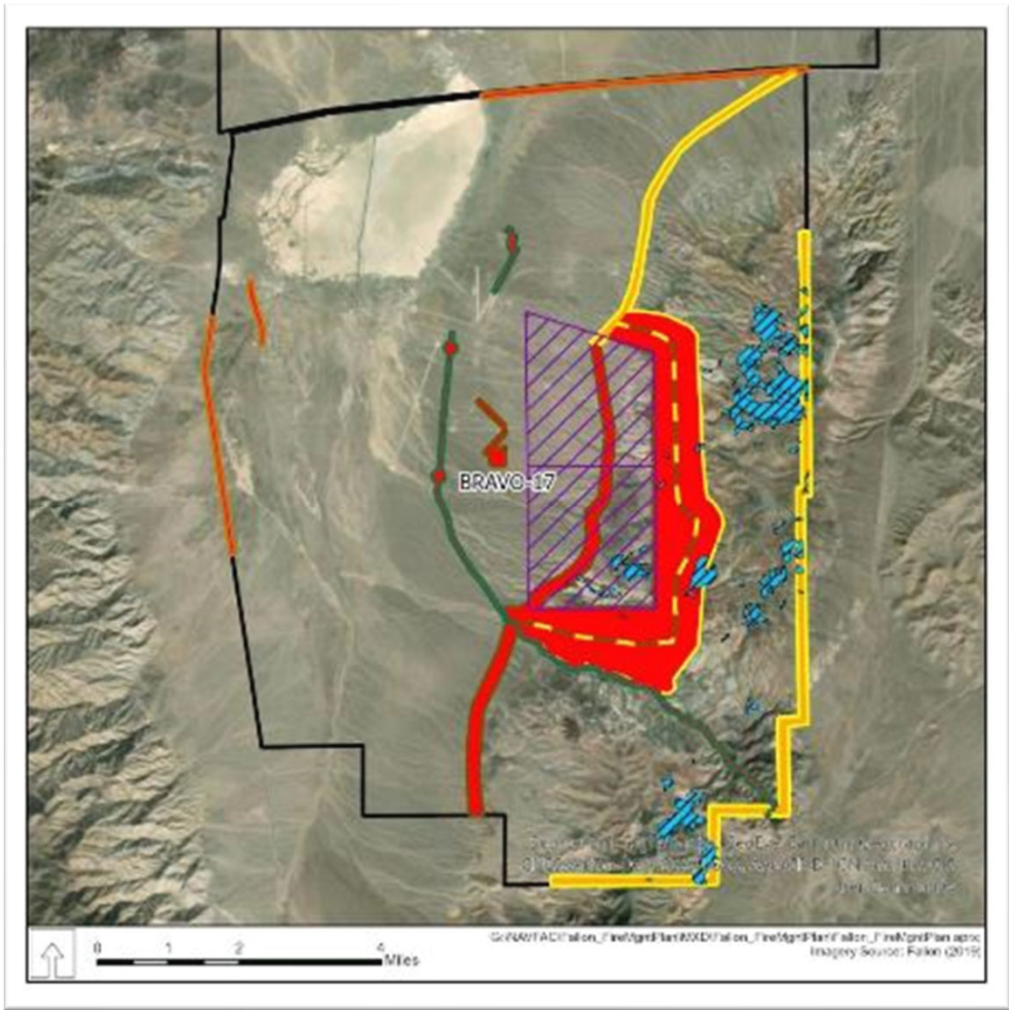
## Natural Resources Plan Revisions

- Wildland Fire Management Plan (WFMP) Update Status
  - FRTC modernization triggers revision
    - FY23 funds awarded for plan revision
    - Incorporate new lands
    - Evaluate fire risk
    - Propose new fuel breaks and treatment areas
  - WFMP Environmental Assessment for existing ranges completed July 2023
- Final WFMP Implementation
  - Funded by climate resiliency program
  - Fuel break installation - B17 priority
  - B17 fire scar restoration

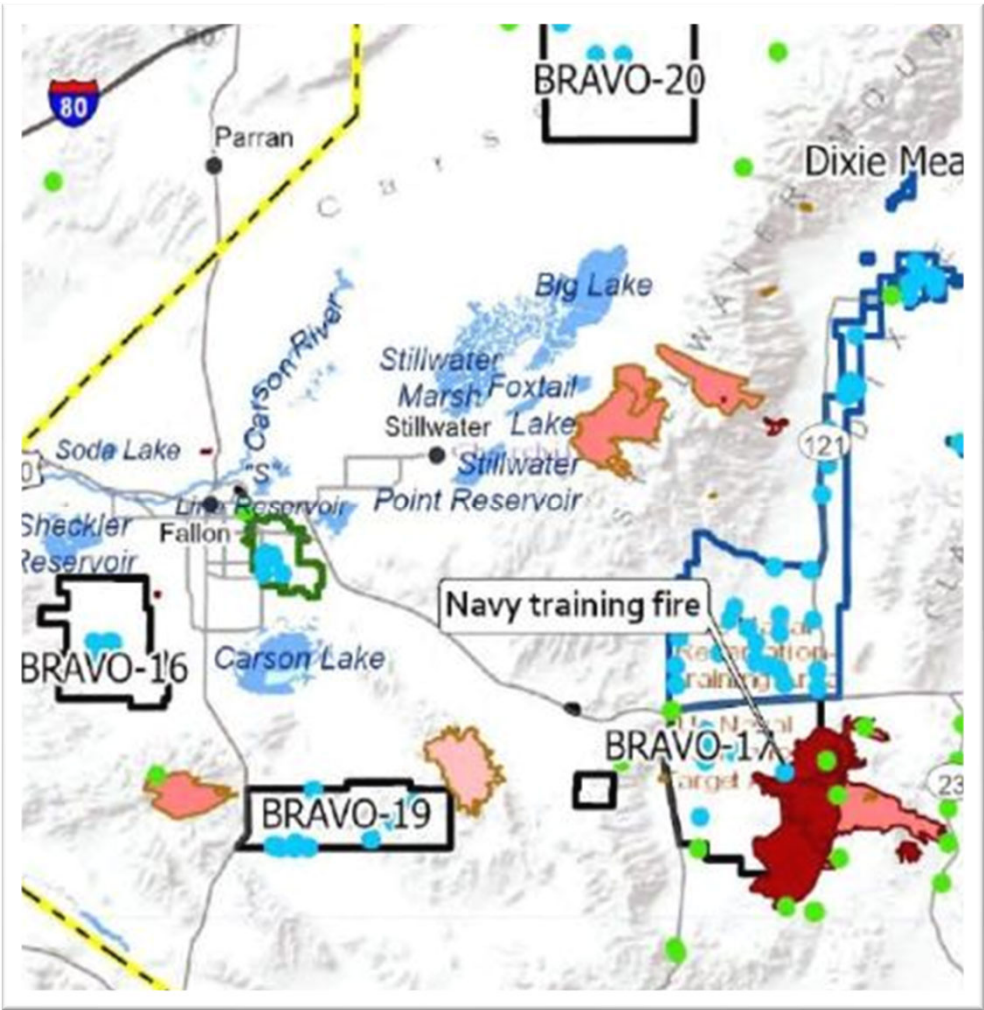




# Natural Resources



B17 Fuels Treatment Map



Historic Fire Scar Map



# Questions



# Cultural Resources Survey Update Intergovernmental Executive Committee Brief

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# B-20 Inventories



- Inventory of 118,000 acres of the B-20 range expansion
  - Inventory has resumed after the summer hiatus.
  - 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.
  - Each field crew has a minimum of one Native American Archaeological Technician assigned.



# B-17 Inventory



- Work is proceeding with the approximately 35,000 currently under contract to survey.
- Approximately 19,769 Acres has been inventoried.
- NAS Fallon has submitted maps for future inventories of B-17 to Navy Region SW. Total acreage for those inventories is 147,349.
- Work plans associated with the B-17 inventories will be updated when funding for those inventories is available.



# Fallon ICRMP and PA Development



## Fallon Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP) and Programmatic Agreement (PA) Development

- Development of a new ICRMP is awaiting contract execution.
- New PA Draft is close to being completed as the internal review process is being finalized. Federal Agencies, Native American Tribes, and interested parties should receive copies within the next 45 days.



# Questions



# **Tribal Engagement Program Intergovernmental Executive Committee Brief**

**Toni Burton  
November 14, 2023**



# Tribal Engagement Program



## Tribal Access Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

- **Purpose:** To establish a procedure for accessing the FRTC ranges based on the needs of all the Tribes and the Navy
- **2023 Progress:**
  - **Feb 2023** Navy sent revision including requirements from NDAA
  - **April 2023** Tribal leadership discussion of FPST revision
  - **June 2023** Navy received FPST revision including Tribal comments
  - **August 2023** Navy revision sent to Tribes
  - **October 2023** Tribal Leadership meeting with CPT Tanner, CDR Muller, and Ms. Burton to address Tribal comments and questions
  - **October 23** Navy added Tribal comments, sent revision to Tribes
  - **Deadline Nov 20** After Tribal review, Navy will address final comments to finalize MOA for signatures



# Tribal Engagement Program Update



## NAGPRA Consultation and Coordination

- **Feb 2023** Presentation and intro to Nevada State Museum (NSM); meeting at NSM
- **June 2023** Tribal consultation with THPOs, Cultural and Tribal leadership
- **July 2023** Tribal working group to discuss repatriation protocol and future findings
- **Sept 2023** Site visit for repatriation
- **Next steps**
  - Post “Notice of Inventory Completion” in Federal Register
  - Follow guidance of Tribes to complete repatriation for current and future findings



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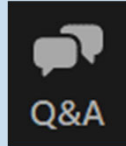
# Next IEC Meeting

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

# Comment/Question Instructions

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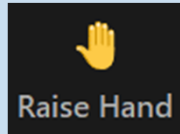
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- 3) If your phone has a mute feature, make sure your phone is not muted.
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## Timer

- 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!