



Stephen Leslie – Acting Assistant Field Manager & Kenny Kendrick – Acting Supervisor of the Outdoor Recreation Program

Stephen Leslie: The BLM has two National Conservation Areas: Red Rock Canyon and Sloan Canyon, they have two National Monuments: Gold Butte and Tule Springs, and they have Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) for the protection of the federally listed endangered desert tortoise. Some of the ACECs are located in Height Eldorado, Gold Butte, Coyote Springs and the Mormon Mesa. The BLM uses 3 designations when determining how to manage land: *open* – has no identified concerns or restrictions as in Nellis Dunes, Jean Dry Lake, Roach Dry Lake and Apex; *limited*- a vast area designated for OHV use on existing roads, trails and dry washes which were designated in 1998 when BLM’s last Land Use Plan (LUP) was signed, and is limited to designated roads and trails which are reserved as ACECs; and *closed* – no motorized travel due to areas being congressionally designated as wilderness. Maps, with trail information, are available on the <https://ohv.nv.gov/trails> and [www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/OHV](http://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/OHV). Some of the designated routes in Nevada are located at Eldorado, Gold Butte, Bitter Springs Backcountry Byway and Coyote Springs. The BLM’s travel and transportation management process consists of multiple public meetings which assists in collecting data on roads and trails used to determine which routes will be designated and incorporated into their transportation plan and which will be closed, if any. There are certain “limited areas” which will be accessible during certain times of the year or limited to certain uses. Their current priority is the Logandale Trails which has a large need for signs, trails and maps. Stephen - BLM recently signed a new assistance agreement with Partners in Conservation (PIC) in order to help with education, outreach and track inventory. They are also working with the University of Alaska on a focused survey to determine recreation opportunities and public expectations; this will help the BLM define where they need to focus when applying for grants. They are also working with the Valley of Fire. Marilyn asked if the BLM would consider creating a standard which would allow outdoor recreationists to cross through solar farms using a recommended 100 ft. right of way or an easement. Stephen – the BLM has allowed this at the Primm solar facility. The field office can make recommendations but the final approval can only be granted via the Director of the BLM. When solar applications are submitted, which require a public meeting, this information is accessible on the BLM’s website or by their email lists. Public comments can be provided by way of written comment or verbal comment and can also be submitted via email. Mike Frye - are there any plans to publicize the need for off road vehicles to be registered with ads? Marilyn- recommended they speak with Air Quality to determine where the County can assist with funding public outreach and education materials. Sue Baker- the OHV Commission had funding for a media campaign but noticed that there was no increase in registrations. They placed ads near the speedway and place yearly ads in the wildlife guide magazine. Marilyn – is willing to reach out to the Governor’s Office for outdoor recreation and recommends applying with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitor Authority (LVCVA) for marketing dollars. Mike Frye- Where can we access map and trail information? The BLM doesn’t create ads or billboards but does work with groups to provide information at events. The BLM State Director recently signed a state wide film permit which will provide an avenue to provide information to the public. Marilyn – is willing to bring out Channel 4 to make a disc for marketing materials on trails that can be used by the BLM. Kenny Kendrick- the BLM also schedules Jr. Ranger events and has a Jr. Ranger handbook which provides an opportunity to provide information.

Kenny Kendrick - There are four types of permits: *commercial*- if there an attempt to make a profit (regardless of success) and includes non-profit or educational events, *competitive* - any type of competition including Met 400, Snore 250, model airplanes events, etc; *vending* - food vendors, and a *group permit* – includes casual users and commercial operators. The BLM considers if there will be any potential for resource damage, if it impacts other users, or if staff will have to monitor the event. If your event doesn't fall under any of these classifications the BLM will have people sign a letter of agreement – this is if no permit is needed, but they provide guidelines to be followed. Applicants must apply 180 days before their event but large events may take longer. Insurance and other requirements are discussed at the beginning of the process during the “pre application meeting” before any fees are charged. The required submittal documents are: *operation plan* - which addresses who, what, where, when and why. Detailed explanations make the process run smoother; *Map* of all courses, staging areas and check points is needed; *special recreation permit application* Minimum of \$110. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is what takes the majority of the time to process. After the NEPA process has been completed the applicant will either be approved or denied. They take into consideration if casual users will be displaced. The permit will come with conditions and at that point the insurance is required. Once everything is approved the 180 day process will begin. Marilyn – suggested a frequently asked questions sheet; the BLM will work with the committee to determine which questions should be addressed. 30 days after the event the BLM will collect post-use fees. Mike Frye - how are the cost recovery fees determined? Kenny - They evaluate the hours it took staff to process the event from the beginning of the process until the end of the event. The event holder is responsible to repair the roads and trails back to their original condition. Sue- are registrations being checked for these large events? Kenny- the vehicles affiliated with the event are not required to be registered.

2. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the committee during future meetings.

Sue Baker- would like the committee's feedback about mandatory titling, keeping it separate, kids being required to have a driver licenses, require all vehicles to carry insurance requirements, etc. The OHV Commission is looking to change legislation as more communities are becoming OHV friendly. There are concerns being raised about kids, education and liability. The OHV Commission is looking at federal training programs which are great for training but they're not able to certify kids. The trouble that the program is running into is that kids are required to bring an age appropriate vehicle to become certified on, so if the family does not have one then they can't get certified. Close to 90% of the kids who attend the program aren't being certified. The OHV Commission can create their own state program and are looking to partner with the cooperative extension's 4-H program. Debbie – suggested putting a list together which will address the areas in which the commission is wanting feedback. Marilyn – suggested using survey monkey and keeping the survey short by addressing the most pressing issues. Marilyn recommended the Nevada Department of Wildlife since they're in charge of the hunter safety class which contains many of the kids who are using OHV's. Marilyn -The County could possibly offer an amnesty program to allow people to register their vehicles.

3. Announcements of general information that may be of interest to committee members or the general public.

Debbie Burgos - supplied a flier for The Mint 400. There are multiple volunteer opportunities leading up to the race and on race day from March 3-8. They are specifically looking for Pit Captains, Stop Checks, Road Crossing Flaggers and No Stop Checkpoint/Timekeepers. Visit [www.themint400.com/volunteer/](http://www.themint400.com/volunteer/) or contact Jason Pritchard at [Jason@themint400.com](mailto:Jason@themint400.com)

Kenny Freeman - provided an update by way of a handout regarding the Southern Sierras Power Company line to Hoover Dam; which will be available on the Clark County website.

Mike Frye - did Debbie receive the email for the Moapa and Bunkerville agendas where he's going to discuss outdoor recreation and asking for their support. Marilyn suggested Mike speak with Elise before meeting with the town boards.

Sue Baker – Spoke with the BLM because she's proposing building a bridge to link the Mormon Mesa and Gold Butte and would like the communities input.

VI. Business Items

1. Tracking Issue # 12 to be reviewed in order to determine whether it should be added back onto the Issue Tracking List as an active assignment. (for possible action)

**Moved by: Steve Paxton**

**Action: APPROVED**

**Vote: 5-0/Unanimous**

**Voting Aye: Debbie Burgos, Michael Frye, Steve Paxton, Ken Freeman & Sue Baker**

**Abstaining: Ross Williams**

The committee determined that Ross was not in conflict of interest. Item 12 has been added back to the tracking list but Ross will abstain from voting on this item, in the future, to avoid the appearance of a potential conflict. Ross is looking for a letter of support from the committee and would like to receive support from the Board of County Commissioners as well.

VII. Public Comment  
None

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be January 29, 2020

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.