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## **BLM DONATES COMPUTERS TO ELKO SCHOOLS AND CIVIL AIR PATROL**

Elko County students and Nevada Civil Air Patrol offices all across Nevada are using upgraded computer equipment courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management.

The BLM Elko Field Office recently donated 37 computers to the Elko County School District and 15 computers to the Civil Air Patrol of Nevada.

Marie Smith, BLM Elko Field Office Property Manager explained, “Executive Order 12999 authorizes us to donate surplus government computers to schools for grades kindergarten through 12; and the Stevenson Wydler Act lets us donate computers to colleges or trade schools - above grade 12. The 52 computers are valued at \$80,000+.”

“Because of government computer system upgrades, the equipment would not work with our new operating systems,” continued Smith. “Donating them to the schools and Nevada Civil Air Patrol was a good fit.”

Major Kelly Howard, Squadron Commander of the Elko Composite Squadron – known as the ‘Silver Eagles’ – commented, “Four of the computers are staying in Elko and the rest were distributed to Nevada Civil Air Patrol Squadrons in Ely, Winnemucca, Las Vegas, Minden, Reno, Sparks, Yerington, South Lake Tahoe, Truckee, and Beckwourth, California.”

“These large desktops are great because most of the squadrons don’t have the ability to go out and buy their own. This is allowing us to have more modern computers and capability than we’ve been able to have in the past. It’s a tremendous benefit to the Civil Air Patrol all across the state. ”

“The Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the US Air Force and flies 90% of all search missions in the United States,” said Howard. “We also help Homeland Security and do counter-narcotic flights for the Drug Enforcement Agency and U.S. Customs Service. One of the new computers will be reserved for our Search and Rescue Program.”