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## **BLM ANNOUNCES RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is holding a Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting on June 10 & 11, 2004, at the BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 9:00 a.m. on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a field tour to Newmont Mining Corporation's Gold Quarry to discuss mining and dewatering topics. The tour will also visit Maggie Creek to discuss stream rehabilitation sites and the Hunter site to discuss the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center.

Discussion topics at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting include the RAC Chairs' meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, the Ely Resource Management Plan and a Mining update.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and discussion of issues related to management of BLM administered public lands. The three Resource Advisory Councils in Nevada accommodate this community participation directive. The Councils' membership represents interests in mining, environmental, wild horse and burro, Native American, livestock, state agencies, and elected officials.

The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands. Meetings are open to the public and public comment periods are included in each meeting. This forum provides an excellent opportunity for people to ask questions of the citizen-based advisory council or to make comments that may assist RACs in their planning efforts. The public comment period will begin at 9:30 a.m. on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about the RAC meeting, contact Mike Brown at the BLM Elko Field Office, (775) 753-0386.

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