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STEWARDSHIP GROUP/BLM RECEIVE RANGE MANAGEMENT AWARD

Leta Collord, President of the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group and BLM Elko Field Manager Helen Hankins recently received the **Great Basin Award** at the Society for Range Management Nevada Chapter meeting in Ely, Nevada.

During the award presentation, it was noted that Collord and Hankins have been the instrumental force in creating and maintaining the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group (NNSG). In the Fall of 1998, they organized a workshop, hosted by the BLM, to improve community-based involvement in land management and planning in Elko County. From this humble beginning, emerged the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group. Both nominees worked hard to bring miners, ranchers, conservationists, federal and state agency personnel, and business leaders to the same table, to address pressing resource issues. Their continued dedication has improved trust and respect among diverse interests in Elko County. Without their vision to form the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group, and energy to build and expand the organization, the large number of high quality education workshops and symposia sponsored by the NNSG would not have occurred. These programs include:

- 1999, National Environmental Policy Act Workshop
- 1999, Great Basin Rangelands Science Symposium
- 2000, Sagebrush Symposium
- 2001, Fire Ecology & Revegetation Symposium
- 2001, "Learning Community" Workshop
- 2002, Outdoor Recreation Workshop
- 2002, Restoration and Management of Sagebrush/Grass Communities Workshop
- 2003, Riparian Ecology and Restoration Workshop
- 2003, Mining and the Community – A Partnership

In making the presentation, Cub Wolfe of the National Resource Conservation Service in Minden, Nevada, commented, "The influence of these education efforts have been felt not just in Nevada, but also adjacent states. For their foresight, dedication, and perseverance in building

community involvement in natural resource management through the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group, both Leta Collord and Helen Hankins deserve recognition by the Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management.”

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