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Proposed expenditures of \$432 million available for public comment

Las Vegas -- The federal land management agencies in Nevada are seeking public comment on the proposed expenditure of \$432 million garnered from Las Vegas land sales. The public comment period, which begins March 24, runs through May 26.

A synopsis of the recommendations under Round 5 expenditures from the Special Account established by the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) follows:

Expenditure Category	Nominations Recommended	Cost Estimate
Parks, Trails, & Natural Areas	29	\$223,170,750
Capital Improvements	31	\$ 93,551,340
Conservation Initiatives	19	\$ 49,701,555
Land Acquisitions	4	\$ 27,670,000
Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects	N/A	\$ 38,000,000
TOTAL	83	\$432,093,645

More information about the proposed expenditures is available for review at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, 702-515-5114. Notebooks on the proposal are available for review at the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno and at the Las Vegas Field Office.

Public access to BLM's websites, including the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act website is temporarily unavailable due to an injunction issued by a Federal District Court on March 15.

Providing this list of expenditures for public comment is one of several steps in the process for developing recommendations for the Secretary of the Interior, who is the approving official in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture.

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“We are interested in hearing from all who have an interest in the proposed expenditures,” said BLM Nevada State Director Bob Abbey. “We will consider the comments when we meet to develop the final proposal.”

The SNPLMA allows expenditures in the following areas:

- Development of parks, trails, and natural areas in Clark County, pursuant to a cooperative agreement with a unit of local government
- Capital improvements at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and other areas managed by the BLM in Clark County, Desert National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area
- Conservation Initiatives on Federal lands, as identified in the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 20 amendment to the SNPLMA
- environmentally sensitive land in Nevada, with priority for lands in Clark County
- Development of a multi-species habitat conservation plan in Clark County
- Lake Tahoe restoration projects

The BLM will present the proposed expenditures to the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council March 26 at the Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive. The meeting is open to the public, and includes a public comment period at 11 a.m. The public may likewise comment by fax at 702-515-5010 or mail to the Las Vegas Field Office at the above address.

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An initial call for nominations for land acquisition for Round 5 was issued last November. A total of 159 nominations were received and made available for public comment in February. Following that comment period, the nominations were scored based on their natural resource values and public benefits. The list provided beginning today represents the results of that scoring process.

At the completion of this public comment period, the regional directors of the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service California-Nevada Operations Manager, and the BLM Nevada State Director will meet to consider the comments and agree on a final recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior.