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## ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT FOR JULY, 2004

### ADMINISTRATION

- Administrator and staff monitored the Waterfall Fire near Carson City.
- Administrator met with Jay Gatten and Bill Wilson concerning precious metal exploration opportunities in Nevada.
- Administrator gave an update on mineral production and exploration in Nevada to the Public Lands Committee of the Legislature in Eureka.
- Administrator met with the Eureka County recorder concerning mining claim filings.
- Administrator met with a concerned citizen in Austin regarding unsecured abandoned mines in the area.
- Administrator signed the grant agreement for \$9,500 from the State Energy Office to provide money to attend the GRC annual meeting in Palm Springs and the GeoPowering the West annual summit meeting.
- Staff prepared the request to the BLM for continuation of the assistance agreement with NDOM for the AML program.
- Administrator and staff met with BLM representatives (including Tom Lonnie of the BLM Washington office) and toured the Ormat geothermal facilities at Steamboat.
- Administrator called state mining agency personnel in several western states to secure their participation in the NWMA annual meeting area reports session.

### MINING AND LAND USE ISSUES

- Staff assisted Bill DuBois with mineral potential research.
- Staff worked on the annual Exploration Survey.
- Staff prepared a report on medallion royalties for the Department of Administration.

### RECLAMATION BOND POOL

- Staff spoke with Terry Newman regarding the progress of the removal of hazard materials at the Gooseberry Mine.
- Staff went to the Gooseberry Mine to observe the hazardous materials that have been collected and are ready to ship off the property.
- Staff went to the Storey County Assessor to re-affirm ownership of fee land at the Gooseberry Mine.
- Staff traveled to the Gooseberry Mine to witness the removal of the hazardous materials.
- Staff began the review of Columbus S.M. \$807,000 reclamation bond application.
- Staff determined the bond pool administrative costs for FY04.

## **ABANDONED MINE LANDS PROGRAM (AML)**

- Staff held a follow-up safety meeting with the summer interns regarding the injury incident the previous week.
- Staff met with Dennis Dunham, Foam Concept, regarding a foam demonstration in the office. This foam can be used in the securing of AML hazardous sites.
- Summer Interns discovered and ranked 4 AML hazardous sites in Churchill County; 10 AML hazardous sites in Pershing County; 12 AML hazardous sites in Lincoln County; and 42 AML hazardous sites in White Pine County.
- Staff discovered and ranked 3 AML hazardous sites in Lincoln County.
- Summer Interns secured 22 AML hazardous sites in Churchill County; 29 AML hazardous sites in Pershing County; 33 AML hazardous sites in Lincoln County (including the removal of approximately 530 lbs. of ANFO from one of the sites); and 7 AML hazardous sites in White Pine County.
- Staff met with Hal Newman regarding AML sites near Berlin.
- Staff completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter BLM AML report for federal FY04.
- Staff toured the Searchlight area AML backfill sites with the BLM.
- Summer Intern copied AML hazard ID sheets in Clark, Lincoln, Esmeralda, and White Pine Counties for the Las Vegas office.
- Summer Intern updated the UTM's and land status information in the AML data base.

## **OIL AND GAS**

- Staff coordinated oil and gas activities with the BLM.
- Staff approved the plug and abandonment plan for Alpine's oil well located in Nye County.

## **GEOHERMAL**

- Staff delivered, by e-mail, the June issue of the "Nevada Geothermal Update."

## **EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS**

- Administrator and staff participated in the National Minerals Education Conference at Crystal Bay and assisted with K-6 classroom sessions, made 2 AML presentations, conducted registration, and chaired the industry track session.
- Staff was a tour guide for NMEC field trip to Teichert Aggregate and Crystal Peak Mine.
- Staff submitted the evaluation compilation for the National Minerals Education Workshop to the Minerals Education Committee of the NvMA.