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ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2004

ADMINISTRATION

- Administrator met with Mark Emerson, patented claim owner at Perry Canyon, and Jon Price, NBMG, to discuss groundwater data generated by the RAMS project at Perry Canyon.
- Administrator met with Steve Salzman, Reno BLM, concerning continued funding of the BLM/NDOM AML assistance agreement.
- Administrator and staff met with representatives of Constellation Power concerning the Soda Lake geothermal plant.
- Administrator assisted Randy Messer concerning mining claims for decorative rock near Fallon.
- Administrator met with representatives of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and NDEP concerning the Guanomi AML site on their reservation.
- Administrator met with Hugh Ricci, State Water Engineer, concerning groundwater issues in southern Washoe County.
- Administrator chaired an appeal hearing of the State Environmental Commission in Carson City.
- Administrator attended the monthly meeting of the GSN 2005 Symposium Committee.
- Administrator assisted Virginia Gillerman, Idaho state geologist, concerning a possible mining fraud in Idaho and Nevada.
- Administrator responded to an inquiry by Wayne Archer of Senator Reid's office concerning the reclamation activities at the Golden Butte and Easy Junior abandoned mine sites.
- Administrator attended a bond adjudication workshop at the BLM Reno office.
- Administrator chaired the annual meeting of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology Advisory Board.
- Administrator attended the annual review meeting for the State Map Program concerning the status of geologic mapping in the state.
- Administrator met with the Nevada Excellence in Reclamation Award Committee to review this year's nominees.
- Administrator met with Deputy Attorney General Janet Hess concerning an interlocal agreement to facilitate the Division's participation in the Guanomi Mine reclamation on the Pyramid Lake Paiute reservation.
- Staff submitted the proposed FY06 and 07 budgets to the Department of Administration.

- Administrator and staff facilitated and attended the Commission on Mineral Resources meeting at UNR Mackay School of Mines in Reno.

MINE AND LAND USE ISSUES

- Staff worked on the Major Mines booklet and took the information and maps to NBMG.
- Staff met with Larry Chaplan and NDEP regarding a custom mill project near Oreana.
- Staff finalized the Exploration Survey and sent it to printing.
- Staff made arrangements to tour PABCO Gypsum & Simplot Silica with Management Assistance Partnership during MinExpo 2004.
- Staff and administrator attended the grand opening of Plum Mining's Comstock operations.
- Staff met with Stan Raddon, Carson City Renewable Energy LLC, regarding mulch for reclamation.
- Staff spoke with Julie Wadsworth about starting a pozzolan operation in Lincoln County.
- Staff attended and participated in the Nevada Miners & Prospectors' meeting in Reno.
- Staff assisted Dorothy Nylen, Nevada State Museum, with updating mining & mineral information.
- Staff assisted Jim Vasic, 49ers Minerals, with a source of magnesite for pigment.
- Staff gave information on the Guanomi Mine to Janet Hess.
- Staff assisted Richard Crossman, Airport Development Group in Ely, with a mineral survey.
- Staff spoke with Nancy Hershgold, State Farm Insurance, regarding Robert Lord's incident at the Argentina Mine.
- Staff assisted Univision TV with research on claim status at a proposed transmitter tower location.

RECLAMATION BOND POOL

- Staff continued the review of Columbus S.M. LLC's reclamation bond pool application.
- Staff and administrator attended the Gooseberry Mine meeting at Virginia City with BLM, NDEP, SRK, Consulting, and Storey County officials to discuss the mine waste pile (i.e. the Jello-Pile).
- Staff spoke with Paul Daughtey regarding Noble Materials.
- Staff spoke with Larry Chizmar, Columbus S.M., regarding their application to increase their bond from the bond pool.
- Staff helped Jo Rendulic, Nevada State Bank, regarding a bond rating for the city of Elko.

ABANDONED MINE LANDS (AML)

- Summer Interns secured 39 AML hazardous sites in Pershing County.
- Summer Interns discovered and ranked 103 AML hazardous sites in

- Pershing County, including the 10,000th logging.
- Staff wrote up a press release for the 10,000th AML discovery.
- Staff sent in the paperwork to BLM for the \$60,000 AML agreement.
- Staff logged 20 AML hazardous sites in Lincoln County, and one AML hazardous site in Humboldt County.
- Staff completed “Cultural Resource Avoidance” forms for Churchill County securings.
- Staff wrote letters of recommendation for the Summer Interns.
- Staff logged 23 unsolicited securings in Mineral County.
- Staff sent out Eagle Scout packages to two prospective candidates.
- Staff assisted the BLM with night time bat observations at the Tonopah area AML sites proposed for backfill.
- Staff conducted a site recon at a future Eagle Scout project in Douglas County.
- Staff met with a Scout Master in Las Vegas regarding future Eagle Scout projects in Clark County.
- Staff met with Jim Cribbs, BLM Sloan Canyon NCS, regarding re-barricading an adit and future bat gating at the adit by Southern Nevada Grotto Club.

OIL

- Staff worked with Dolar Energy regarding the leasing of state lands in White Pine County.
- Staff coordinated oil and gas well permitting with BLM for the Yates Petroleum Currant #14-1 well.
- Staff assisted Commissioner Kozlowski with injection well fee increase proposed by NDEP for Class II Injection Wells.
- Staff met with Del Fortner, BLM, regarding oil, gas, and geothermal program coordination.
- Staff met with the BLM State Office regarding the Isern Oil well #1-4 located near Gabbs.
- Staff assisted Makoil with regulatory requirements for a new production well in Railroad Valley.
- Staff assisted Trail Mountain with the drilling plan on the Quartz Road #1 located in Pine Valley.
- Staff assisted Makoil with first production notification for the recently re-completed Ghost Ranch oil well.

GEOHERMAL

- Staff met with Ormat and Russ Land, NDEP, regarding injection well drilling plans at Steamboat Springs.
- Staff inspected well logging operations at Steamboat Hills.
- Staff participated in a geothermal field tour for Tom Lonnie, Assistant Director Minerals for the BLM’s Washington office.
- Staff met with Carson City BLM personnel and Bill Price at Salt Wells geothermal project regarding plant locations and conflicts with the Pony

Express Trail.

- Staff assisted Ormat with a geothermal monitoring well located on the north side of Highway 431 on a site being cleared for a shopping mall.
- Staff assisted Noramex Geothermal with drilling permits for temperature gradient wells near Blue Mountain.
- Staff conducted several GeoPowering the West activities for the upcoming State Summit being held in conjunction with the GRC's annual meeting.
- Staff and administrator attended the Geothermal Resources Council annual meeting in Palm Springs, CA.
- Staff and administrator attended the annual summit meeting for the GeoPowering the West state representatives in Palm Springs.
- Staff worked on the Nevada Geothermal Update newsletter.
- Staff held a meeting with State Economic Development Manager, Rick Horn, regarding a request for proposal to build a geothermal power plant at Fallon Naval Air Station.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Staff took the agency display to Silver City's Health & Safety Fair, and approximately 110 people came by for information.
- Staff gave a mineral commodity/AML presentation to a summer school class at Silver City to 11 students and 2 teachers.