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ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 2004

ADMINISTRATION

- Commissioner Fagan and staff attended the Renewable Energy Task Force “Renewable Portfolio Standard” (RPS) workshop in Reno.
- Commissioner Fagan, administrator, and staff attended the Great Basin Center for Geothermal meeting held at UNR.
- Administrator attended the Governor’s Natural Resource Cabinet meeting.
- Administrator and Russ Fields, Nevada Mining Association, addressed the Boyd School of Law at UNLV on the mining law.
- Administrator and staff attended the GSN monthly meeting.
- Administrator attended the SME monthly meeting.
- Staff facilitated and participated in the Commission on Mineral Resources’ meeting in Las Vegas and toured British Plasterboard gypsum mine at Blue Diamond.
- Administrator attended the Pit Lakes 2004 workshop in Reno.
- Administrator attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Corey Sobrio.
- Administrator met with Glen Adams of Doe Run Company concerning a new exploration program to be started in Nevada by Doe Run.
- Administrator assisted Gene Adrian of Yerington on copper production statistics for various Mineral County mines.
- Administrator participated in a meeting of the State Environmental Commission in Reno.
- Administrator assisted Dennis Anderson and Mike Smyth of BacTech Environmental concerning bonding requirements at the Tonkin Springs project.
- Administrator and staff prepared the work program to expand the summer intern AML program from two to three field crews, including the purchase of a new pickup truck and the hiring of two additional interns.
- Administrator and staff attended and gave a presentation at the Nevada Abandoned Mine Land Environmental Task Force (NAMLET) meeting.

MINING

- Staff spoke with Earl Harrison regarding the reclamation progress at the Kingston Mill and Victorine Mine.
- Staff assisted a Utah grad student in finding mineral specimens near the Rossi Barite Mine in Elko County.
- Staff assisted State Lands with mineral questions on taxes and employment.

- Staff provided reclamation acreages in Nevada to the National Mining Association.
- Staff researched information related to the P&S Mine (barite) in Nye County at the request of JBR Consulting.

RECLAMATION BOND POOL

- Staff spoke with BLM and SRK regarding the final HazMat costs at the Gooseberry Mine.
- Staff spoke with Bill Foster about reclamation/bonding at Manhattan Mill site.
- Staff sent out bond pool packets to two interested parties, and figured the bond pool costs for a possible applicant.

ABANDONED MINE LANDS (AML)

- Staff spoke with Steve Brooks, USFS, regarding bat gates at the Apex Mine and permanent securings in the Spring Mountain area.
- Staff logged 9 AML unsolicited securings in Humboldt County.
- Staff sent “Request to Secure” for 3 AML hazardous sites to the Battle Mountain BLM field office.
- Staff secured 4 AML hazardous sites as part of an Eagle Scout securing project.
- Administrator and staff attended a “Bat Gate Building Workshop” in Baker, California. All day sessions included the elements of bat gate construction, contractor qualifications, placement of gates, bat surveys, monitoring of gates following construction and the overview of California’s AML program, and visited several work sites to better understand the various styles of bat gates and see how they are adopted and constructed for unique conditions.
- Staff researched the history of the Ten Mile hazards as described by William Clem in a November 10th letter to the division.
- Staff assisted Glen Adams, Doe Run, with AML history on his company’s property and provided him with fencing diagrams and list of fencing contractors.
- Staff created the PowerPoint presentation on the “Bat Gate Building Workshop” for use at the NAMLET meeting.
- Staff researched PSA requirements for broadcast TV and outdoor billboard usage and contacted three Reno TV networks for individual PSA placement requirements.

OIL

- Staff approved several oil and gas operational sundry notices.
- Staff met with Del Fortner and Rich Hoops of the BLM to discuss future plans for the oil, gas, and geothermal programs.
- Staff assisted Geyser Petroleum, a new oil and gas operator, with permitting questions.

GEOHERMAL

- Staff conducted a drilling inspection at the Steamboat geothermal plant.
- Staff conducted several drilling inspections of Ormat's Steamboat injection well.
- Staff met with Curtis Framel and Rich Hoops regarding the upcoming Native American Trade Mission.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Staff contacted ISN Aggregates regarding a tour for the 2005 Las Vegas teacher's workshop.
- Staff attended and participated in the Nevada Mining Association's Education Committee meetings.
- Staff gave an AML presentation to a scout troop (10 attendees).
- Staff toured the McCaw School of Mines to work on new displays, and worked on the base map for location of outdoor exhibits at McCaw School of Mine.
- Staff conducted a mineral commodity / AML skit for an assembly at Robert Mitchell Elementary School in Sparks to 200 4-6th graders.