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ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT FOR JUNE, 2005

ADMINISTRATION

- Administrator conducted five class sessions (4 sixth grade and 1 eighth grade) totaling 150 students at Carson Middle School on AML “Stay Out and Stay Alive” and Nevada rocks and minerals and their uses.
- Administrator chaired the State Environmental Commission meeting in Carson City.
- Administrator spoke with Frank Monastero, U.S. Navy China Lake, concerning well logs from the recently completed geothermal well at NAS Fallon.
- Administrator met with Chirsta Benjamin, reporter for the Carson Magazine, concerning rock and mineral collecting in the Carson Valley area.
- Administrator provided Arizona paralegal information concerning split estate mineral title issues on a property near Pahrump.
- Administrator provided Joseph Martini, Enviroscientists, mine closure information concerning the Fencemaker underground antimony mine in Pershing County.
- Administrator continued to meet with the LCB auditor concerning the functional activities of the Division.
- Administrator spoke with Dave Morrow of State Parks concerning the summer intern AML crew and work at Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park.
- Administrator contacted the area reporters for their participation in the NWMA annual meeting.
- Administrator completed a report to Bob Abbey BLM-NSO concerning the findings of the notice level bond business process task force.
- Administrator issued a letter of invitation to geothermal operators for a “geothermal advisory group” to be formed for the purpose of facilitating discussions concerning regulatory issues.
- Administrator responded to several inquiries concerning the strong oil and gas lease sale conducted by the BLM which generated \$3.1 million in rental and bonus bids from 163 parcels.
- Administrator forwarded information concerning the proposed Lyon County land bill and the two wilderness areas proposed by the Friends of Nevada Wilderness.
- Administrator worked on the contract for the continuation of the Nevada Geothermal Update newsletter.

- Administrator attended a field trip hosted by Alan Chamberlain of Cedar-Start to view the geology prospective for oil occurrences in eastern Nevada. Other attendees included Jon Price, NBMG, Del Fortner, BLM, Steve Salzman, BLM, and Steve Fechner, USFS.
- Administrator met with Del Fortner, BLM, and Craigh Smith, BLM, concerning a coordinated effort for abandoned mine remediation at the MacArthur Mine near Yerington.
- Administrator met with Bob Abbey, BLM State Director, to thank him for his support of the CMR and NDOM and wish him well in his retirement.
- Staff worked on the Critical Business Technology Assessment Program (CBTAP).

MINE AND LAND USE ISSUES

- Staff traveled to Elko for the Elko Mine Expo, set up and manned the agency booth.
- Staff was interviewed by Adella Harding of the Elko Free Press regarding exploration activity.
- Staff began the mail-out of the Exploration Survey and reviewed the proof of the Major Mines booklet and sent it to NBMG.
- Staff sent Larry Turner's report on the White Grow Mine to Allen Newberry for review.
- Staff assisted a Las Vegas CPA with mining property questions.

RECLAMATION BOND POOL

- Staff notified Nevada Rae Gold that BLM had accepted the reclamation bond provided by the Bond Pool.
- Staff sent the new bond for Southern Nevada Liteweight to the BLM-NSO.
- Staff finalized the increase of AuEX's reclamation bond.
- Staff transferred the Bovie-Lew bond to Amalgamated Minerals.
- Staff spoke to Larry Creek regarding Specialty Clays reclamation bond.
- Staff spoke to Richard Lorson regarding the statewide notice level bond.
- Staff talked to Quadra Mining regarding the bond pool.
- Staff admitted Alaska Gold Company and White Knight (US) Inc, into the bond pool under the statewide notice level bond rider.

ABNADONED MINE LANDS PROGRAM (AML)

- Staff met with USFS at the B&B Mercury Mine in Esmeralda County which has an open pit with a high wall that needs fencing.
- Staff logged 5 AML hazardous sites in Esmeralda County and conducted the claim research.
- Staff and summer interns secured 15 AML hazardous sites and logged 11 hazardous sites in Humboldt County; logged 18 AML hazardous sites and conducted claim research in Elko County.
- Staff met with the BLM regarding Elko AML hazards at Spruce Mountain.
- Staff received reports of 2 unsecured shafts, one in Humboldt County and one in Lyon County.
- Staff supervised the foam closure of an AML site in Washoe County with the BLM and NDEP.

- Staff sent a packet to a potential Girl Scout Gold Award candidate (Eagle Scout equivalent) for an AML securing project.
- Staff spoke with Nancy Army regarding AML sites for shooting the public service announcement video footage.
- Staff spoke with Deb MacFarlene regarding AML sites for a Girl Scout project.
- Staff logged six AML hazardous sites in Pershing County; logged one AML hazardous site in Storey County and three AML hazardous sites in Lyon County.
- Staff completed the foaming securing of Perry Canyon adit.
- Summer Interns discovered and ranked two hazardous sites and secured 15 sites in Pershing County, and discovered and ranked 68 hazardous sites and secured nine sites in Nye County; discovered and ranked 11 AML hazardous sites and secured 21 AML hazardous sites in Lincoln County.
- Staff reviewed the AML PSA contract, had it signed by the AG's office, and took it to Mike Nolan at the Budget Division.
- Staff sent a letter to Chris Ross requesting \$60,000 under the existing assistance agreement for AML securing work in 2006.
- Staff talked with Storey County fire department and sheriff about a fire in an abandoned mine.
- Staff completed the spreadsheets and maps (approx. 550 possible sites) for Clark County AML sites on BLM, USFS, and NPS lands for SNPLMA meeting.
- Staff attended the SNPLMA meeting to discuss statements of work for cultural and biological surveys. Went on a field trip to Searchlight to look at various AML sites for surveys.
- Staff met with Chris Ross to discuss foaming a Carson City adit.

OIL AND GAS

- Staff reviewed the well status report and map from Evans-Barton on the Kyle Springs project area.
- Staff discussed scanning oil and gas well logs for posting on the internet via private or public sources with Ron Hess and Jon Price, NBMG, who would facilitate the process.
- Staff provided oil and gas information and maps for Railroad Valley to Blue Star Gas Corporation. They were in Tonopah talking with the BLM and were going to visit the area.
- Staff approved Makoil sundry notice for plug back and perforation on the Radio well.
- Staff responded to Greg Kozlowski regarding BLM MOU progress and our procedure for availability to drilling operations.
- Staff approved two P&A sundries from Evans-Barton for wells at Kyle Springs.
- Staff reviewed the logs submitted by VF Neuhaus on the Little Giant 36-1 well.
- Staff discussed forced unitization of oil and gas leases in the Long Valley Slough project of Evans-Barton and the plug and abandonment work at Kyle Springs.
- Staff met with S. Brown and F. Colby representing Corexmed, a water recovery technology company. Referred them to NDEP and J. Stout in Ely.

- Staff received a statewide bond from Energy Operations Nevada LP.

GEOHERMAL

- Staff and administrator traveled to Sacramento for the California Collaborative Geothermal Energy Summit.
- Staff visited Ormat Steamboat drill site 32-28 with Rich Hoops, BLM and Ron Hess from NBMG.
- Staff talked with Warren Harding regarding the Virginia Townhouses and putting the direct heating system back on line.
- Staff inspected the BOPE on the Steamboat Galena rig and received logs of the test.
- Staff consulted with Randy Hinkle on Silver Peak geothermal resources and options for coordination with the lithium mining operation.
- Staff spoke to Vicki Ehni regarding the Nevada Geothermal Update newsletter and the decision to publish four bi-monthly issues for the remainder of 2005.
- Staff received request for geothermal permits in the Gerlach area, likely related to the water controversy and the new proposed power plant in the area.
- Staff worked with Bill Ehni on changes to the Stillwater drilling programs based upon NDEP stipulations.
- Staff sent the first draft of GeoPowering the West notebook annual report to Roger Hill of Sandia Labs.
- Staff made two presentations at the Nevada Rural Summit, organized by the Nevada Rural Development Council. Attendees were regional planners, business development groups and rural utilities.
- Staff approved the sundry notice for well work at Steamboat Hills 42-32 injection well.
- Staff witnessed the BOPE at Steamboat Hills 42-32 well, coordinated with Ray Collins and Terry Crowson.

EDUCATION

- Staff attended the National Mineral Education Coalition meeting in Tucson, Arizona. While at the meeting, staff gave an AML presentation to 100 attendees, toured St. Xavier Mine, U of A's Flandreau Mineral Museum, Cat Laser Light Equipment Show and Asarco Mineral Discovery Center.
- Staff attended the Nevada Mining Association's Education Committee meeting to finalized plans for the upcoming teachers' conference in Winnemucca.