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ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT FOR JULY, 2005

ADMINISTRATION

- Administrator spoke with Loretta Cartner, USFS Ely Office, concerning oil and gas leasing in White Pine County.
- Administrator met with the Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation Award Committee and evaluated the six nominations that were received this year.
- Administrator discussed the state bond pool with Pete Britton of Lovelock.
- Administrator responded to an inquiry concerning potential iron mines in Nevada that might be for sale.
- Commissioner Kozlowski, administrator and staff met with Del Fortner of the BLM to discuss coordination issues in the oil and gas joint regulatory program.
- Administrator met with Del Fortner and Craig Smith of the BLM concerning joint participation in the remediation of the abandoned MacArthur copper mine near Yerington.
- Administrator arranged for NDOM to be an exhibitor at the 2006 Society of Economic Geologists meeting in Keystone, CO.
- Administrator agreed to represent Nevada's interests at the IOGCC State Geologist's forum.
- Commissioner Parratt and the administrator attended the closing meeting of the GSN 2005 Symposium Committee.
- Administrator and staff traveled to Ely for the Commission on Mineral Resources' meeting. Commissioners and staff rode the "Ghost Train" and toured the Ely Railroad Museum, Quadra's Robinson copper mine, and the Railroad Valley refinery and oil fields.

RECLAMATION BOND POOL

- Staff answered several inquiries regarding the bond pool statewide bond rider.
- Commissioner Parratt, administrator, staff and BLM representatives had a conference call concerning administrative procedures for the new notice level bond rider for the bond pool.
- Staff spoke with the LCB auditor regarding bond pool premiums.
- Staff wrote a notice level bond rider for Platte River Gold.
- Staff updated the list of information required for participation in the bond pool.

ABANDONED MINE LANDS (AML)

- Summer Interns logged 129 hazardous sites and 105 non-hazardous sites in White Pine County, in the vicinity of Treasure Hill.
- Summer Interns discovered and ranked two AML hazardous sites and secured 24 AML sites in Humboldt County.
- Staff completed the foaming of hazard CC-6 with Chris Ross, BLM. The hazard is permanently secured with approximately \$1,500 worth of foaming material to within 3' of portal, then backfilled with rocks and dirt.
- Staff sent a joint NDOM, BLM, NDEP letter of appreciation to Rolling Rock Reclamation LLC for their assistance in permanently securing with foam a site near Perry Canyon.

- Staff traveled to Tonopah for the filming of the public service announcement on the hazards of abandoned mines and off-road travel. Scouted locations around Tonopah for suitability and access. Spent two days assisting filmmakers Norm Bosworth and Kelly Rigby (BCI Video) in the filming of 10 volunteer actors for the production of a new NDOM/BLM PSA.
- Staff discovered four new AML hazardous sites and posted them while on location in Tonopah. Volunteers assisted in the fencing of one hazard.
- Staff received a call from a citizen reporting an open adit in Washoe Valley with children playing in it. Investigated the hazard with the assistance of the citizen, hazard identified as site of UNR seismograph station. Locked steel door missing from portal and station vandalized. Staff called UNR Seismology Lab to report activity and inquire about future usage.
- Staff received inquiries from two Boy Scouts regarding potential Eagle Scout projects. Met with Matt Robinson and his father, Steve (Natural Resources Advisor to Governor Guinn) to discuss the scope of the project and future plans. Similarly, communicated with Mitch Benning regarding project details and requirements.

SOUTHERN NEVADA OPERATIONS

- Staff conducted a phone interview with Mark Ray regarding an Eagle Scout AML project. Provided information for an upcoming issue of “Eagle Book” – a Boy Scouts of American Publication on Eagle Scouts.
- Staff met with McCaw Docent Director, Dorothy Webb. Planning session for 2005-2006 school year tours and began work on the new script for volunteer and student docents.
- Staff conducted claim research for White Pine County AML hazards.
- Staff worked on teachers’ workshop materials and prepped for the workshop in Winnemucca.
- Staff worked on the spreadsheet for SNPLMA AML sites in Clark County.

OIL AND GAS

- Staff provided information to Jerry Hanson, Foreland-Colour on oil and gas wells.
- Staff reviewed Sawyer Oil & Gas Company’s application for permit to drill the Santa Maria well in Railroad Valley. It is ready to permit but is waiting for the survey map.
- Staff responded to CC Reservoirs for production information on Railroad Valley oil wells.
- Staff responded to a BLM request for review of changes to their verbal permission procedure for plugging and abandonment of oil wells.
- Staff sent oil and gas information to Alfred James, Kansas geologist. Mr. James requested Nevada “put some teeth” into oil and gas regulations so more drilling information would be required and would be available to other exploration efforts.
- Staff provided oil and gas information to David Nicklin on regulations, pipelines, and leasing on private lands.
- Staff approved a sundry for Makoil to change the plug back procedure for the Radio oil well.
- Staff sent oil and gas information to Dean Mohn, Qwest, who is interested in state and federal unitization laws.
- Staff supplied oil and gas information to Owen Hernandez, Integral Securities, who was interested in state regulations and permitting.
- Staff responded to Jeanne Barger, US GAO office, on distribution of federal royalty funds in the state.

GEOHERMAL

- Staff spoke with D Cates, BLM, regarding leasing EA, Gerlach site visit, energy bill, Pumpernickel Valley and Blue Mountain.
- Staff spoke with Russ Land regarding the Virginia Townhouses, Coxi-1, and Deep Blue #2 injection permit.
- Staff spoke with Randy Hinkle on water rights and geothermal.
- Staff had a meeting with Mark Chilton, Elko Heat, on a new direct use geothermal park in Elko. Provided information on permitting and funding.
- Staff sent out the draft of Geothermal Advisory group minutes for review.
- Staff and administrator attended the first Geothermal Operators Group luncheon. A charter was presented and approved by the membership.
- Staff attended the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada executive board meeting in Fallon. Presented information on the tribal workshop and requested help with the attendees list.
- Staff spoke with B. Kottinger on Gerlach Green's efforts. Provided information on permitting and water issues.
- Staff reviewed plans for further evaluation of the Batz geothermal well at Beowawe.
- Staff reviewed and approved a sundry for AML Resources to deepen the Salt Wells geothermal drilling program for the IW-2 well.
- Staff reviewed and approved the sundry notice regarding the request to deepen the TG-3 geothermal well.
- Staff received a request from Gerlach Green Energy for assistance with a BLM permit for a single drill site in northern Washoe County.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Staff sent images from the recent teacher's workshop to Patty Herzog, Newmont, for use in the local Winnemucca radio station website and article.
- Staff, administrator, and summer interns worked at the teacher's workshop in Winnemucca with set-up, registration, classroom sessions and with tours. Tours included Midas Mine and Midas Townsite, Cyanco and Marigold Mine.