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ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 2006

ADMINISTRATION

1. Assisted Norm Harvey of Las Vegas with permitting issues for a new gypsum mine in Lincoln County.
2. Assisted Terry Albert of Kappes Cassidy Labs of Reno concerning issues with the NDEP Bureau of Hazardous Waste Management.
3. Assisted Greg Lambert of Sierra Pacific with mining related issues for their 10-K update.
4. Responded to an inquiry concerning a potential Eagle Scout project.
5. Conducted an interview with TV Channel 8, Reno and TV Channel 5, Las Vegas concerning the West Virginia coal mine accident and underground mining in Nevada.
6. Attended the monthly meeting of the Nevada Petroleum Society.
7. Attended the reception at the Governor's Mansion for the retirement of Perry Comeaux, outgoing Director of the Department of Administration.
8. Attended the Education Committee meeting at NvMA.
9. Attended the Governor's Natural Resource cabinet meeting in Carson City.
10. Attended the Nevada Geothermal Council meeting in Reno.
11. Attended the StateMap advisory group meeting at NBMG in Reno.
12. Attended the SME monthly meeting in Reno.
13. Assisted Shawn Dornberger of Seattle, WA concerning mining claims at Chalk Mt.
14. Facilitated the CMR meeting in Las Vegas and the tour to Las Vegas Rock.
15. Attended a meeting with other Natural Resource agency heads with Ron Wenker, BLM State Director, at Capitol Building in Carson City.
16. Worked at great length with Debbie on the Division's CBTAP (Critical Business Technology Application Plan) and the CADRP (Critical Application Disaster Recovery Plan) required by DOIT (Department of Information Technology).
17. Attended the IFC (Interim Finance Committee) at which the \$38,000 work program for the special projects with NBMG were approved.
18. Met with Commissioner Fagan, Janet Hess, and Christy concerning revision of the geothermal NAC's (Nevada Administrative Code).
19. Assisted Homestretch Geothermal with policy issues concerning the expansion of their Wabuska geothermal project.
20. Attended the official launch of the new Nevada quarter at the State Capitol.
21. Attended, with Chairman Gibson, Commissioner Bryan, and Commissioner Parratt, the Mackay School Advisory Board meeting in Reno.
22. Met with Liz Ball and Leslie Rumph concerning the funding of the Recruitment and Retention position at the Mackay School.
23. Division completed the Information Security Training mandated by the Governor's Office and the Department of Information Technology.

RECLAMATION BOND POOL

1. Received approval from the Board of Examiners for the abandoned mine logging contract.
2. Issued a notice level bond for Win-Eldrich Gold Inc.
3. Spoke with Cynthia Norby of BH Minerals about an amended notice and need for a new bond. Issued a notice level bond for BH Minerals USA, Inc
4. Spoke with Sandi Weber of Enviroscientists about a potential notice level bond.
5. Met with David Pruett, NDEP, and BLM regarding his bonding needs at the Buckskin Mine. He will not be utilizing the bond pool.
6. Met with Larry Creek of Specialty Clays about his reclamation bond.
7. Spoke with Dick Larsen of Florida Canyon Mining about a notice level bond.

MINING AND LAND USE ISSUES

1. Spoke with a Las Vegas area reporter about active mines in Clark County.
2. Spoke with Tom Martin (Elko Daily Free Press) about the West Virginia coal mine incident relative to mining in Nevada.
3. Visited a sinkhole that opened up on Highway 342 (south of Virginia City) with Alan, and Dave Gaskin. Also met with NDOT personnel at site. Logged site as an AML hazard. Hole has now been backfilled by NDOT.
4. Spoke with Barry White of Chemical Lime about consumption of caustic soda.
5. Received approval from the Board of Examiners for the AML logging contract.
6. Sent out exploration survey questionnaires for actual 2005 and projected 2006 activity.
7. Met with Van Robinson of the Encore Group regarding logging and securing AML sites in the Ramsey district.
8. Worked on claim filing data.
9. Supplied some mine production information for Ann Carpenter.
10. Created a chart of mining claim filings by county for 2004 and 2005.
11. Got mine registry forms sent out to metallic mineral producers.
12. Alan and Doug attended the Nevada Miners and Prospector's Association (NMPA) meeting in Reno.
13. Sent out Annual Status and Production report forms to non-metallic mineral producers.
14. Prepared and sent the job announcement for the Summer Intern positions to UNR.
15. Sent recent and historical aggregate production information to the Churchill County Assessor.
16. Met with the abandoned mine logging contractors as they dropped off their paperwork for the previous 10 day work period. Also gave Scott Hall at Geotemps a progress report.
17. Sent information on claim staking and exploration activity to Mike Clinebell at the Reno Gazette Journal.
18. Gave a presentation to prospective summer interns at UNR with Alan. Approximately 20 students attended.

AML / PUBLIC AWARENESS – NORTH

1. Worked on multimedia presentation of recent backfill projects.
2. Continued work on missing BLM paperwork and communicating results with BLM-CC.
3. Met with Doug, Bill, and the Geotemps contractors Dustin White and John Morley to discuss aspects of AML contract to log hazards in Esmeralda and Nye counties.
4. Created non-hazard field data entry sheet to track non-hazards discovered and facilitate entry into a database.
5. Spoke with Jon Brown (NvMA) regarding Russ Fields recent meeting with Robin Powell, environmental manager for the Pyramid Lake Paiute concerning the recent Perry

Canyon backfill project. Robin has assumed Donna Noel's duties, and Donna is working on energy and geothermal issues for the Tribe. A letter and map summarizing the Perry Canyon backfill project was sent to Robin.

6. Attended the NvMA Education Committee meeting where main issues of discussion were: the upcoming Teachers Workshop in April; rock and mineral needs for a new display at the Washoe County library in Incline Village; and education opportunities at the Nevada Museum of Art's upcoming silver jewelry exhibit.
7. Contacted Jerry Hepworth at Coeur Rochester to inquire about their interest in assisting the Education Committee in providing silver mining and production materials, presentations, and a possible field trip to the mine. Contact information was provided to Jerry and the Nevada Museum of Art Curator of Education.
8. Received a request for two classroom presentations at Pleasant Valley Elementary School for Jan. 31st.
9. Participated in conference call regarding status of SNPLMA/Clark County AML Project. The cultural statement of work is nearly complete, awaiting the finalization of a named historical archeologist for SRI. Once complete, the money will move from SNPLMA to BLM then on to USACE where a work order will be contracted. Preliminary plan for initiation of ground work to begin is March 23rd.
10. Received requests of interest in AML Eagle Scout projects from two Sparks Boy Scouts; Mitchell Walton (17) and Brian Freeman (14) will be our 65th and 66th Eagle Scout projects. Informational packets were sent to both scouts.
11. Received interest in fencing project from Boy Scout, Andy Haskin (age 17, Carson City). Package containing all necessary background information was picked up by Scout.
12. Revised the Hazard Inventory field data sheets to incorporate additional information and mimic data entry screen on AML computer database in Access.
13. Attended the annual Nevada Bat Working Group meeting at NDOW's Reno office. Discussions/presentations included recent accomplishments, works in progress and species rankings. The greatest issue of concern, mostly for NDOW and to a lesser extent the Natural Heritage Program, is the bat survey and exclusion protocol used by the BLM during the joint NDOM/BLM/NvMA backfill projects. No realistic compromises were proposed or discussed; the issue was more or less tabled for a future meeting.
14. Received request for additional mineral and rock kits to provide to school teachers. Ten additional sets were created to meet the immediate needs. Three sets were shipped to Michelle Schack (Newmont) for distribution in Elko.
15. Mike and Doug met with GeoTemps contractors, Dustin White and John Morley; provided them with all necessary maps, reference books, white boards, signs, posts, post-pounders, and wire for their hazard inventory work in the Goldfield – Beatty region. Gave them a short preview of hazard/non-hazard inventory procedures. Contractors completed logging all hazards and non-hazards on McMahan Ridge topo quad and began working on Goldfield quad
16. Researched AML GIS software and hardware equipment needs and costs.
17. Participated in Career Day event at Truckee Meadows Community College as one of four speakers on the Science Panel. Spoke about education experiences, career choices and today's opportunities in the geosciences to approximately 44 high school students. Distributed AML collateral and Major Mines 2004 booklets to attendees (one presentation – 44 attendees).
18. Spoke with Sgt. Lee Dove, Humboldt County Sheriff's Dept., regarding update on search for a body in or near the Red Devil Mine as part of a 2003 cold-case murder investigation first reported to NDOM in October 2005. Winter weather has precluded field investigations and they are concentrating their efforts on renewed questioning of those believed involved in the case.

19. Began work on promotional movie depicting 2005 backfill projects; with the intent that it be used by NDOM, BLM and NvMA to educate viewers about the cooperative efforts in backfilling dangerous abandoned mines in Nevada.
20. Met with Chris Ross (BLM-NVSO) to review backfill movie and discuss 2006 backfill and foam prospects.
21. Received and accepted invitation to participate in Farm Days 2006 at Fuji Park in Carson City on April 5th and 6th. 1,000 to 1,500 children are expected to visit each day.
22. Gave Rocks/Minerals/AML presentations to two classes of 4th-graders (56 children total) at Pleasant Valley Elementary School (two presentations – 56 school children).
23. Re-visited ST-106 to check on securing status by claimant. Hazard found still unsecured. Posted three “Stay Out, Stay Alive” signs until claimant (DWC Resources) fences or backfills site. Claimant was reminded by phone of need to promptly secure hazard.
24. Attended BLM’s Strategic Leadership Training (SLT) meeting at Carson City Field Office.
25. Received request for samples of coal for classroom experiment at Jacks Valley School. Three pounds of small coal samples were collected at NDOM shed and provided to parent.
26. Reviewed Lyon County land status of four hazards, all determined to be private property. Letter sent to owner alerting them of the location, status and requirement to secure these hazards.
27. Entered field data of non-hazards discovered by contractors into database.

AML / PUBLIC AWARENESS – SOUTH

1. Six AML hazards were investigated and ranked between Nelson and Searchlight. All hazards are orphans. Eight non-hazard features were investigated and mapped.
2. Securing authorization requests for 5 Clark County orphan hazards were prepared and sent to the Las Vegas BLM Field Office.
3. Three new sites were logged and ranked in Esmeralda County (ES-1216-1218) and claim research was conducted at the Esmeralda County Courthouse in Goldfield.
4. Met with staff of the Tonopah BLM Field Station regarding a proposed 2006 mine backfill project in the Tonopah area. A preliminary list of 14 “orphan” hazards prepared by NDOM was submitted to the BLM. They will begin cultural and biological resource evaluations of the sites.
5. Tyson Parker’s Eagle Scout project was completed. Six hazards were secured at the Oro Plata Mine between Nelson and Searchlight in Clark County.
6. Completed Westin Milne’s Eagle Scout mine fencing project near Nelson, Clark County. Five mine openings were fenced and posted with warning signs. Reporters and film crews from Las Vegas TV Channels 3 and 8 were on-hand to film the project and conduct interviews. The Channel 8 interview was aired on January 7 and was forwarded to sister station Channel 4 in Reno where it also aired.
7. A reconnaissance visit was made to Eagle Scout candidate Jacob Gibson’s project area south of Nelson in Clark County. His project will include the securing of 5 sites. The project date is set for February 11, 2006.
8. Contacted by two prospective Eagle Scout candidates regarding mine fencing projects in Clark County.
9. Met with contractors Dustin White and John Morley for orientation and training for AML field investigations in the Goldfield area, Esmeralda County.
10. The Las Vegas office received several calls from local media concerning the Sago coal mine accident in West Virginia. Las Vegas TV Channels 3 and 8 conducted interviews with Bill in the field between Nelson and Searchlight. Their stories focused partly on active mining and partly on AML. FOX 5 conducted an interview in the office focusing on mine safety and contrasts between underground hard rock and coal mining.

11. Participated in a meeting and tour of McCaw School of Mines for 7 students from Las Vegas High School. The students are members of the Partnership at Las Vegas (PAL) program and will act as tour leaders at the Mine on Wednesday mornings and will assist teachers at McCaw Elementary School on Wednesday afternoons through the end of the school year.
12. Participated in a tour of the McCaw School of Mines for the Nevada Mining Association Board of Directors.
13. Attended the McCaw School of Mines Foundation Board meeting. Discussion of the annual Gala (April 1, 2006), hiring of an executive director, and facility repairs and maintenance were the primary topics of the meeting. A meeting with the adult volunteers followed the board meeting.
14. Assisted as adult tour docent at McCaw School of Mines for a class of 27 4th grade students (one presentation – 27 students).
15. Traveled to Castle Mountain Mine with Larry Turner to pick up a copy/fax machine and office furniture donated by MK Gold to McCaw School of Mines
16. A classroom presentation was made at Fong Elementary School for 22 kindergarten students which included minerals and their uses, a fluorescent mineral display, “Birdseed Mining”. AML materials were distributed to each student (1 presentation – 22 students).
17. Attended the Nevada Mining Association Committee Meeting in Reno.
18. Participated in a conference call for updates and progress on distribution of SNPLMA funds for cultural and biological resource surveys of Clark County AML sites.
19. Attended the Nevada Bat Working Group meeting in Reno.
20. Work is in progress on the PowerPoint presentation that will be presented by Chris Ross, Jon Brown and Bill Durbin at the February 1 BLM State Leadership Team meeting in Carson City. The presentation will focus on the partnership and cooperation between federal, state and private sectors in accomplishing record-breaking progress in mine land public safety through the backfill projects 1999 to present.
21. Attended the Tonopah Historic Mining Park Foundation Board meeting in Las Vegas. Main topics discussed were funding and ways to increase attendance at the Park. Also on the agenda were proposed plans for new tours of portions of the underground workings, a new park entrance off of Main Street and expanded parking facilities. Lt. Governor Lorraine Hunt gave a presentation on possible funding through Nevada’s Commission on Economic Development. Following the meeting, the group traveled to the McCaw School of Mines for a tour.
22. A collection of Nevada minerals and rocks was assembled for the new Wild Nevada Gallery display at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum. Bill has agreed to join the Museum Advisory Board as earth science advisor.
23. Co-presented a PowerPoint on the Nevada AML program with Chris Ross (BLM_NSO) and Jon Brown (NvMA) to the Nevada BLM State Leadership Team (SLT) at a meeting in Carson City. AML materials were distributed to approximately 30 attendees.
24. Attended the Nevada Boom Town History Conference (Day 1 – February 3) in Amargosa Valley. The conference was attended by approximately 190 people. The Division’s display was set up and AML materials distributed (one presentation – 190 people).
25. Work is in progress on a PowerPoint presentation on the AML public safety program for the February 15 NAMLET Conference in Reno.

OIL AND GAS

1. Attended IOGCC conference call with EPA on Spill Prevention Program amendments.
2. Provided OG information to Rosanna Oil located in Texas.
3. Working on possible changes to the NAC for oil, gas, and geothermal.
4. Geyser spudded Santa Maria de Los Angeles well on 1/10. Set surface casing and tested BOPE on 1/14. Chart record sent. Sundry to deepen approved. Correcting deviation.

5. Worked with Deerfield, BLM and NDEP on the testing and permitting of the 81-35 injection well.
6. Received logs from Geyser's pipeline well.
7. Received notice of staking from Winn Exploration for a well in Long Valley, White Pine County.
8. Responded to information request from R. Robinson, Fremont Exploration on operating in Nevada.
9. Received completion report and P&A report from Makoil, Bacon Flat 19-43.
10. Responded to M. Fontaine, Utah state minerals office, on NV O&G regulations.
11. Spoke with new BLM inspector in Ely, Michael Tyler. Will try to meet in Carson City later this month.
12. Evans and Barton setting markers for Kyle Springs Plug and Abandonment.
13. Received confirmation of PetCoN bond in effect from BLM.
14. Provided information to Robert Benson on oil and gas drilling.
15. Spoke with DWR and NDEP on provision of the NAC's regarding casing depth in preparation of possible regulation changes.
16. J. Stanford requested information on Nevada taxes and royalties.
17. B. Marlin requesting information on Petro World Nevada Corp.
18. Revised location of Cobble Cuesta well Petro-World.

GEOHERMAL

1. Steamboat 38B-28 is drilling with the Center 4 rig.
2. Information to G.Tripp on NV geothermal development and will meet with him on 1/9.
3. Information to J. Sneller on NV geothermal development and will visit office in January.
4. Coordinated with P.Thomson for speaker at Nevada Geothermal Council meeting.
5. Provided information to T.Tacner concerning DaMonte ranch well acquisition.
6. Provided information to NV rural utilities on DOE utility working group webcast.
7. Sent out DOE OSTI information to NV operators.
8. Information to McDermitt high school students for geothermal projects.
9. Provided information on NV development activity to TX Industrial information forum on renewable energy.
10. Sent invitation to a Kenyan government representative for a GRC paper.
11. Reviewed annual reporting letters to geothermal operators, call to operators with delinquent reports.
12. Received Millennium's proposal for a DOE sponsored study of renewable energy possibilities for the Beatty area. Sent to P. Konesky and A. Coyner for review. Prepared and sent comments on the Beatty GPW proposal to Millennium Energy.
13. Met with G. Tripp and J. Snelling on geothermal project in Nye County. Provided information on permitting and historical activity.
14. Responded to due diligence on Tri Valley.
15. Worked with Office of Energy and Wanda on the Tribal workshop grant.
16. Witnessed the Steamboat 38A-28 BOPE test. Passed, drilling ahead.
17. Received Presco's missing paperwork on the Rye Patch wells.
18. Working with D. Trexler on Nevada Geothermal Properties change in status of its WE-1 well. Will work with NDEP on dual use for this well.
19. At DOE's request, coordinated with GRID to bring UNR GBC into their project.
20. Received confirmation of DOE funding for the Elko geothermal industrial park feasibility study.
21. Prepared and permitted domestic geothermal well for G. Monk, Washoe County. Well spudded. D. Trexler is the geologist.
22. Prepared and permitted Gerlach Green production well, Washoe County. No comments received during public comment period.

23. Coordinating with Ormat and NDEP on P&A of three wells at Steamboat Hills and one at Steamboat.
24. Prepared draft support letter for BLM work on the new steam act regulations. Conference call with Commissioner Fagan to finalize.
25. Responded to information request from A. Sawicki on domestic well geothermal permitting.
26. Received bond release request from B. Kohlenburg. The properties are now in NVL, LLC ownership and bond has been replaced. Release effected.
27. Attended Nevada Geothermal Council meeting. Ellen Jacobson, UNR presented DOE funding to UNR entities for renewable research. D. Schochet reviewed the Western Governors Association geothermal white paper.
28. Finalized form of bond for Caithness Energy. Reviewed cash bond at Dixie Valley which can be released. Beowawe shut in the 57-13 well for two weeks, then will test.
29. Reviewed application to drill for Hazen Project, GRID. Submitted for public comment.
30. Ormat Steamboat drilling, change in BOPE design approved. Witnessed 13 3/8 BOPE test.
31. Reviewed application to drill for Hazen Project, GRID. Submitted for public comment.
32. Caithness Beowawe video-ing 57-13, will use equipment on Batz 1 injector as well. Caithness conferencing with BLM on expanding PA at Dixie Valley.
33. Ormat coordinating with NDF on clean up of bentonite spill at 38B-28 well site.
34. GPW has reconsidered and granted funding for Mt. Grant Hospital geo-heating system. Has tabled the GRID proposal for now.
35. Local insurance company instructed on providing surety for geo-exploration wells.
36. Spoke with UNR GBC about coordinating with the GPW funded programs at Hawthorne and Elko.
37. Spoke with US Navy geothermal program about coordinating with the Hawthorne program.