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**FEBRUARY 2016 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- **Industry and Public Relations** – The Division assisted the Governor’s office with scientific backup for the maps developed and used in the Governor’s comments and negotiations on the proposed BLM mineral withdrawal. Public workshops for changes to NAC 513 were held in Carson City and Elko on February 16 and 18, respectively. Eight oral comments and two written comments were received on the proposed changes to the administrative code. Comments will be addressed and presented at the CMR hearing scheduled for May 19, 2016.
- **Abandoned Mine Lands (AML)**– Staff responded to a request for assistance from the Golconda Fire Chief in the evaluation of small subsidence feature in Golconda. An eight foot deep hole opened in a vacant lot near a school bus stop. Although the subsidence occurred over a hand dug and timbered feature, the original depth and purpose of the feature could not be determined. A temporary exclusionary fence was constructed, and after receiving a request from the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, the feature was subsequently closed utilizing polyurethane foam. Staff surveyed the Hot Springs Mountain and Mound House closure projects with the BLM archeologist.

	SITES DISCOVERED	SITES SECURED	% SECURED	UNSECURED
Year-to-Date 2016	38	98	258 %	
Total since 1987	19,471	15,777	81 %	3,705

- **Oil, Gas and Geothermal Permitting and Inspections** – The ORNI 43 Tungsten Mountain 84A-22 production well was permitted on February 16th. ORNI 43 is currently drilling the 48A-22 production well at Tungsten Mountain. ORNI 43 will drill the 84A-22 production well after completing the 48A-22 well. Ormat Nevada is also drilling the 23A-8 production well at their Dixie Hope project area in Dixie Valley. No oil or gas wells were permitted during February. The following table summarizes fiscal year 2016 year-to-date well inspections:

	Total Wells	Wells Needed for FY16	Wells Inspected	% of Total Needed	Wells Remaining
Geothermal	461	154	178		
Oil	128	43	40		
Totals	589	197	218	111%	0 (+21 over)

- **Minerals Education and Outreach**– NDOM Staff gave presentations at the following schools and trade associations in January: *GSN Southern Nevada, John Mackay Club-UNR, Brown Elementary-Reno, Alyce Taylor Elementary-Sparks, Western High School-Las Vegas, Fritch and Bordewich-Bray Elementary-Carson City, Pinion Elementary-Minden, Dayton Elementary-Dayton, Bill Durbin, Garrett Wake and Lucia Patterson* topped the list of classroom presenters.

	February, 2016	Calendar 2016 YTD
# of Presentations	26	79
# of Attendees	786	2311

- **Reclamation Bond Pool** – One plan-level bond increase was processed. Four 30-day notice of termination letters were sent to 2 notice-level and two plan-level participants. The following table shows the end-of-February financial summary of bond pool:

Reclamation Bond Pool Status Report		Current to: 2/29/2016						
Plan-level Bonds -Company	Project	Entry Date	Bond Amount	% of Pool	Comments	Deposit	Premiums Paid	% Bond Whole
Custom Details	Bovie-Lew	11/17/2006	\$24,364.00	0.85%		\$ 12,217.11	\$18,791.48	127.3%
Nevada Rae	Black Rock Canyon	4/15/2005	\$393,041.00	13.69%		\$ 211,729.71	\$231,911.07	112.9%
So. NV Liteweight	Money Pit	5/21/2004	\$395,514.00	13.78%		\$ 213,055.61	\$228,552.74	111.7%
Western Pacific Clay	Fallon Bentonite	12/11/1997	\$209,900.00	7.31%		\$ 31,485.00	\$184,074.69	102.7%
Western Mine Dev.	Victorine Mine	5/24/2000	\$45,875.39	1.60%	terminated	\$ -	\$0.00	
Western Mine Dev.	Kingston Mill	5/24/2000	\$100,450.00	3.50%	terminated	\$ -	\$0.00	
Western Mine Dev.	Manhattan Mill	5/24/2000	\$114,288.77	3.98%	terminated	\$ -	\$0.00	
TNT Venture	Big Canyon	1/27/2010	\$78,161.00	2.72%		\$ 39,615.03	\$37,254.16	98.3%
Dun Glen Mining	Dun Glen	8/11/2014	\$373,981.00	13.03%		\$ 200,648.22	\$47,215.69	66.3%
Statewide Notice-Level	Various	various	\$1,135,628.00	39.55%	93 Notice-level bonds			
<b>Total Bond Amount</b>			<b>\$2,871,203.16</b>					
<b>Cash in Pool's Account (From BSR - 2/29/15)</b>			<b>\$3,768,055.60</b>					
<b>Unfunded Amount</b>			<b>-\$896,852.44</b>					
<b>Percent funded</b>			<b>131.2%</b>					

## Financial, Personnel, Safety and Projects:

- The Division was staffed at budget with 11 full-time employees.
- Staff interviewed 16 candidates for AML summer intern positions, 15 from UNR/Mackay and one from UNLV. Offers will be extended to 6 interns in March. Pre-employment drug tests will be a condition of employment.
- The reserve balance was \$1,250,515 on January 29, 2016. The MSM \$2 claim fee payment approved by the Commission was remitted in February.
- Staff initiated a new project to evaluate and coordinate efforts to achieve a final closure plan for the Arden Mine in Clark County.
- The bi-annual State budget kickoff meeting will be held on March 9.

