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DEPARTMENT OF
**CONSERVATION &
NATURAL RESOURCES**

DCNR Mission

To conserve, protect, manage,
and enhance the state's
natural resources
for Nevada's citizens and visitors.

Divisions

 Conservation Districts  Environmental Protection  Forestry  Natural Heritage	 State Lands  State Parks  Water Resources  Wild Horse Program
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Nine Statutory Boards and Commissions



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NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY

**Nevada Division of Forestry
State Office
2478 Fairview Drive
Carson City**



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NDF Facilities

- ▶ **3 Regional Offices**
 - HQ/Western, Northern, Southern
- ▶ **2 Dispatch Centers**
 - Interagency: Minden and Elko
- ▶ **2 Nurseries**
 - Washoe Valley and Las Vegas
- ▶ **3 Career Fire Stations**
- ▶ **24 Volunteer Fire Stations**
- ▶ **Air Operations Center**
 - Minden, three helicopters
- ▶ **Conservation Camps**
 - Silver Springs closed 7/1/2008
 - Tonopah budgeted to close 6/30/2009
 - 8 conservation camps remain
 - Three Lakes expansion FY11





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NDF Staffing

FY	FTEs	SEASONAL
08-09	214	47
10-11	203	40

Governor Recommended Budget

FY09	FY10	FY11
\$26,206,398	\$25,873,019	\$26,495,752*

**Increase due to Three Lakes Camp expansion*



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FY10-11 Key Budget Points

- ▶ BA 4195 (Forestry)
 - Eliminates Southern Regional Forester
 - Reduces funding for VFD physicals
 - Eliminates Elko Mechanic
 - Eliminates Statewide Mutual Aid Coordinator
 - Reduces vehicle fleet by 69 vehicles

- ▶ BA 4198 (Camps)
 - Closes Tonopah Conservation Camp (7 employee layoffs)
 - Reduces Conservation Camp vehicle fleet by 20 vehicles



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NDF Program Issues

- ▶ **NDF Nursery Program**
 - critical for land rehabilitation; is experiencing revenue shortfalls due to the economy and CIP payback requirements.
- ▶ **Climate change/continued drought**
 - negatively impact the health of Nevada's forests and rangelands thereby increasing the potential for large catastrophic wildfires.
- ▶ **2009 Legislation:**
 - AB75 requires State Forester to submit annual reports about forest health/fire prevention in Lake Tahoe Basin; AB78 places provisions creating NDF camp program in statute; SB94 provides uniform defensible space guidelines in Lake Tahoe Basin.



NDF nursery in Las Vegas



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Number of Wildland Fires & Acres Burned

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF WILDLAND FIRES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF ACRES BURNED</u>
1999	1,185	1,871,956
2000	1,171	699,210
2001	1,277	654,253
2002	771	77,551
2003	811	17,546
2004	950	40,950
2005	794	1,032,104
2006	1,274	1,348,871
2007	784	900,498
2008	443	71,909

10 Year Average **946** **671,485**

▶ 2009 Season Outlook



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Division of State Parks

MISSION

The Division of State Parks plans, develops and maintains a system of parks and recreation areas for the use and enjoyment of residents and visitors. The division also preserves areas of scenic, historic and scientific significance in Nevada.

Statutory Authority
NRS 232.135 and 407

Permanent Employees
FY09 111 FY10/11 98



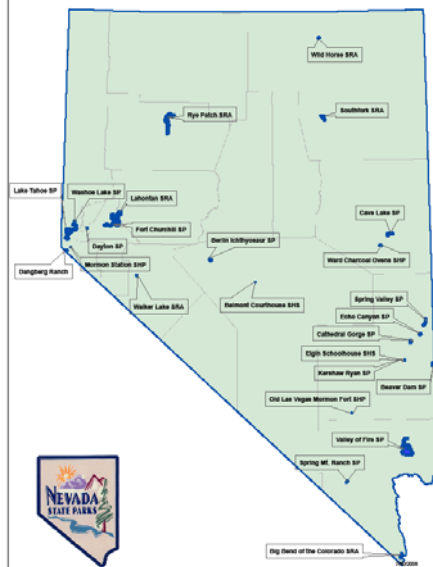
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State Parks



- ❑ 25 State Park administered sites
- ❑ 146,196 acres
- ❑ Nearly 400 structures (many are historical)



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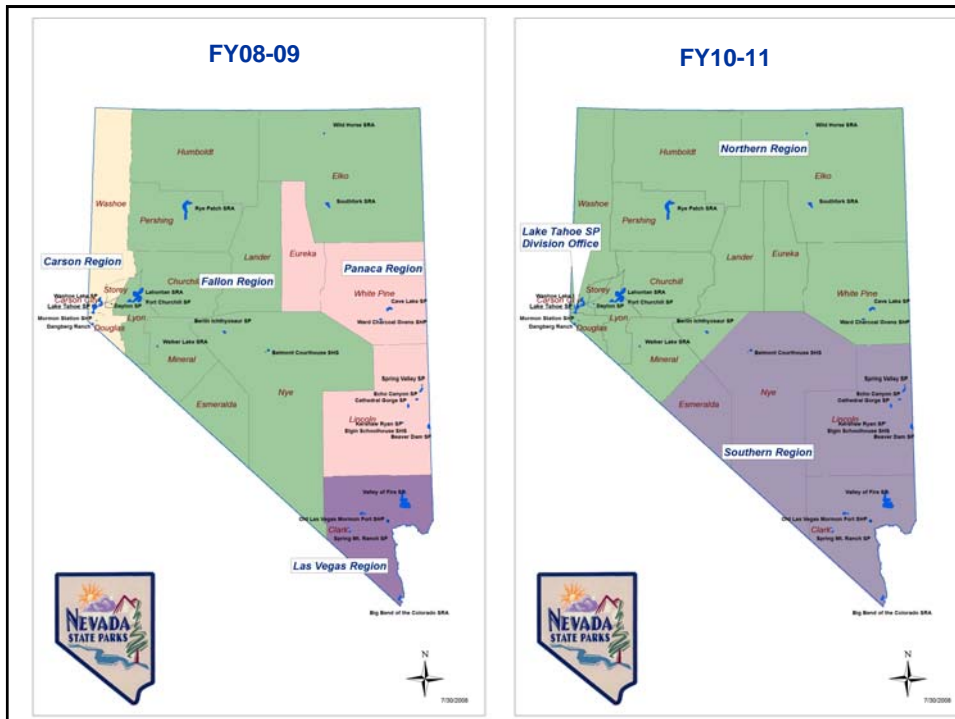
Value & Benefit of State Parks

□ Economic

- ▶ The impact of state parks on state and local economies is significant. Every recreation dollar expended changes hands several times before leaving the local communities in which it is spent.
- ▶ State Parks operating expenditures and park visitor expenditures contribute a significant amount to state and local economies.

□ Social

- ▶ Improves the quality of life for residents and visitors
- ▶ Provides affordable family recreational opportunities
- ▶ Promotes better health through physical activity
- ▶ Provides public access to unique historic, natural and recreational areas
- ▶ Provides opportunities for community and statewide activities
- ▶ Enhances various educational programs by adding field study opportunities





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Program Impacts

- ❑ Eliminating 13 permanent positions and funding for 22 seasonal months will have an impact on various park services and programs.
- ❑ Operating 10 parks on a seasonal basis will reduce access, but only during the slowest part of the season: Dangberg Home Ranch, Beaver Dam, Dayton, Lahontan, Rye Patch, Ward Charcoal Oven, Washoe Lake, Sand Harbor boat ramp, Echo Canyon, and Cathedral Gorge Regional Visitor Center.



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Program Impacts (cont.)

- ❑ Elimination of \$1,455,881 in deferred maintenance funds will have a significant impact on our ability to maintain park facilities.
- ❑ Temporally closing the Elgin Schoolhouse and Walker Lake will have little impact due to the current problems with access and low water conditions.





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Program Impacts

- ❑ Loss of the seasonal invasive weed program in the Panaca Region will leave a northern and southern crew, but it will increase travel and the amount of acreage that needs to be treated by the two remaining crews.
- ❑ \$107,274 will replace a small amount of health and safety related equipment: water rescue equipment, snow removal equipment, a law enforcement vehicle, and radio equipment.



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Major Issues

- ❑ Uncertainty of continued funding from the Land & Water Conservation Fund.
- ❑ The age and condition of the majority of State Parks' equipment is making it difficult, and in a number of cases unsafe, to continue to maintain park facilities and protect park visitors.
- ❑ Many key division employees are eligible to retire within five years (20).
- ❑ Not having adequate funding and personnel to maintain State Park's IT equipment (191 computers located statewide).





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Mission

“To preserve and enhance the environment of the state to protect public health, sustain healthy ecosystems and contribute to a vibrant economy”

(Division established by NRS 232.136)



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Approach

- ▶ Traditional regulatory tools
 - Set regulatory standards
 - Issue permits, conduct inspections, take enforcement action when necessary
- ▶ Assistance programs
 - Grants and loans
 - Technical and compliance assistance
- ▶ Voluntary programs



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Boards and Commissions

- ▶ State Environmental Commission
 - Adopts regulations
 - Holds contested case hearings
 - Ratifies certain admin penalties
- ▶ Board to Review Petroleum Claims
- ▶ Board to Finance Water Projects



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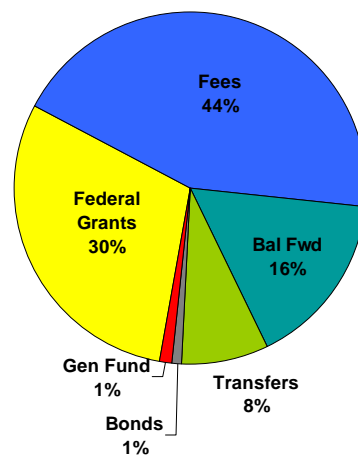


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Staffing and Budget

- ▶ 252 FTEs
 - 1 FTE Proposed FY10
- ▶ Offices in Carson City and Las Vegas
- ▶ Federally delegated and State designed programs
- ▶ Primarily funded by fees and federal grants
- ▶ 22 Budget Accounts
 - 9 Executive
 - 13 Non-Executive

Revenue \$44 million





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Environmental Programs

- ▶ Air
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Safe Drinking Water
- ▶ Financial Assistance
- ▶ Mining
- ▶ Waste
- ▶ Corrective Actions
- ▶ Federal Facilities

2009 NDEP Legislation

- **SB37** streamlines the flow of grants to recipients by establishing authority to award subgrants in Drinking Water Revolving Fund, Wellhead Protection & Clean Water Act Nonpoint Source programs.
- **SB105** revises provisions governing matching funds required for grants made by Board for Financing Water Projects. Introduced by the Public Lands Committee, this bill gives the board more flexibility to determine grant amounts, thereby making more dollars available to more communities.



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Bureau of Air Quality Planning

- ▶ Ambient air monitoring
- ▶ Alternative fuels program
- ▶ Climate change
- ▶ Mercury control programs
- ▶ Chemical Accident Prevention program



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Bureau of Air Pollution Control

- ▶ Regulation of stationary sources of pollutants (633 permitted sources)
 - Class I permitting
 - Class II and III permitting
 - Compliance and enforcement
 - Emissions auditing program



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Bureau of Water Quality

- ▶ Water quality standards development
- ▶ Voluntary non-point source pollutant control program with funding
- ▶ Monitor ambient water quality
 - More than 200 sites statewide
- ▶ Laboratory certification program
 - Certification of 104 labs nationwide
- ▶ Public education and outreach



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Bureau of Water Pollution Control

- ▶ Regulation of point source discharges
 - 384 active permits
- ▶ Underground injection control
 - 280 active permits
- ▶ Regulation of stormwater discharges
 - 854 permits issued in 2008 (34% decrease from 2006)
- ▶ Subdivision reviews in 2008
 - 238 tentative maps (75% decrease from 2006)
 - 344 final maps (79% decrease from 2006)



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Bureau of Safe Drinking Water

- ▶ Regulation of 565 public water systems (PWS)
 - 346 Non Community PWS
 - 219 Community (residential) PWS
- ▶ Population served in excess of 2 million people
- ▶ Arsenic program biggest challenge



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Bureau of Admin Services Office of Financial Assistance

- ▶ **Clean Water State Revolving Fund**
 - \$20 million yearly average
- ▶ **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**
 - \$8 million yearly average
- ▶ **Public water systems and water conservation grants**
 - \$8 million yearly average
- ▶ **Stimulus Bill**



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Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

- ▶ **Permitting and regulation of fluid management systems**
 - 307 active permits
- ▶ **Financial assurance for reclamation**
 - \$1.1 billion in sureties held
- ▶ **Regulation of closure activities**



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Bureau of Waste Management

- ▶ Hazardous waste management
 - Regulation of 3,630 generators and transporters statewide
 - Regulation of 19 treatment, storage, disposal and recycling facilities
 - Compliance assistance program

- ▶ Solid waste management
 - Regulation of 180 landfills, transfer stations
 - Recycling information and education program



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Bureau of Corrective Actions

- ▶ Leaking Underground Storage Tank program
 - Petroleum fund (\$147 million disbursed to date)
- ▶ Underground Storage Tank preventative program
- ▶ Remedial action and voluntary clean-ups
- ▶ Brownfields restoration
- ▶ Certification of environmental consultants
 - 691 consultants certified
- ▶ Department of Defense (DOD) facilities



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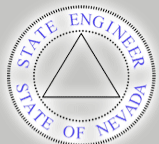


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Bureau of Federal Facilities

- ▶ Department of Energy Facilities (DOE)
 - Regulation of activities at the Nevada Test Site (NTS)
 - Restoration of contaminated areas at NTS
 - Long term stewardship

- ▶ No involvement with Yucca Mountain



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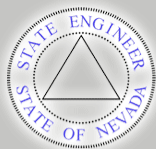


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Water Resources Mission

To conserve, protect, manage and enhance the State's water resources for Nevada's citizens through the appropriation and reallocation of the public waters.





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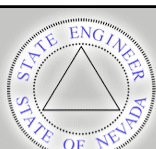
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Water Resources Facilities

- ▶ Main Office
 - Carson City
- ▶ Branch Offices
 - Las Vegas
 - Elko
 - Winnemucca



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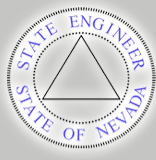
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DUTIES OF THE STATE ENGINEER

- ▶ Appropriation
- ▶ Adjudication
- ▶ Distribution & Regulation
- ▶ Dam Safety
- ▶ Water Planning
- ▶ Flood Plain Management
- ▶ Subdivision Approval



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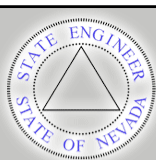
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Water Resources General Fund Staffing

FY	FTEs	SEASONAL
08-09	73.5	4 (all non-exec)
10-11	62.1	4 (all non-exec)

Governor Recommended Budget

FY09	FY10	FY11
\$7,374,882	\$6,145,256	\$6,039,069



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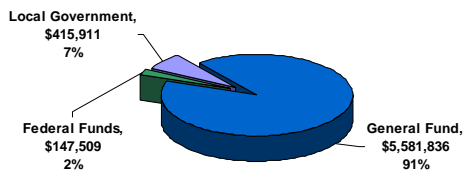
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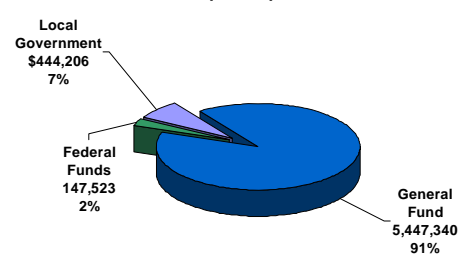
Water Resources Total Revenues FY10

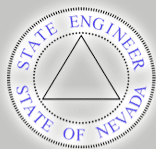
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Water Resources Total Revenues FY11

\$6,039,069





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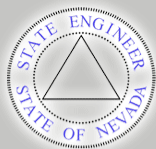
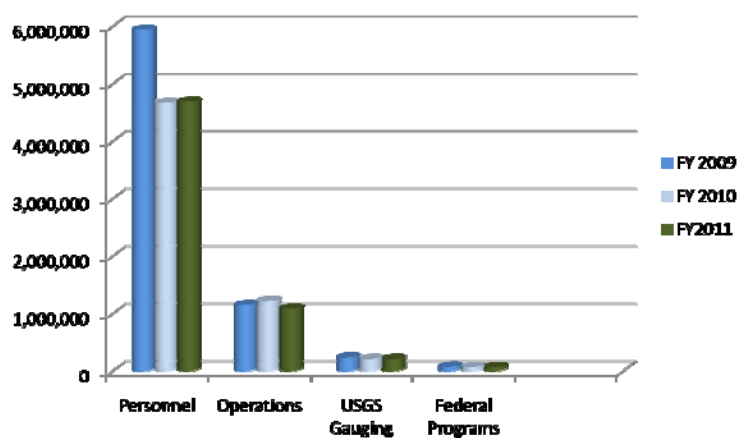
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Water Resources Total Expenditures



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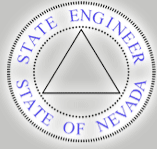
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FY10-11 Key Budget Points

- ▶ Elimination of 11.4 positions, reducing the number of FTE general fund positions from 73.5 to 62.10, a 15.5% reduction
- ▶ The staff reduction:
 - Eliminates the Water Planning Section
 - Reduces the number of staff working on water-right ownership by ~40%. This reduction in staff will directly impact the division's ability to issue water-right permits in a timely fashion.
 - Eliminates 3 engineering positions which reduces the number of water right applications being acted on, affects the number of low-hazard dams being inspected, and will delay responses to the public.
 - Eliminates 3 clerical staff which represents a 19% reduction in clerical workforce.
- ▶ Received \$147,600 in FY10 and \$24,000 in FY11 for repair, maintenance and inspection of South Fork Dam.



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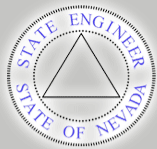
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Water Resources Program Issues

- ▶ As directed in SB274, DWR adopted regulations providing for fines & penalties for violations of Nevada's water law. No new staff to enforce these regulations. Coupled with proposed staff reductions, enforcement of the regulations will be difficult.
- ▶ During the past 5 years, strides have been made to reduce the backlog of applications and title work. With proposed reductions, the backlog will likely increase.
- ▶ The division is conducting more and more hearings to resolve protested water-right applications.
- ▶ Continuing to expand website by linking permits, certificates, well logs, maps, etc., to their scanned images. The loss of one IT staff member in FY10-11 budget will slow this work.



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Potential Water Related Issues in the 2009 Session

- ▶ Inventory of water resources
- ▶ Funding for additional hydrologic studies
- ▶ Forfeiture language clarification
- ▶ Costs of bonds for stays of a State Engineer decision
- ▶ Interbasin transfers
- ▶ Extensions of time



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State Lands Mission

To uphold the conservation and land resource values of Nevadans through responsible land-use planning, resource programs that protect and enhance the natural environment and land stewardship worthy of the lands entrusted to us.



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The Division of State Lands, based in Carson City with statewide responsibility, includes:

- ▶ State Land Office
- ▶ Nevada Tahoe Resource Team
- ▶ State Land Use Planning
- ▶ Conservation Bond/Q1 Team

Staffing

FY	FTEs	SEASONAL
08-09	22	1
10-11	20	1



Governor Recommended Budget

FY09	FY10	FY11
\$2,217,397	\$1,857,611	\$1,853,701



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State Land Office

Agency Lands

Serve as the State's "real estate agency" for all agencies except the Legislature, University system, and NDOT

- Acquires land and water rights needed by the state
- Disposes of excess land and water rights

Authorizes use of State land

- Issues easements and leases

Land Records

Holds title to land used by most agencies
Maintains state land records since statehood



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State Land Office

Navigable Waters

Upon statehood, Nevada received title to all submerged lands beneath navigable bodies of water.

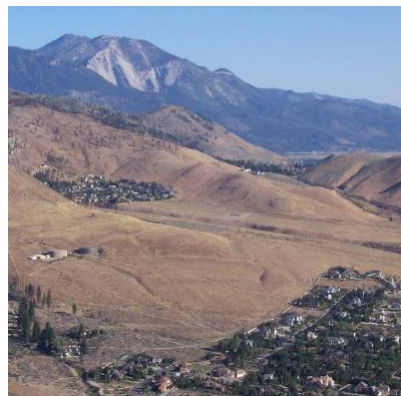
Permit structures in navigable waters

- Lake Tahoe
- Washoe Lake
- Walker Lake
- Truckee River
- Carson River
- Virgin River
- Colorado River

School Trust Lands

NDSL holds title to approximately 2,500 acres of original school trust lands

Managed or disposed to generate revenue for the Permanent School Fund





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State Lands Question 1 Program

In 2002, voters approved conservation bonds.

State Lands administers \$65.5 million grant program.

Funds can be used for:

- Recreational Trails
- Acquisition of land for open space, conservation, urban parks and greenbelts
- Planning for habitat restoration and open space
- Carson River projects
- Tahoe path system



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Question 1 Program

Highlights

- Awarded nearly \$54 million in grants to date
- More than \$54 million in matching funds
- 110 projects awarded funding
- Funding awarded to 15 of 17 counties
- Nearly two acres per day acquired since voters approved Q1



Douglas County – Job's Peak Trail/Job's Peak Ranch
Photo by Jacques Etchegoyhen



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Conservation Districts Mission

To serve the State Conservation Commission in assisting, guiding and regulating Nevada's 28 locally elected conservation districts to meet the goals of Nevada landowners and land users in conserving renewable natural resources.



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In FY08, state grants of \$5,000 for each district were leveraged by matching dollars exceeding \$17 for every state dollar (a total of about \$2.5 million).

Staffing

FY	FTEs
08-09	3
10-11	2.5



Governor Recommended Budget

FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
\$449,340	\$380,444	\$381,909



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Division of Conservation Districts

- Conservation District Board Supervisors are elected & appointed officials who serve without pay under NRS & NAC 548.
- The State Conservation Commission is the regulatory body appointed by the Governor.
- The division provides support to expand and implement CD programs in education, watershed management and restoration, agricultural practices, water quality improvement projects, wildlife habitat improvements, noxious weed abatement programs and others.



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Natural Heritage Mission

To maintain comprehensive information on the locations, biology and conservation status of all endangered, threatened, sensitive and at-risk species in Nevada.



Headwaters of Meadow Valley Wash
Photo by Eric Miskow



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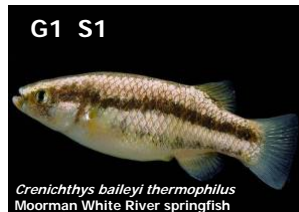
Heritage Species' Ranks:

1. Imperiled
2. At risk
3. Rare or vulnerable
4. Secure with long term concern
5. Secure; widespread & abundant



Factors Used to Rank Species:

- The number and conditions of populations
- The area or range occupied by the species
- Population trends
- Known threats



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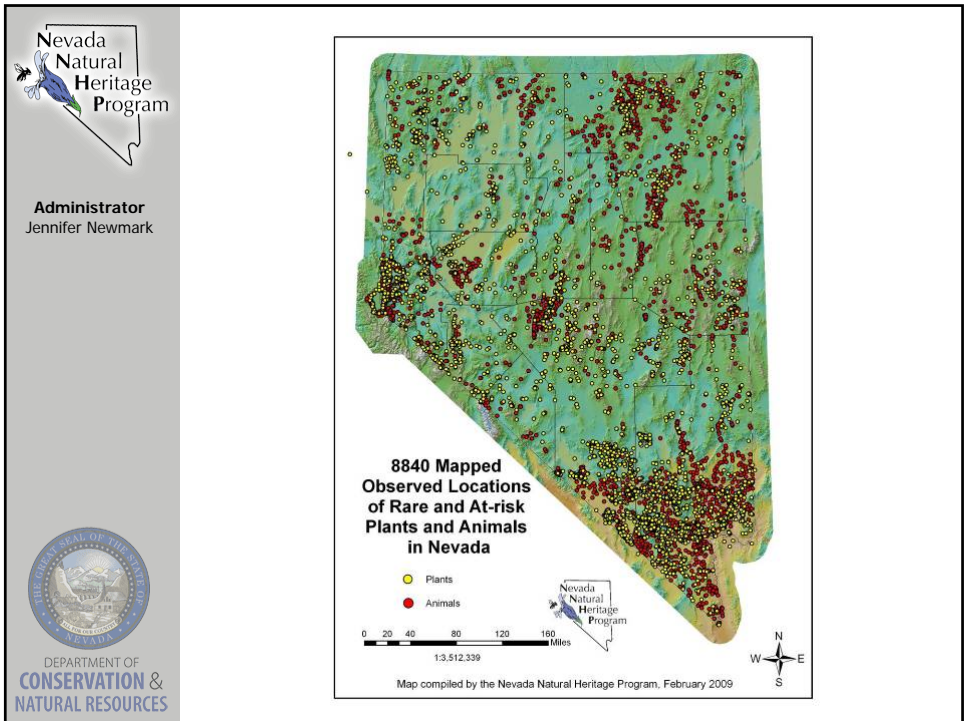


NNHP is currently tracking 593 species:

- 289 Plants
- 170 Invertebrates
- 120 Vertebrates
- 14 Mosses & Lichens



**An additional 178 species
are on the NNHP
Watch List**



Commission for the PRESERVATION OF WILD HORSES

Administrator
Catherine Barcomb

Wild Horse Program Mission

To sustain viable herds of wild horses on public lands throughout Nevada; and to serve as a clearinghouse for information about wild horses.

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Historic Successes

- ▶ Land use planning document reviews
- ▶ Public and media inquiries
- ▶ Prison adoption program
- ▶ Mustang Heritage Foundation creation
 - Foundation adoption success

