National Monuments

- Basin and Range – 704,000 acres
- Gold Butte – 300,000 acres

National Conservation Areas

- Red Rock Canyon – BLM’s most visited NCA: 196,877 acres
- Sloan Canyon – 48,438 acres
- Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails: 1.2 million acres

46 Wilderness Areas: 2 million acres
60 Wilderness Study Areas: 2.5 million acres
Review of the Lands and Realty and Special Legislation Programs
Regulatory and Legal Compliance

• Rental for Permits and ROWs
• Pre-application meetings
• R&PP Case Files
• Legal Land Description Reviews
• Compliance and Monitoring
• Customer Service Standards
• Trespass
• NEPA Analysis
• Cost Recovery
• Data Standards
• Communication Site Leases/Communication Site Plans
• Conveyance Documents
Fiscal Issues

- Budgets/Targets/Funding Strategies
  - Cost Recovery
- Bonding
- Airport Lease Rentals
Workload and Workforce Management

- Case File Processing
- NEPA Analysis
- Realty Program Staffing
- Training for Staff and Managers
Special Legislation Review

Issues Identified

- Records Management
- Communication: Transparency and Efficiency
- Organizational Structure and Program Complexity
- Information Transfer, Succession Planning and Training Needs
BLM Herd Areas (HA) and Herd Management Areas (HMA)
10 western states have federally protected WHBs
177 Herd Management Areas (HMA’s)
26.9 million acres of public rangelands
26,715 animals is the Appropriate Management Level (AML)
72,674 animals on the range (as of March 2017)
37,711 in Nevada (NV AML is 12,811)
45,517 animals in holding (as of October 2017)
12,088 in 26 corrals (cost $4.99 per day)
32,805 in 28 pastures (cost $1.82 per day)
624 in Eco-sanctuaries (cost $3.50-$5.00 per day)
4,142 animals adopted/sold in 2017 (3,561 Adopted / 581 Sold)
4,208 horses/burros removed from the range in 2017
(cost $1,007/per animal to gather / remove)
Management Issues

- **Controlling Herd Population Growth**
  - Current tools to control populations are removals and 1 year effective contraceptive vaccines that have to be reapplied annually to maintain infertility
  - No highly effective, easily delivered and affordable fertility control methods (NAS 2013)

- **Effects of over populations**
  - Deteriorated rangeland health and loss habitat for wildlife
  - Animal health affected
  - Animals moving out of HMAs onto private lands and along highways. Increasing human interactions.

- **Emergency conditions** in some areas
  - Severe drought / range degradation
  - Wildfire
  - Threat to public health and safety
There are currently 21 research projects initiated to develop new tools for managing wild horses and burros, such as robust population models; burro survey methods, evaluate collars for GPS tracking and sentinel herd demography studies. In addition, developing better, longer lasting fertility controls and safe spay and gelding methods.

Continuing existing partnerships and forging new ones, to place more animals into good homes. For example, the BLM’s partnership with the Mustang Heritage Foundation has helped place 7,500 animals in suitable homes since September 2007.

The BLM has Inmate Training programs in AZ, CA, CO, KS, NV and WY. Here in Nevada, the Northern Nevada Correctional Center holds 3-4 adoptions a year offering saddle-trained horses to the public – the next adoption is scheduled for February 24, 2018. In addition, they train horses specifically for other agencies such as the Border Patrol, Washoe County Mounted Unit, Forest Services in CA, OR, WY and ID and Nevada Department of Wildlife Game Wardens.
BLM Nevada works hard to educate the public on the complexities of the Wild Horse and Burro Program. We openly accept speaking opportunities with any organization and we have built strong and trusting relationships with the media and their reporters. Below are just a few examples of our accomplishments.

- **Jan 2017**: HBO Vice News filmed on-site during the Owyhee Complex Wild Horse Gather and at Palomino Valley Facility


- **Jun 2017**: The Reno Rodeo Facebook Live segment on the EMM was viewed over 7,000 times with over 3,000 logging on during the initial segment [https://www.facebook.com/RenoRodeo/videos/10154967129726725/](https://www.facebook.com/RenoRodeo/videos/10154967129726725/)


- **Oct-Nov 2017**: Legende Films – Filmed a documentary at the Northern Nevada Correction Center *(not yet released)* of the Inmate Wild Horse Training Program – BLM contributed and was key in coordinating effort

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**NV DOC Inmates working their assigned Mustangs at NNCC located in Carson City, NV**
• H.R.1349 - To amend the Wilderness Act to ensure that the use of bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, and game carts is not prohibited in Wilderness Areas, and for other purposes.
  • The bill has not cleared the House or Senate
• HR 1107, the Pershing County Economic Development and Conservation Act, passed the House on 1/16/18
• S 1046- Eastern Nevada Economic Development and Land Management Improvement Act
• One of the PEISs will analyze fuels breaks, which slow the advance of wildfire and thereby reduce the threat to life and property, among other benefits.

• The other PEIS will analyze restoration work of burned areas, with an emphasis on replacing invasive species with native and other species more conducive to sagebrush-steppe health.

• They analyze future projects in Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Utah and California.

• Scoping meetings will be held Jan 30-Feb 15

• The comment period closes March 2.
Questions?