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Memorandum of Understanding

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Between

**Douglas County, Nevada and U.S.D.A. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for the
Amendment of the Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans**

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Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as "Memo") is to provide for cooperation between Douglas County and the U.S. Forest Service in the amendment of the Toiyabe Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The Forest Service and Douglas County acknowledge, in formalizing this agreement, that it is in the best interest of both parties to join together in a coordinated effort to revise the plan.

Mutual Agreement

All parties agree to:

Encourage working relationships that are mutually respectful, acknowledge and value commonalities and differences, build trust, and reflect a collaborative approach to planning.

Facilitate understanding about the values, needs and desires of all constituents and interest groups, including future generations, associated with Douglas County and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Recognize that the authorities and responsibilities of the entities are different and that each is guided by the specific laws and regulations which pertain to their respective level of government.

Recognize and promote local, state, and national interests that are served by a renewable resource program based on present and anticipated uses; analyzed for local and regional environmental and economic impacts; and the inclusion of public participation.

Exchange and share science-based information regarding the ecology, economics, multiple uses, sustained yield, and social factors of importance to Douglas County and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest region.

The Forest Service will

Involve Douglas County in the preparation of the Plan Amendment/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process at the earliest possible time. The NEPA processes Douglas County may choose to be involved in include, but are not limited to: scoping; issue identification; development of alternatives; identification, collection and analysis of information needed to make sound land use decisions; preparation of the environmental impact statement; and monitoring and mitigation identification.

Use the environmental analyses and proposals of Douglas County to the maximum extent possible consistent with its responsibilities as lead agencies.

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Douglas County will

Participate in the scoping process for the amendment.

Assume responsibility for developing information and preparing analyses, including portions of the environmental impact statements, where Douglas County has jurisdiction or special expertise.

Notify the Forest Service in writing if other program commitments preclude and involvement or the degree of involvement requested by the Forest Service for activities or analyses needed for the environmental impact statement.

Administration

Nothing in this Memo shall obligate the parties to expend funds or to enter into any contract or other obligations.

No part of this Memo modifies existing authorities under which the parties currently operate.

This Memo shall become effective as soon as signed by the parties hereto. Amendments or supplements to this Memo may be proposed by any party and shall become effective upon written approval of all parties. This Memo shall continue in force until publication of a Record of Decision, unless terminated in writing by either party after giving 30 day notice.

Authority

National Environmental Policy Act

National Forest Management Act

Approved:

Robert L. Vauk
Forest Supervisor 3/16/00

Bernard Curtis
Bernard Curtis
Vice-Chairman,
Douglas County Commission

Attest:

Barbara J. Reed
County Clerk
Sondra Condon, Chief Deputy Clerk

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The document to which this certificate is attached is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and on record in my office.

DATE: March 20, 2000
By B. REED Clerk of the 9th Judicial District Court
of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Douglas.
By Carol Muller Deputy

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