



Transfer Times

Nevada Lands Council Newsletter

Annual Report for 2016

A Review of our Inaugural Year

On February 8th 2017 the Nevada Lands Council (NLC) wrapped up its first year of advocacy regarding the transfer of federal land to the State of Nevada. Our journey along year one's path has seen its share of challenges, but fortunately, many more triumphs—continually learning along the way. This annual report has been provided to give current and prospective NLC members a brief summary of what the organization has been up to for the last year, our plans for the future, and most importantly, how you can help.

Nevada LANDS Council

*Empowering Nevadans to ensure local control of their public lands in order to reverse devastating federal management practices and ensure abundant access for **all Americans!***

Allowing the federal government to control large tracts of state land *“would be a means of awing the state into undue obedience to the general government.”*

- Debate regarding Article I, Section 8, Clause 17, Constitutional Convention 1787



Another Glorious Nevada Sunset

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Moving Day at the Nevada Lands Council Headquarters

Meet the NLC Board of Directors & Staff

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Administrative News

February 2016

The Nevada Lands Council, a non-profit organization, is formed following a meeting comprised of 20 residents from Elko, Lander, and Churchill counties. Participants expressed extreme concern over current federal land management policies and practices and vow to support efforts associated with the transfer of federal lands within Nevada borders to the State of Nevada.

March 2016

Within a month, the NLC launched a fully interactive website that allows supporters to place membership within the organization, volunteer for events, and donate to the mission electronically via www.nevadalandscouncil.org. In addition NLC introduced itself to the social media world via Facebook (@NevadaLandsCouncil) and Twitter (@NVLandsCouncil)

August 2016

The Nevada Lands Council set up its official headquarters at 445 5th Street, Suite # 101 in Elko, Nevada. The NLC office will provide a central location by which NLC members and an interested public can acquire information, receive updates, and provide input associated with the transfer of public land from federal management/ownership to the State of Nevada. The NLC is grateful to Jim Winer of Coldwell Banker who completely furnished the office space and Ted and Lina Blohm for providing a great place to hang our hat!

October 2016

NLC hires Clarity Media Services to spearhead marketing and information sharing on various social media outlets.

February 2017

Operation Blackbird is launched to provide a fast and effective way to mobilize NLC supporters when assistance is required for personal appearances, letter writing, or social media responses. Operation Blackbird identifies key leaders in each Nevada County, then provides them with the promotional material, presentations, and information to recruit and educate members in their areas. It is NLC's plan to use Operation Blackbird as a tool to, not only inform the public of NLC objectives, but engage local—state—and national leadership when support is crucial to land transfer objectives.

KEEP PUBLIC LANDS



PUBLIC!

Public Education and Advocacy

June 2016—A public meeting was held at the GBC campus to introduce community leaders in Elko to the NLC and its objectives. Congressman Mark Amodei was on hand to explain the details of H.R. 1484, a bill calling for the transfer of public land to the State.

September 2016—NLC volunteers hand out promotional flyers at the Elko County Fair.

November 2016—NLC advocate, Dan Lotspeich, presents before the Nevada Farm Bureau at their annual meeting. Mr. Lotspeich highlighted the NLC's objectives along with details regarding H.R. 1484, its content and progress.

Media Exposure

April 2016—Nevada Cattlemen Association—*Sage Signals*.

Elko Daily Free Press—
Response to DOI Sec.
Sally Jewell Speech

June 2016—

Elko Daily Free Press—
Addressing concerns
over Valid Existing Rights

September 2016—

Elko Daily Free Press—
Article Refutation



Chairman Demar Dahl before the House Subcommittee on Energy and Natural Resources

Government Affairs

April 2016

NLC hires Swenson Strategies as its official lobbyist for Government Affairs.

NLC Chairman, Demar Dahl testifies alongside Nevada Lt. Governor Mark Hutchison in Washington D.C. before the Federal Land Action Group in support of H.R. 1484.

August 2016

NLC Chairman, Demar Dahl, met with Presidential Candidate, Donald J. Trump at Lake Tahoe, NV to discuss and explain the details associated with Nevada's proposed public land transfer.

September 2016

NLC President, Rex Steninger, met with Donald Trump Jr. in Salt Lake City, UT to explain the benefits associated with state control of public lands.

November 2016

NLC Chairman, Demar Dahl, testifies in Washington D.C. before the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources in support H.R. 1484.

December 2016

Congressman Mark Amodei's H.R. 1484 "Honor the Nevada Enabling Act of 1864" dies in congress due to the conclusion of the 114th congress.

February 2017

NLC Chairman, Demar Dahl, travels to Washington D.C. to provide insights to the discussions regarding public land and proposed federal transfers.

March 2017

NLC Chairman, Demar Dahl, returns to Washington D.C. to discuss proposed changes to, and suggestions for, a new Land Transfer Bill to be introduced to the 115th Congress.

NLC's Operation Blackbird mobilized sending their sportsmen to Carson City to show their support for the transfer of federal land and encourage Congressman Mark Amodei as he addressed a joint session of the Nevada Legislature.

Moving Forward

As we move headlong into our next year of operation there are several objectives that we will need to accomplish if we plan on succeeding in our mission. First, we need to continue to build up our membership; a well populated membership base shows our political leaders that their constituents are concerned about and desire more control over their local public lands. Second, we need to continue our fundraising efforts. Thus far, our donors have been very generous and have provided the means for NLC to hit the ground running—more support will be needed, however, to ensure that our movement maintains its momentum. Next, we are working diligently to engage stakeholders so all Nevadan's can provide insight and oversee the draft of a new lands transfer bill that we hope can be introduced sometime before the summer of 2017. And last but probably most important, we need to enhance our communication strategy in such a way that all of our members are informed and prepared to deploy at a moments notice for sake of the cause.

What Can You Do Right Now?

Go to the NLC website and sign in as a supporting member (no cost). Take a look at our resources and get familiar with the topic of a federal land transfer so that you can effectively promote the cause through various public and social media outlets. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. See what donor membership level works for you, and donate to the NLC. Stop by the NLC office when you are in Elko and say hello.

Save the West for All Americans!!

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