CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST

Project Name: Renewal of Grazing Leases on Newlands Project (excluding Carson Lake and Pasture), Newlands Project, Nevada

CEC Number: LO –2012-1030

Cost Authority: A20 1912 4999 100 00 0

Date: January 11, 2013

Exclusion Category: *516 DM 6 Appendix 9.4.D.8.* - Renewal of existing grazing, recreation management, or cabin site leases which do not increase the level of use or continue unsatisfactory environmental conditions.

Nature of Action: The proposed action is for the Bureau of Reclamation to renew livestock grazing leases on twenty-seven pastures within the Newlands Project covered by the in-process Newlands Resource Management Plan (RMP). This CEC will cover renewals of these leases until December 31, 2013. The grazing program will remain the same until the end of 2013, pending the development of the LBAO Grazing Management Plan, which is part of the RMP. The RMP will be analyzing impacts of continuing the current grazing program and alternatives that may arise through the planning process. The following leases are included in the renewal document: Harmon Pasture, Sheckler Pasture, Stillwater Wildlife Management Area Pasture, Swingle Bench Section 2, Swingle Bench, Fernley Wildlife Management Area, Huckins, Soda Lake Pasture, Carr Lane Pasture, Carson Diversion Dam Pasture, and the "Seventeen Yearlong Leases", which include Hazen Area-Hart Lane, Mahala Slough West, Mahala Slough East, Massie Slough Section 10, Grimes Point, Sagouspe Dam, Fallon Diversion Dam, Pasture Road, Oles Pond North, Oles Pond South, Southeast Sheckler #1, Southeast Sheckler #2, Old Reservoir #1, Old Reservoir #2, East Sheckler #1, East Sheckler #2, Leter Road/Indian Lakes Pastures.

On all leases the grazing must abide by the following management requirements that provide for environmental protection:

- 1. Proper range management must be practiced to prevent overgrazing.
- 2. All State and local laws and regulations regarding brucellosis vaccinations and branding of livestock must be complied with.

- 3. Fences and ditches are to be kept in good state of repair.
- 4. Reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent forest, brush and grass fires.
- 5. No contamination of lands, waters or facilities owned by the United States or administered by Reclamation is allowed. Compliance must occur with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations, and Reclamation polices concerning hazardous materials.

The <u>Harmon Pasture</u> grazing area is on 5,828 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. The lease is issued for April 1 through November 15. The permittees are: Richard Allegre, Patty Daniels, Scott Nygren, John Torvik, and Karl Weishaupt. The grazing area is located on the USGS Grimes Point and Lahontan Mountains quad sheets (see attached map).

Legal location - Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDM):

T 18 N, R 29 E; T 19 N, R 29 E; T 18 N, R 30 E; T 19 N, R 30 E.

The <u>Sheckler Pasture</u> grazing area is on 20,828 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. The lease is issued for April 1through November 15. The permittees are: Larry Kyte and Mills Ranch. The grazing area is located on the USGS Sheckler Reservoir and Fallon quad sheets (see attached map).

Legal location (MDM):

T 18 N, R 27; T 19 N, R 27 E; T 18 N, R 28 E; T 19 N, R 28 E.

The <u>Stillwater Wildlife Management Area Pasture</u> grazing area is on 65,208 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. The lease is issued for April 1 through February 28. The permittees are: Joyce Casey, Sonny Fowler, Sam Hiibel, Becky Humphrey, Gayle Hybarger, Steve Mussi, and Jim Sloan. The grazing area is located on the USGS Parron, Carson Sink SW, Upsal Hogback, Battle Ground Point, Stillwater NE, Soda Lake East, Indian Lakes, and Stillwater quad sheets (see attached map).

Legal location (MDM):

T 20 N, R 29 E; T 21 N, R 29 E; T 22 N, R 29 E; T 23 N, R 29 E; T 20 N, R 30 E; T 21 N, R 30 E.

The <u>Swingle Bench Section 2</u> grazing area is on 80 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. The lease is issued for July 1 through November 15. The permittee is Thomas Wiley. The grazing area is the on the USGS Hazen quad sheet (see attached map).

Legal location (MDM):

T 19 N, R 26 E, Sec. 02: $SE^{1/4}NE^{1/4}$.

The <u>Swingle Bench</u> grazing area is on 3,629 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. The lease is issued for February 15 through May 15. The permittee is Thomas Wiley. The grazing area is the on the USGS Hazen and Lahontan Dam quad sheets (see attached map).

Legal location (MDM):

T 19 N, R 26 E

Sec. 2: All, except the S¹/₂NE¹/₄;

- Sec. 4: N¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, that part of N¹/₂NW¹/₄ east of the Truckee Canal, that part of SW¹/₄NW¹/₄ east of the Truckee Canal, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄ and that part S¹/₂SE¹/₄ east of the Truckee Canal.
- Sec. 10: All, except that part west of the Truckee Canal;
- Sec. 12, 14: All;

Sec. 22: All, except that part west of the Truckee Canal;

Sec. 24: N¹/₂, N¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 26: All, except that part south of the Carson Highway.

The <u>Fernley Wildlife Management Area</u> grazing area is on 7,323 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Lyon and Churchill County. The lease is issued for August 1, through February 15. The permittee is Ed Depaoli. The grazing area is on the USGS Hazen and Fernley East quad sheets (see attached map).

Legal location (MDM):

T 20 N, R 25 E, Sec. 02, 10, 12: All; Sec. 14: All; (Excluding Railroad and Highway 50 right-of-way) Sec. 16: All; (Excluding Railroad and Highway 50 right-of-way) T20N, R26E, Sec. 06: All; Sec. 18: All; (Excluding Railroad right-of-way)
T21N, R25E,
Sec. 26: All; (Excluding Highway I-80 right-of-way)
Sec. 34: All; (Excluding Highway I-80 right-of-way)
Sec. 36: All;
T21N, R26E,
Sec. 30, 32: All;

The <u>Huckins</u> grazing area is on 80 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. The lease is issued for October 1 through March 15. The permittee is Richard Gilder. The grazing area is on the USGS Soda Lake West quad sheet (see attached map).

Location (MDM):

T19N, R27E, Sec. 08: E2SE;

The <u>Soda Lake</u> grazing area is on 35,518 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. The lease is issued for November 1 through May 31. The permittees are: Steve Mussi, and James Sloan. The grazing area is on the USGS Upsal Hogback, Soda Lake NW, Soda Lake West, Soda Lake East, and Indian Lakes quad sheets (see attached maps).

Legal location (MDM):

T19 N, R 27E Sec. 2: SE¹/₄; T 20 N, R 27 E Sec. 02: All (Excluding Land West of I-80 right-of-way); Sec. 10: All (Excluding Land West of I-80 right-of-way); Sec. 12, 14; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36: All; Sec. 16: All (Excluding Land West of I-80 right-of-way); Sec. 20: All (Excluding Land West of I-80 right-of-way); T 19 N, R 28 E Sec. 01, 02, 11: All; Sec. 03: E¹/₂; Sec. 10: NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,N¹/₂SE¹/₄,SE¹/₄SE¹/₄; Sec. 12: N¹/₂,N¹/₂S¹/₂,SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,SE¹/₄SE¹/₄; Sec. 14: W¹/₂NE¹/₄,NW¹/₄;

T 20 N, R 28 E Sec. 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 36: All; Sec. 32: E¹/₂, W¹/₂SW¹/₄; Sec. 34: N¹/₂,E¹/₂SE¹/₄; Sec. 35: S¹/₂; T 21 N, R 28 E Sec. 12, 14, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32, 34: All; Sec. 36: All (Excluding Land East of Hwy 95 right-of-way); T 19 N, R 29 E Sec. 05: W¹/₂; Sec. 06: All; Sec. 07: N¹/₂,SW¹/₄,W¹/₂SE¹/₄; Sec. 08: N¹/₂NW¹/₄; T 20 N, R 29 E Sec. 28: W¹/₂; Sec. 29, 30, 31: All; Sec. 32: N¹/₂,SW¹/₄,N¹/₂SE¹/₄; Sec. 33: W¹/₂E¹/₂,NW¹/₄,N¹/₂SW¹/₄,NE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

The <u>Carr Lane Pasture</u> grazing area is on 18 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. The lease is issued for January 1 through December 31. The permittee is Gjon Pawson. The grazing area is located on the Soda Lake quad sheet. (See attached map).

Legal location (MDM): T 19 N, R 27 E, Sec 6, portion of E ¹/₂ SE ¹/₄ SW ¹/₄;

The <u>Carson Diversion Dam Pasture</u> grazing area is on 600 acres of Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. The lease is issued for November 1 through May 31, 2013. The permittee is the Kyte Family Trust. The grazing area is located on the Sheckler Reservoir quad sheet. (See attached map).

Legal location (MDM): T 19 N, R 27 E, sec 30 The Seventeen Yearlong Leases are on Reclamation withdrawn land in Churchill County. They are all issued from January 1 through December 31. All legal locations are within the MDM:

Hazen Area-Hart Lane: There are 304 acres; the permittee is Gary Campbell. T 20 N, R 26 E, Sec. 34: SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄; (Hazen quad sheet)

Mahala Slough West: There are 281 acres; the permittee is Gary Capurro.

T 19 N, R 27 E, Sec. 6: All that part lying north of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) rightof-way; (Sheckler Reservoir quad sheet)

Mahala Slough East: There are 139 acres; the permittee is Gary Capurro. T 19 N, R 27 E, Sec. 8: Part NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄; (Sheckler Reservoir quad sheet)

Massie Slough, Section 10: There are 104 acres; the permittee is Gary Capurro.

T 20 N, R 27 E, Sec. 10: Part NW¹/₄ lying north of UPRR right-of-way; (Soda Lake West quad sheet)

<u>Grimes Point</u>: There are 1,819 acres; the permittee is William Card. T 18 N, R 30 E
Sec. 18: All that part of the S¹/₂NW¹/₄ west of US Highway 50 and all that part of the SW¹/₄ west of US Highway 50;
Sec. 19: All that part west of US Highway 50, excepting the SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, W¹/₂SW¹/₄;
Sec. 29: As fenced in the W¹/₂;
Sec. 30: NE¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄, S¹/₂;
Sec. 31: All that part of the NE¹/₄ lying north of Macari Lane N¹/₂NW¹/₄;
T. 18 N., R. 29 E., Sec. 13: S¹/₂, S¹/₂NW¹/₄; (Grimes Point quad sheet)

Sagouspe Dam: There are 58 acres; the permittee is Joyce Casey. T 19 N, R 29 E, Sec. 4: S¹/₂ NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄; (Indian Lakes quad sheet)

<u>Fallon Diversion Dam</u>: There are 25 acres; the permittee is Lorraine Griffin.
T 19 N, R 26 E, Sec. 24: Part SE¹/₄SE¹/₄;
T 19 N, R 27 E, Sec. 19: Part SW¹/₄SW¹/₄; (Lahontan Dam, Hazen, Sheckler Reservoir, and Soda Lake West quad sheets)

Pasture Road: There are 136 acres; the permittee is Ken Julian. T 18 N, R 29 E, Sec. 21: Part SE¹/₄; (Fallon quad sheet)

- <u>Oles Pond North</u>: There are 81 acres; the permittee is JoAnn Serpa. T 19 N, R 29 E, Sec. 10: S¹/₂SW¹/₄; (Indian Lakes quad sheet)
- <u>Oles Pond South</u>: There are 76 acres; the permittee is JoAnn Serpa. T 19 N, R 29 E, Sec. 15: E¹/₂NW¹/₄; (Indian Lakes quad sheet)

Southeast Sheckler #1: There are 38 acres; the permittee is Robert Smith, Jr. T 18 N, R 28 E, Sec. 34: SE¹/₄SW¹/₄; (Sheckler Reservoir)

- Old Reservoir #2: There are 33 acres; the permittee is Don Travis T 19 N, R 28 E, Sec. 13: NW¹/4NW¹/4; (Soda Lake East quad sheet)
- Old Reservoir #1: There are 78 acres; the permittee is Don Travis T 19 N, R 28 E, Sec. 12: SE¹/4SW¹/4, SW¹/4SE¹/4; (Soda Lake East quad sheet)

Southeast Sheckler #2: There are 1,595 acres; the permittee is Aaron Williams T 17 N, R 28 E, Sec. 3: Lots 1 thru 4, S¹/₂N¹/₂, S¹/₂; Sec. 10: All; Sec. 11: Part W¹/₂ (as fenced); (Fallon and South of Fallon quad sheets)

- East Sheckler #1: There are 29 acres; the permittee is Vic Williams T 18 N, R 28 E, Sec. 7: SE¹/4SW¹/4SE¹/4; Sec. 18: NW¹/4NE¹/4, NE¹/4NW¹/4NE¹/4; (Sheckler Reservoir quad sheet)
- East Sheckler #2: There are 10 acres; the permittee is Leo Winterling T 18 N, R 28 E, Sec. 18: NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄; (Sheckler Reservoir quad sheet)
- Leter Road/Indian Lakes: There are 294 acres; the permittee is Wolf Ranch T 20 N, R 29 E Sec. 27: SW¹/4NE¹/4, S¹/2NW¹/4, N¹/2SW¹/4, part E¹/2SE¹/4; Sec. 34: Part NE¹/4NE¹/4; (Indian Lakes quad sheet)

Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion

1.	This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. (40 CFR 1502.3).	No_✓_UncertainYes
2.	This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E) and 43 CFR 46.215 (c)].	No <u>√</u> Uncertain_Yes
3.	This action will have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)).	No_✓_UncertainYes
4.	This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principle drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O. 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR 46.215 (b)).	No_✓_UncertainYes
5.	The action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk (43 CFR 46.215 (d)).	No_✔_UncertainYes
6.	This action would establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (e)).	No_✓_UncertainYes

7.	This action would have a direct relationship		
	to other actions with individually		No_✓_UncertainYes
	insignificant but cumulatively significant		
	environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)).		
8.	This action would have significant impacts		
	on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on		No_✓_UncertainYes
	the National Register of Historic Places as	1	
	determined by the bureau (in coordination		
	with a Reclamation cultural resources		
	professional, RM LND 02-01 D(1)(a)) (43		
	CFR 46.215 (g)).		
9.	This action would have significant impacts		
	on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on		No_✓_UncertainYes
	the List of Endangered or Threatened		
	Species, or have significant impacts on		
	designated Critical Habitat for these species		
	(43 CFR 46.215 (h)).		
10.	This action would violate a Federal, State,		
	local, or tribal law or requirement imposed		No <u>✓</u> UncertainYes
	for protection of the environment (43 CFR		
	46.215 (i)).		
11.	This action would have a disproportionately		
	high and adverse effect on low income or		No_✓_UncertainYes
	minority populations (E.O. 12898) (43 CFR		
	46.215 (j)).		
12.	This action would limit access to and		
	ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on		NoUncertainYes
	Federal lands by Indian religious		~
	practitioners or significantly adversely affect		1. 200 - 18 19 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
	the physical integrity of such sacred sites		
	(E.O. 13007 and 43 CFR 46.215 (k)).		
13.	This action would affect Indian Trust Assets.		
	(To be completed by Reclamation official		No_✓_UncertainYes
	responsible for ITAs) (S.O. 3175; Policy		
	Memorandum dated 12/15/93).		

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14.	This action would contribute to the		d1 -
	introduction, continued existence, or spread		
	of noxious weeds or non-native invasive		
	species known to occur in the area or actions		
	that may promote the introduction, growth,	No <u>✓</u> Uncertain_Yes	
	or expansion of the range of such species		
	(Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, E.O.		
	13112, and 43 CFR 46.215 (l)).		

NEPA Action Recommended: Categorical Exclusion 🖌 EA EIS

Environmental commitments, explanation, and/or remarks:

See the attached correspondence from Patricia Rivera regarding Item 13 (Indian Trust Assets).

Prepared by:

01/23/2013 Date

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Re: ITA request for Newlands Project grazing leases

1 message

RIVERA, PATRICIA <privera@usbr.gov> To: "Minor, Andrea" <aminor@usbr.gov> Mon, Jan 14, 2013 at 10:46 AM

Andrea,

I reviewed the proposed action to renew livestock grazing leases on twenty-eight pastures within the Newlands Project covered by the in-process Newlands resource management Plan (RMP). This CEC will cover renewals of these leases until December 31, 2013. The grazing program will remain the same for one year, pending the development of the LBAO Grazing Management Plan and the Resource Management Plan (RMP). The RMP will be analyzing impacts of continuing the current grazing program and alternatives that may arise through the planning process. The following leases are included in the renewal document: Harmon Pasture, Sheckler Pasture, Stillwater Wildlife Management Area Pasture, Swingle Bench Section 2, Swingle Bench, Fernley Wildlife Management Area, Huckins, Soda Lake Pasture, Carr Lane Pasture, Carson Diversion Dam Pasture, and the "Seventeen Yearlong Leases", which include Hazen Area-Hart Lane, Mahala Slough West, Mahala Slough East, Massie Slough Section 10, Grimes Point, Sagouspe Dam, Fallon Diversion Dam, Pasture Road, Oles Pond North, Oles Pond South, Southeast Sheckler #1, Southeast Sheckler #2, Old Reservoir #1, Old Reservoir #2, East Sheckler #1, East Sheckler #2, Leter Road/Indian Lakes Pastures.

The proposed action does not have a potential to affect Indian Trust Assets.

Patricia

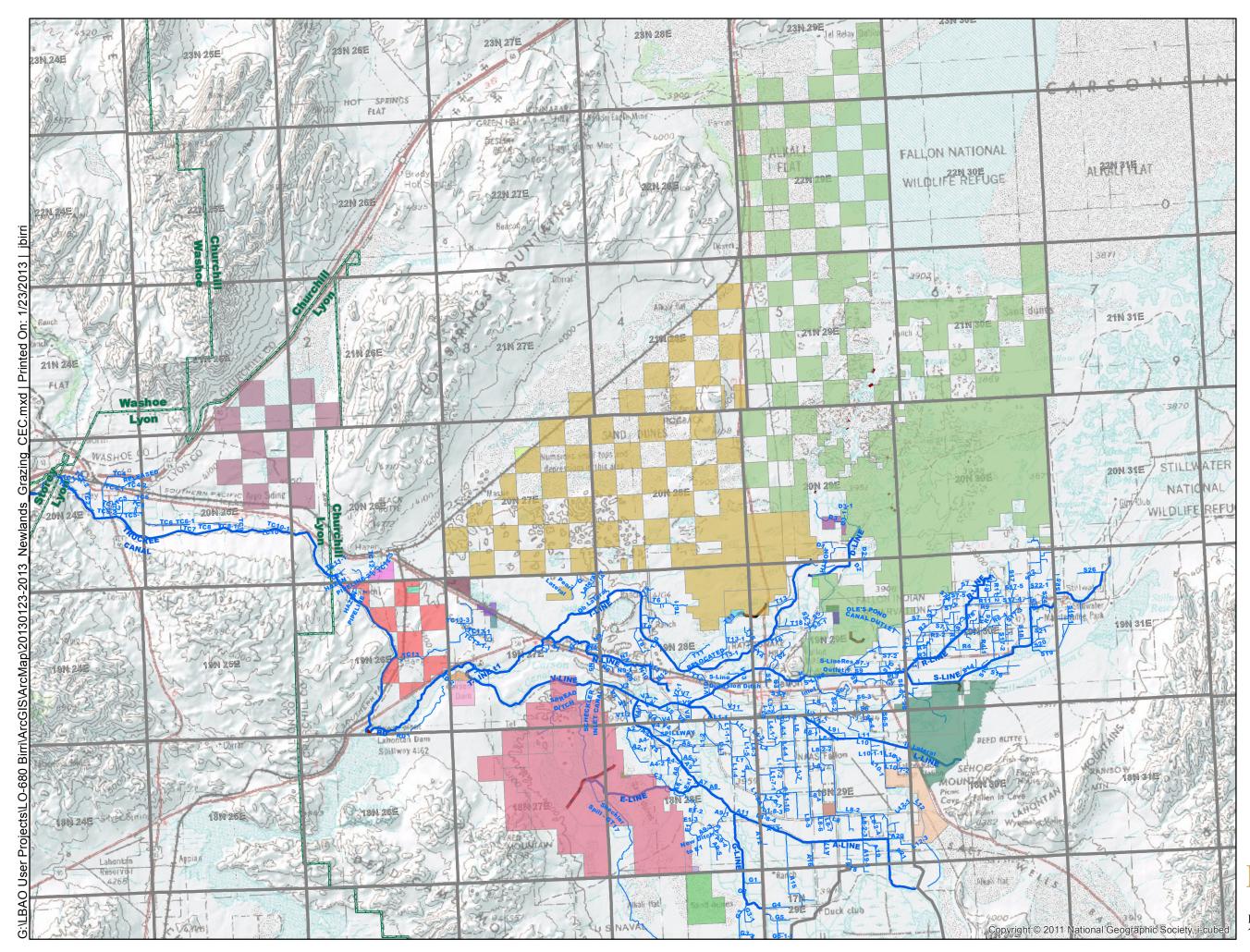
right now we will not be providing exact location of nearest ITA - waiting for replacement for Ellie. Thanks for your patience and understanding

On Fri, Jan 11, 2013 at 1:38 PM, Minor, Andrea <aminor@usbr.gov> wrote:

Hello, and another ITA request, this one for Newlands grazing leases *excluding Carson Lake and Pasture* (which I just sent). I did not attach all of the individual maps this year, as they are the exact same parcels we renewed in 2010. If you still need them, let me know and I will send those in a separate email. If you have other questions, please give me a call.

Thanks! Andrea

Andrea J. Minor Natural Resource Specialist Lahontan Basin Area Office 775-884-8366



Newlands Project 2013 Grazing Areas

Project Features - Canal Lateral Dams & Dikes **Grazing Areas** Carr Lane Carson Diversion Dam Diversion Dam - Fallon East Sheckler #1 East Sheckler #2 Fernley Wildlife Management Area Grimes Point Harmon Pasture Hazen Area - Hart Lane Leter Road - Indian Lakes Mahala Slough East Mahala Slough West Massie Slough-Section 10 My Road - Huckins Old Reservoir #1 Old Reservoir #2 Oles Pond North Oles Pond South Pasture Road Sagouspe Dam Sheckler Pasture Soda Lake Pasture Southeast Sheckler #1 Southeast Sheckler #2 Stillwater Wildlife Management Area Swingle Bench Area Swingle Bench Area, Section 2 Ν

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