



STATE OF NEVADA
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
Joe Lombardo, Governor
Vinson Guthreau, Director
Denise Beronio, Administrator

AGENDA -- MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON OUTDOOR RECREATION

Date and Time: June 24th, 2026

1pm-3:30pm

*** This meeting will be held in person with a virtual option***

Physical Location:

The College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno
John Tulloch Business Building – The Board Room
5th floor, Suite 502 (Dean's Suite), Room 526, Reno, NV 89557

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Amy Berry, Vice Chair

Meeting start time: 1:00pm

2. ROLL CALL OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	Representation
Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, Chair – absent	Office of Lieutenant Governor
Amy Berry, Vice Chair	Conservation
Mauricia Baca – absent	Education
Shari Davis for Tom Burns	Governor's Office of Economic Development
Bobby Jones for Alan Jenne – Aaron Kellor	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Staci Emm – absent	Nevada Department of Native American Affairs
Jonathan Brunjes	Nevada Division of State Parks
Greg Juhl	Public Health
Rafael Villanueva for Brenda Scolari – online	Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs
Vinson Guthreau	Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
Debra Strickland – Jaynee Reeves	Nevada Association of Counties
Chad Taylor – absent	Outdoor Recreation Industry
Cheva Gabor - online	USFS Ex Officio Member

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 13, 2025 and April 21, 2026 MEETING***FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*** - Amy Berry, Vice Chair

Motion to approve agenda

Greg Juhl approves

Sheri Davis Seconds

All in favor motion passes

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*– Amy Berry, Vice Chair

Motion to approve agenda

Vinson Guthreau approves

Sheri Davis seconds

All in favor motion passes

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Amy opens for public Comment, opens online for comment

No comment

6. ADVISORY BOARD WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND COMMENTS FROM CHAIR *FOR DISCUSSION*– Amy Berry, Vice Chair

Introduce Vinson Guthreau the new director of DCNR, gives background on Vinson Guthreau

Vinson Guthreau gives introduction

Welcome new admin Johnathan Brunjes of NDSP

Johnathan Brunjes gives self-introduction

Guest introduction, Jaynee Reeves for Pahrump and Aaron Kellor from NDOW

Amy Berry – Lake Tahoe summit event for 30th anniversary august 19th – senator Jacky Rosen – invites already open with significant registrant already**7. DIVISION UPDATES *FOR DISCUSSION*– Denise Beronio, Administrator, Elisabeth Jonhson, Deputy Administrator, Jasmina Sekanovich, GIS Mapping Analyst, Chelsea Kincheloe, Program Officer & Comms Lead, Kaden Barmore, OHV Program Manager: may provide updates as they apply regarding division activities, partnerships, opportunities, challenges, initiatives,**

collaborations, relevant public lands updates, state legislative updates, accomplishments, as well as ongoing and upcoming projects.

Denise Beronio: reminder to state name for the record before speaking

Gives thanks to Fred Steinman from business department and of lunch sponsorship, updates: contract approval for Tahoe Meadows Winter Safety Strategic Management Plan, met with contractor to facilitate public engagement aspect, allow planning to be put in place for projects for summer and winter recreation events, Cheva will also give an update during partner updates, recreation shared stewardship agreement; NDOW, USFWS, NDOR, NVDSP and others that participate and that renewal will be this fall with an in person signing- end of September, lots of travel and conference attendance to learn more about recreation planning and access, conference attendance at Mountain West Trails Conference and officially announced that MWTC will be coming to Nevada in 2028, helped to host stronger together event with NVOBC to bring people together to talk about public lands and improving access and infrastructure for Nevada, mini economic impact study is done and can be shared or can be found online – thanks to Fred for economic help on the project, stronger together was a great collaboration effort and NVOBC will make this an annual event – ask Nicole if you have any questions, NDOR hired a new grants and program analyst to manage the old NOER and new YOGI grant they will be starting July 6th.

Elisabeth Johnson: has been filling in the role of NOER grant management, Denise has been managing the education council, NOER grant has 2 tiers; larger projects and microgrants under certain funding threshold, SOS outreach has competed their grant- they are a snow sports non-profit that reached about 200 students to get them outdoors and teach them how to snowboard and ski, microgrants closed: chill foundation, Johnston Stem Academy – took kids to Zion National Park, Robert Lake Elementary School – implemented archery in schools, Sierra Snow Gliders – took kids to ski and snowboard lessons at Lee Canyon, 347 students got outdoors for over 2,000 hours, next reports due July 15th, travel; highlights – Washington DC for confluence of states meeting- collaboration of OREC offices across the US and represented Nevada, ORR forum on health and recreation one day forum where people from outdoor industry and health professional discussed the importance of outdoor recreation on health across the nation- how we can do a better job at collaborating with health professionals around the state, Attended MWTC; presented with UTAH on state policy to help get kids outside – presented on AB501 for academic credit for outdoor education opportunities for students, AB165 created education council and the green school yards, Visited Eureka CA; CA outdoor economy summit – CA specific summit but invited to discuss policy and OREC facilitation in Nevada and discuss successes and challenges, also discuss how offices are created to fit the needs of the state – some are configured differently with different staff sizes and office department locations

Denise Beronio: important for NDOR to participate in these events to help other states such as CA get an OREC division – CA leadership is on board with an OREC office but there has been conflict between other state offices on the creation of these types of offices – CA is at a crossroads of seeing if OREC is a competition or not with their state parks office. AB501 created curriculum for elected outdoor rec credits, help of Garrett from governor's office to create that curriculum with Lyon County and now that is available on NDOR's website so it can fit within their curriculum

Elisbeth Johnson: used a lot of economic numbers to speak to state parks position not being able to do these state wide studies where NDOR does have the capacity and emphasized Tahoe study to highlight state collaboration with CA

Chelsea Kincheloe: received RTP grant for trails training and it is done and complete through May and June, had intro to training, crew leadership training, trail planning design and training and wrapped up CPR and Sawyer training, more umbers to come – total 50 people for all 3 trainings, a lot of interest and signups – challenge people canceling last minute because courses are free – point to increase trail skills for non-profits and federal partners – biking long distance act, part of the EXPLORE Act, Nevada proposed a 650- mile loop outside of Caliente and had been officially recommended to continue on with the designation process in partnership with IMBA, timeline of actual designation unclear, dark skies discussion later on, as of yesterday all three grant programs are live on the website, shows NDOR website donation page and descriptions of several NDOR grants

Elisabeth Johnson: donation form people can select which bucket they want the funding to go to if they would like, that money will be earmarked for that specific grant program

Amy Berry: there is a tax credit for donating to government that should be included language on the website

Kaden Barmore: OHV continues to roll along, grant round deadline was 2 Sundays ago with 14 applications and \$840k ask but there is \$1m in funding, first round in NIFS, a few hiccups but overall a huge success, variety of grant project types, naturalist trail, law enforcement, etc. those will be awarded in the next commission meeting in July, new commissioner for snowmobiles Sean Giddleman, first time having a full commission since Kaden has been on, partnering with dept of Agriculture for invasive species monitoring and OHV cleaning process, building out education tab in collaboration with other organizations for best practices and principles in and out of state, out in the community a lot participate in Great Community clean up, part of the illegal dumping task force to come up with a unified response for illegal dumping in Washoe County, Tyler MA1 received a promotion so starting hiring again

Jasmina Sekanovich: Presented at the Mountain West Trails Conference on how to leverage a statewide recreational trails database for improving resource planning and inventory management. I was able to meet with several other states who maintain recreation databases for their states and share some tips and tricks. Attended and presented at the first Stronger Together Outdoor Recreation Summit organized by the NVOBC, The Wilderness Society and NDOR. I spoke more on how important it is to have an accurate inventory of recreation data to be able to put a cost to future improvements and for more accurate economic assessments. In July, I will be presenting to students at Great Basin Outdoor Schools Summer science program on the use of drones in conservation. We will do a short presentation and a flight demo. We wrapped up our collaboration with UNR GIS students, and they were able to deliver several great projects showcasing how GIS methods can be used for improving ADA in recreation, data aggregation processes and opensource mapping.

Amy Berry: opens discussion to comment

Sheri Davis: gap analysis question

Jasmina Sekanovich: response with SCORP dashboard of recreation data, share dashboard with Sheri

Elisabeth Johnson: elaborated on community importance of connecting the dots on how to connect community with recreation needs

Sheri Davis: offers help with that community outreach effort

Densie Beronio: what is your role with GOED

Sheri Davis: rural director and runs main street program so always working with rural communities what businesses and opportunities they need, each community is very different, where is the mtn west conference?

Densie Beronio: conference is every 2 years

Elisabeth Johnson: on our to do list to scout locations by August, there needs to be trail infrastructure existing, needs to be a space to handle up to 500 attendees and hotels and restaurants, also want to highlight non major cities, where people would want to explore for field trips

Amy Berry: awesome jobs on the Tahoe Meadows safety plan, very crowded area, economic impact study is impressive to see and a good metric to keep eyes on and work as an advisory council to help see that number grow, shoutout to SOS outreach grant and Amy's 10th year volunteering with them, ORR Dr. Clint from Barton Health was there and Nevada's newest hospital

Elisabeth Johnson: saw him at the ORR event and Chris Perkins introduced via email and a tour has been set up between NDOR and Barton Health

- 8. PRESENTATION FROM TODD STEURY *FOR DISCUSSION*-** Todd Steury is Professor and Chair in the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, College of Ag, Biotechnology and Natural Resources at UNR. Todd will be discussing the creation of the new OREC Management degree within CABNR, the curriculum, and the importance of this workforce development opportunity, and joint marketing efforts to promote it.

See presentation by Todd Steury on NODR website

Q&A:

Vinson Guthreau: any future plans for youth education component

Todd Steury: not traditionally what has been the focus but happy to look into those opportunities

Vinson Guthreau: having student learn about how to teach kids

Elisabeth: through the education council, working with dept of ed and part of the councils duties is to have an educator the year and prepare teacher to teach in the outdoor space, that may be a potential connection under the UNR courses

Todd Steury: CAMBR has a natural resource outdoor education program and Auburn has

environmental education courses that would be good to add

Greg Juhl: is this going on now

Todd Steury: yes

Greg Juhl: anyone graduated yet?

Todd Steury: not sure the numbers

Greg Juhl: who goes onto grad school

Todd Steury: explains experience with Auburn

Cheva: connect Todd with forest leadership team to talk about internship opportunities and course promotion

Todd Steury: internships can be paid or unpaid

Johnathan Brunjes: shares experience with outdoor management and offers internships opportunities

Aaron Kellor: comment on coursework and support for program, offers internship support

Tammy Boyd: BLM would love to help with internships

Denise Beronio: excited to support UNR through this process, in stage 3 of appropriations through funds and hoping to help UNR through those funds

Discussion on difficulty with having a master's program at UNR in outdoor recreation

Discussion on shooting for academic curriculum at universities

- 9. PRESENTATION FROM CHELSEA KINCHELOE *FOR DISCUSSION*–** Chelsea is a Program Officer III with the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation and will be presenting on the Nevada Starry Skies Certification and the importance of preserving Nevada's dark skies and current advocate efforts in the state of Nevada.

See presentation from Chelsea Kincheloe on NDOR website

Q&A

Sheri Davis: can nonprofits apply? Contacts at the arts council for cosmos

Amy Berry: is the time and effort into dark skies worth it?

Denise Beronio: Astro tourism promotion with Travel Nevada and lots of promotion and is a priority for the state, also part of NRS to preserve dark skies

Amy Berry: find the metrics to know its worth it

Denise Beronio: small communities are already looking for designations as tourism

Elisabeth Johnson: more discussion around importance of dark skies for tourism and promotion through NDOR

Cheva Gabor: nexus between NDOR and tourism is conserving natural resources and viewing dark skies is foundation to a lot of recreation opportunities and activities

10. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES *FOR DISCUSSION* - Each ABOR member will have 3-5 minutes to share an update about the work they have been doing in outdoor recreation, conservation, and stewardship.

Greg Juhl: research for diving medicine and collecting research and data,

Tammy Boyd: Beatty trails moving forward, only new trails don't need SHIPO and are catx, centennial hill in progress in Carson, Elko trails are approved and BLM is partnering with county, Ely Garnet Hills trails are in construction, RRNCA received funding and Sloan is almost done with trails plan and next steps is public comment, OHV BLM is rewriting ohv regulations this will change how trails are designated but unsure yet what those regulations are, wilderness area changes, hunting BLM is changing regulations on infrastructure, Nevada BLM Red Rock has largest visitor use and fee consumption, BLM Nevada is struggling with very low staff support

Sheri Davis: rural economic presentation on mitigating heat and creating outdoor spaces within downtown areas to reduce heat and get people outdoors, highlight our rural communities, Yerington is recognizing outdoor recreation importance with drawing people to their downtown corridor

Denise Beronio: highlighting nexus between main street program and outdoor recreation

Vinson Guthreau: gov and partner announced 42 million in outdoor rec projects, welcome Johnathan as new state park admin

Jayne Reeves: working on beautification projects along Mainstreet district and tourism revamp projects, looking into more dark sky ordinances and doing a dark sky park

Aaron Keelor: a lot of outreach events, issues big game tags, successful free fishing day with events all over the state, free youth license program and this year there are 4k available, encourages partners to give these out, also free youth hunting license

Johnathan Brunjes: wrapping up America 250 projects this week, met with bronco wild fund for partnership at Spring Mountain Ranch, met with Tahoe row coastal team to host an event at Sand Harbor, next week announcement of new state park in Lincoln County with help of conserve Nevada funds, have a public naming event to narrow to a top 5 and then have a voting poll by public,

Amy Berry: asks for online updates

Cheva Gabor: Tahoe meadows master plan update, we now have a contractor and will be engaging other stakeholders, focused on safe winter recreation, not looking at changing where snowmobiles are used, recreation

shared stewardship with an MOU and looking at new opportunities and changes and create a short action plan for every 2 years to make achievable goals, starting to see some availability to hire for rec management techs in each zone, resource advisory committee for recommending changes and approvals

Rafael Villanueva: setting up for Great American state fair, participated in outside days in Denver, Alex Honald video, Outside is a big partner for the adventure centers, October 7th ribbon cutting for Boulder Cit Adventure Center, February ribbon cutting for Carson City adventure center

Amy Berry: east shore trail expansion with new parking spots and with new paid parking, new parking across from Spooner Lake State Park

11. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING(S) *FOR DISCUSSION*– Amy Berry, Vice Chair – Advisory Board Members may at this time recommend agenda items, dates, and locations to the chair for the next meeting. No deliberation or action will be taken on any information presented until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

Jayne Reeves: suggests e-bike class for mtn west trails conference

Amy Berry: Clint sent a text about wanting to present on integration of health and nature

Denise Beronio: he has been invited to provide that holistic view, looking to do the next meeting in the south and the YOGI grant for the TAC will be in November, waiting to confirm the date, any suggestions for location

Jayne Reeves: happy to host in Pahrump

Rafael Villanueva: consideration for Boulder City in coordination with the adventure center

Denise Beronio: that is a consideration

Discussion on ABOR meeting and grant meeting overlap

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Nicole Flangas: Nevada outdoor business coalition, making an annual conference and would like to host at UNR, eventually present to legislatures

Denise Beronio: Cheva online comment about next meeting with shared stewardship at Spring Mtn National Recreation Area/ Mt Charleston

13. ADJOURNMENT *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*- Stavros Anthony, Chair

Sheri Davis: Motion to adjourn

Gregg Jugl: Secon

Motion passed full approval

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