



AGENDA -- MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON OUTDOOR RECREATION

Date and Time: April 21, 2026

10am-12:30pm

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

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The Elko Convention Center & Visitor’s Authority
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1. CALL TO ORDER – (Recording Started late, Call to Order is not on the recording ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026) Stavros Anthony, Chair

- Chair Stavros commences the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS (00:00:12 ABOR Meeting April 8, 2026, Recording)

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	Representation
Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, Chair - Present	Office of Lieutenant Governor
Amy Berry, Vice Chair – Present	Conservation
Mauricia Baca – Present	Education
Shari Davis for Tom Burns – Present	Governor’s Office of Economic Development
Bobby Jones for Alan Jenne - Present	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Staci Emm – Not Present	Nevada Indian Commission
Robert Mergell – Not Present	Nevada Division of State Parks
Greg Juhl - Present	Public Health
Rafael Villanueva for Brenda Scolari -	Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs

Present	
Vinson Guthreau – Present	Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
Debra Strickland – Jaine Reed Present in her Place	Nevada Association of Counties
Chad Taylor – Present	Outdoor Recreation Industry
Cheva Gabor - Present	USFS Ex Officio Member
Miles Kinsler – Present, Tammy Owens - Present	BLM Ex Officio Member

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 9th, 2025 MEETING *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* –

(00:01:35 ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026, Recording) - *Stavros Anthony, Chair*

- No comments or questions.
- Chair Stavros requests a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2025, meeting.
 - Amy Berry makes motion to approve the meeting minutes.
 - Rafael Villanueva makes 2nd motion.
 - Motion passed.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION* – (00:02:29 ABOR Meeting April 8, 2026, Recording) – *Stavros Anthony, Chair*

- No comments or questions about the agenda.
- Chair Stavros requests a motion to approve the agenda.
 - Vinson Guthraeu makes motion to approve the agenda.
 - Rafael Villanueva makes 2nd motion.
 - Motion passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: (00:03:15 ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026, Recording)

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- No public comment online or in-person.

6. ADVISORY BOARD WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND COMMENTS FROM CHAIR *FOR DISCUSSION* – (00:03:54 ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026, Recording)– *Stavros Anthony, Chair*

- Chair Stavros welcomes everyone to the meeting.
- Created a Bill Draft Request to allow school districts to create an outdoor recreation curriculum that students at the high school level can go through and receive credit. The bill has passed and attempting to get every School board in each county in Nevada, to put together a policy which will allow counties to create an outdoor recreation curriculum specific to the county and the students can obtain high school credit towards their graduation requirements. Garrett has been taking the lead, and Lyon County is the first to be implementing this.
- Garret Tamoni, Lieutenant Governor Office – Presented the letter for students and guides them how to get the credit. This is for students in 7th grade to 12th grade in Lyon County. The letter has all information needed for students to get the credit. They can get half credit for every 60 hours they complete and can get a maximum of 2 credits. This is for any outdoor activity which contributes to outdoor education, outdoor recreation, environmentally sustainable activities such as park clean ups, safety education, hunting trip, fishing trip, joining a shooting club. Any other county can adopt the same policy and use it for implementation.
 - Chair Stavros asked for any attendees who can take the lead in their county and speak with the school board to get them to implement what Lyon County has done.
- Denise Beronio, Administrator of Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – Reminding all to state their name for the record prior to speaking. Introduced the Director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
 - Director Vinson Guthreau introduced himself. Governor Lombardo appointed Vinson. He is honored and has 25 years of experience.
- Jaine Reed, Tourism Coordinator for the Town of Pahrump – Introduced herself.
- Shari Davis, Governor’s Office – Rural and Economic Development – introduced herself.
- Bobby Jones Outdoor Connection Coordinator, Nevada Department of Wildlife – introduced himself.

7. DIVISION UPDATES *FOR DISCUSSION* – (00:13:25 ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026, Recording)–

Denise Beronio, Administrator, Elisabeth Jonhson, Deputy Administrator, Jasmina Sekanovich, GIS Mapping Analyst, Chelsea Kincheloe, Program Officer & Comms Lead, Kaden Barmore, OHV Program Manager and Tyler Saunders, Management Analyst 1: 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, Administrator of Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – Kendal went to Great Basin Institute. Currently Elisabeth and Denise are splitting all the projects and work she was doing. Denise is covering Outdoor Education Council. Has given several presentations on Economic Impact Analysis. Met with Secretary of the Department of Interior about outdoor recreation. Outdoor recreation has surpassed mining and now is #2 in the industry in the state. In the packets Board Members have an Economic Impact Analysis result

page. Requesting feedback and review. NDOR has been working with UNR for 3 years to create an Outdoor Recreation Degree. It is happening now; an Outdoor Recreation Management Degree has been created. Will be looking for professors and people to fill in and speak.

- Elisabeth Johnson, Deputy Administrator of Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – Managing the grants of Kendal’s position. Helping grantees with reimbursements and quarterly reports. Will be getting the position posted this week.
 - Will attend the Mountain West Trails Conference to speak. Will represent Nevada. Will be co-presenting with Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation. Will speak to how Nevada States policy is helping connect the outdoors recreation community. Hoping to bring the meeting to Nevada in 2028.
 - Will attend the California Outdoor Economy Summit to share what Nevada is doing to give them ideas for their outdoor recreation and how they can benefit from it.
- Yasmina Sekanovich, GIS Analyst, Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – Introduced herself. Official State Employee as of January 2026. Launched trail side services and it promotes outdoor businesses throughout the state. Working with Tammy Owens to create backcountry byways and collaborated on a new challenge badge. Working with UNR for their GIS department to help students with their capstone projects. Over next few months will continue to work on trail side services, kiosks, brochure maps, and continue to present Outdoor Recreation at events.
- Kaden Barmore, OHV Program Manager – Recently launched a grant cycle, made updates to OHV grant materials. OHV grant management is now entirely a digital process which includes digital reporting and applying. The program is called Nevada Infrastructure Financial System (NIFS). Doing a big publicity push to get new grantees. If anyone can share this information, it will help to get potential applicants. Already a lot of interest in this grant round. There were 18 participants in the grant OHV Training. Continually updating the OHV Program website with new grant resources, partnering with Department of Agriculture to build a page about invasive species. We have education tab on the website, if anyone has any information please provide it. Attending as many events as possible. Any events anyone has information on please provide that information. Introduced Tyler Saunders as the OHV Program Analyst.
- Chelsea Kincheloe, Program Officer – Received a recreational trails program grant. It will be used for trail training. It is an introduction to trail building and doing trail planning and design as part of the course. Offering CPR and first aid certifications.
 - Dark Skies – Working on establishing a Nevada dark skies chapter with Dark Sky International. Worked closely with communities to get proclamations passed. Last year only had 1 community do a proclamation and this year had 6, Washoe, Carson City, Ely, Nevada, Lincoln, Genoa all did one.
 - Friends of Nevada Wilderness – They have over 5000 license plates registered. Now looking for ways to give out money back to the community. Used funds to make the tool

kit handouts and sky quality meter tools.

- Closed the Nevada Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Grant.
- Denise Beronio, Administrator of Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – If anyone on the board has updates would like to do a meeting with a round table of updates so everyone can provide a 3–5-minute update, to hear what everyone is doing and their updates.
 - Cheva Gabor, United States Forest Service – Commented that is a great idea and the Forest Service would welcome the opportunity to provide the updates.
 - Amy Berry – Agrees it is a great idea for networking and sharing.
 - Maurica Baca – thank you for the great presentations and thinks it is a good idea for the updates of the board.
- Chad Taylor – Amazing group. Opportunity to set the bar and teach California.

8. **PRESENTATION FROM FRED STEINMANN *FOR DISCUSSION***– (00:38:37 ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026, Recording) – Fred Steinmann, Director University Center for Economic Development, UNR College of Business; Fred will discuss the economic impact of outdoor recreation in Nevada, and the collaboration/survey UNR conducted for NDOR’s Economic Impact Analysis.

- Fred Steinmann, Director University Center for Economic Development, UNR College of Business – sharing some of the work and updates. Provided an overview and update about the impact. Presented his slide deck presentation about outdoor recreation and economic impact. Working on a statewide outdoor recreation playbook.
 - Chair Stavros – Posed the question if it was asked to the people need or want from Nevada pertaining to Outdoor Recreation.
 - Fred Steinmann, Director University Center for Economic Development, UNR College of Business – People stated more trails, more access, and more lighting. There was discussion about fees and costs of transportation being high, but there are possible future opportunities from the counties to provide transportation services.
- Elisabeth Johnson, Deputy Administrator of Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – Both presentations are on NDOR’s website, NDOR.NV.GOV.
- Fred Steinmann, Director University Center for Economic Development, UNR College of Business – Can provide copies of the technical reports for anyone who would like to see them.
- Denise Beronio, Administrator of Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – Outdoor recreation is an opportunity to fill a gap for other activities that individuals may not be able to afford since outdoor activities can be less costly.
 - Fred Steinmann, Director University Center for Economic Development, UNR College of Business – In the survey there was a highlighted statistic for people that are using outdoor recreation to save money.

- Denise Beronio, Administrator of Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – Biggest take away from the Economic Impact Analysis smaller communities are struggling to support outdoor recreation opportunities.
- Amy Berry – Posed the question of what the other regions were which rolled up into the state.
 - Fred Steinmann, Director University Center for Economic Development, UNR College of Business – Performs the trade area analysis for all 17 counties separately. Data will show identical gaps across all 17 counties, which speaks to the state economy.
- Mauricia Baca – Wanted to highlight the importance of the transportation and the grants to support students and teachers. Posed the question of how the distribution of this information is being handled.
 - Fred Steinmann, Director University Center for Economic Development, UNR College of Business – The technical reports have been distributed quite a bit over the years. It is sent to the Governor’s Office of Economic Development, chambers of commerce and other economic development organizations.
- Yasmina Sekanovich, GIS Analyst, Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – The main goal of Nevada trail finder is the public resource for the community, using it can help keep funding in the state. Goal is to put businesses on there that don’t show up on google.
- Chair Stavros – Encourages board members to look at the study more in-depth and if there are any recommendations the board welcomes them all.

9. PRESENTATION FROM LESLIE CREEL *FOR DISCUSSION* (01:22:28 ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026, Recording) – Leslie will discuss the Lamoille Summit Trail System in Elko - funds utilized from NDOR’s NORI Grant.

- Leslie Creel – Presented her slide deck about the Lamoille Summit Trail System.
 - Elisabeth Johnson, Deputy Administrator of Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation – Made note for the Lamoille Trail System has areas where OHVs are not allowed.

10. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING(S) *FOR DISCUSSION* (01:44:45 ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026, Recording)– *Stavros Anthony, 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. **The next ABOR meeting will be June 24th, 2026 @ UNR’s new Business Building.**

- Chair Stavros – Requests for any agenda items for the next ABOR meeting June 24th.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: (01:45:10 ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026, Recording) Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. The public may request that items be added to a future agenda. No action will be taken on any matter raised during the public comment that is not already on the agenda. Persons making a public comment will be asked to begin by stating and spelling their name for the record. At the Chair's discretion, items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed in the agenda, two or more items may be combined for consideration by the Board, or agenda items may be removed from the agenda.

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- No public comment

12. ADJOURNMENT *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*- Stavros Anthony, Chair (01:45:29 ABOR Meeting April 21, 2026, Recording)

- Chair Stavros – Requests motion to Adjourn.
 - Rafael Villanueva, Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs – Motions to adjourn.
 - Chad Taylor, Outdoor Recreation Industry – seconds the motion to adjourn.
 - Motion passes.
 - Meeting adjourned 11:47 a.m.

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