

AGREEMENT FOR RECREATION SHARED STEWARDSHIP
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
FOREST SERVICE,
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT,
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION,
THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, AND THE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Whereas:

Federal agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Department of the Interior, as well as the U.S. Forest Service under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, manage 87% of Nevada's lands, which provide an unsurpassed variety and quality of outdoor recreation opportunities.

State of Nevada agencies, including the Division of Outdoor Recreation, Division of State Parks, Department of Transportation, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Department of Wildlife, and the University of Nevada, Reno, play a critical role in outdoor recreation through direct management of lands and opportunities, supporting improved facilities, infrastructure and opportunities, and fostering outdoor education and stewardship.

According to a 2025 economic impact analysis conducted by the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation, outdoor recreation contributes $24 billion total to Nevada's economy, creating more than 75,000 jobs annually and comprising over 3.1% of the state's gross domestic product. Much of that economic activity is dependent on healthy, resilient public lands. Many rural and gateway communities seek to enhance outdoor recreation-based tourism to diversify their economies. In the 2025 analysis, nearly 40% of outdoor recreation's economic benefits occurred in rural counties though they represented only 10% of Nevada's population. Access to outdoor recreation

is also linked to improved health and wellness for Nevada communities, delivering more than $2.06 billion in health cost savings.

Visitor experience, the condition of natural and cultural resources, potential economic benefits, and desirable health and wellness outcomes are enhanced when federal and state agencies collaborate to provide resilient outdoor recreation infrastructure, services, and programs. This includes collaborating to identify resources and staffing to support infrastructure, education, interpretation, and enforcement.

Shared Stewardship is a collaborative approach to federal land management that emphasizes partnering with states, tribes, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and other partners to identify and address shared priorities and develop cross boundary strategies that make an impact at the right scale. The signatories to this agreement seek to apply the Shared Stewardship model to the management of outdoor recreation in Nevada.

Vision:

Leveraging the strengths, mission, authorities, and capacity of each signatory agency, the parties seek to collaboratively plan and manage outdoor recreation to:

1) Provide for an array of appropriate, high-quality visitor opportunities.
2) Protect and conserve the natural environment, as well as cultural/historic resources.
3) Enhance the economies of Nevada communities in a manner that preserves unique aspects of their culture and quality of life.

Achieving this vision will require:

1) Strong partnerships among agencies, Tribes, nongovernmental organizations, and communities.
2) A sufficient, highly skilled and stable workforce.
3) Creative optimization of funding opportunities.

Accomplishments:

Under the initial agreement signed in 2022, state and federal partners strengthened relationships, engaged new partners and developed collaborative approaches to managing outdoor recreation. Accomplishments that fulfill the commitments in the first agreement include:

- The Federal Highway Administration and Nevada Department of Transportation engaged Nevada Recreation Shared Stewardship partners to develop a Nevada priority projects list for Federal Lands Access Program funding;
- Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation collaborated with federal and state partners to design, develop and review an economic impact analysis of the outdoor recreation sector;
- The Bureau of Land Management and the Nevada Department of Wildlife worked collaboratively to simplify the authorization process for wildlife management activities in wilderness areas around the state;
- Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation, Nevada Department of Transportation and U.S. Forest Service worked with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation

Assistance Program to complete a situation assessment of winter recreation safety issues in Tahoe Meadows, a popular informal recreation area, and are now collaborating on a master plan;

- The Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs (Travel Nevada) launched the "Get a Little Out There" campaign, which showcased outdoor recreation on public lands through significant contributions from land management agencies;
- Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation, through their Nevada Trail Finder website management, worked with BLM, the Forest Service, and state and local land managers to provide the most updated designated trail maps in the state, while also creating a comprehensive, statewide blueprint of Trail Side Services for users and visitors;
- The University of Nevada, Reno, engaged with the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation and Nevada Recreation Shared Stewardship partners to build a career path for outdoor recreation professionals, creating the first-ever degree program in Outdoor Recreation Management in the state, slated to launch in Spring 2027;
- The Nevada Division of State Parks collaborated with federal and state partners to develop the 2022-2026 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and to implement the priorities identified; and
- The Nevada Division of State Parks worked with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program to complete a Development Plan for Lahontan State Recreation Area with support from the Bureau of Reclamation and other federal and state partners.

Mutual Commitments:

Under this renewed agreement, the signatories seek to:

1) Identify, integrate and expand funding opportunities that support outdoor recreation on public lands, including opportunities for veterans, people with disabilities and youth. Leverage existing authorities and instruments and identify additional needs.
2) Develop complete, accurate, and collaboratively sourced data sets using state-of-the-art collection and maintenance methods and share data among agencies.
3) Apply the Shared Stewardship model at the local and regional level, working with Tribes and Nevada communities (including rural and under-resourced communities and partners) to develop, plan for, and achieve desired conditions for sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism.
4) Coordinate content for media, social media, marketing and other communications including location, timing, and volume of visitation; responsible recreation messaging (including safety, as well as protection of natural and cultural resources); and fostering a stewardship ethic among recreation participants.
5) Develop a concise annual action plan identifying shared priorities, objectives and associated metrics to operationalize this agreement.

6) Implement this agreement through the existing interagency working group. Ad hoc working groups may be established as needed -- for example, to develop an annual action plan.

Legal and regulatory expectations - The parties are bound by all applicable Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to alter, limit, or expand the agencies' statutory and regulatory authority. If conflicts arise, the parties will evaluate how authorities can best achieve the goals of a project.

Tribal rights and interests - The Parties understand Tribes may have treaty or reserved rights, consider certain areas or objects sacred, or have other interests in public lands and waters covered under this agreement. The federal agencies may consult Tribes if it determines that policy formulation or implementation under this agreement, or related contracts/agreements, have Tribal implications. Nothing in this agreement or related contracts/agreements alters the federal government's government-to-government and trust relationship with Tribes or limits the federal agencies' authority under or compliance with federal law.

Participation in similar activities - This Agreement in no way restricts the Parties from entering into agreements for similar activities with other entities.

Nonbinding agreement - This Agreement creates no right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity. The Parties will manage their respective resources and activities in a separate, coordinated mutually beneficial manner to meet the purposes of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement authorizes any of the Parties to obligate or transfer anything of value.

Use of separate instruments - The Parties will evaluate the use of and need for separate authorities and instruments to implement management activities and projects. Specific projects or activities that involve a transfer of services, and/or anything of value, require the execution of separate instruments.

Commencement, review, expiration and termination - This Agreement is executed as of the date of the last signature and will remain in effect for up to 5 years unless terminated or modified. The Parties may conduct an annual review of this Agreement to evaluate its effectiveness, performance, compliance, and continued relevance. Any of the Parties may, in writing, terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time before the expiration date.

Principle Contacts: Primary contacts for the purposes of this agreement will be designated by the Authorized Representative for each agency.

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