

Trapping Regulation Committee Members:

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**NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
TRAPPING REGULATION COMMITTEE MEETING
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
1100 VALLEY ROAD
RENO, NEVADA 89512**

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

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2 Approval of Agenda – Chairman McNinch - For Possible Action

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- 5 Future Committee Meetings and Potential Agenda Items – Chairman McNinch – For Possible Action**
The Committee will discuss the date, time and location of the next Committee meeting. The Committee will also review and may take action to set potential agenda items for that meeting.
- 6 Public Comment Period**
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Commissioner Jack Robb
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Department Personnel Present

Paul Dankowski, Acting Chief Game Warden
Kristy Knight, Staff Game Warden
Russell Wolstenhulme, Biologist IV
Tony Wasley, Director
Chet Van Dellen, Wildlife Staff Specialist
Joanne Trendler, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

David Newton, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)
Gerald Lent, self
Joel Blakeslee, Nevada Trappers Association
Jana Wright, self
Margaret Flint, self
Trish Swain, TrailSafe NV
James Akers, self
Shannon Ireland, trapper – Hunter/Sportsman
Margaret Flint, self
Bob Martin, self
Stephen Alastuey, self
Jana Wright, self
Clay Belding, self
Bob Brunner, self
Patricia Abbey, TrailSafe NV
Don Molde, self
Matt Lamb, self
Ted Lowry, Nevada Trappers Association

Steve Nelson, self
Pat Kleames, Nevada Trappers Association
Judi Caron, self
Ted Lowry, self
Mary McGuire, self
James Akers, NVTA
Pat Kleames, NVTA
Charles Martin, NVTA
Charles Aston, NVTA
Jeff Westwood, NVTA
Jed Rybak, NVTA
Margaret Flint, self
Caron Tayloe, self
John Faillers, TrailSafe, NV
Isaac Failless, TrailSafe, NV
Genelle Richards, TrailSafe, NV
Steve Baker, self
Jim Saline, self

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1 Call to Order – Chairman McNinch at 9:04

Chairman McNinch welcomed everyone to the committee meeting. Mr. McNinch read a statement to remind attendees to be cognoscente of their comments, “Audible comments, smirking, or laughing while people are speaking; or clapping and cheering can all be considered disruptive and prevent the ability to have an orderly meeting. It makes it uncomfortable and intimidating for people to make comments to the board and participate in the public process.” He said he wanted everyone to know comments will need to be directed to the board, with the exception of the public comment period, they will need to pertain to the agenda item, and you’ll need to be respectful of these rules or will result in people being asked to leave the meeting. He said they have had challenges and the committee wants to hear the publics’ thoughts and everyone needs to remain respectful.

2 Approval of Agenda – Chairman McNinch - For Possible Action

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Mr. Gerald Lent, self, said he was posing this meeting as a violation of the open meeting law. He said the agenda must include a list describing the items on which action may be taken, clearly denoting that action may be taken on those items. He said he is referring to agenda item number four where it states that the, “The Committee may also consider and/or incorporate items discussed in previous Trapping Committee meetings including but not limited to...” He said this is a violation because it is not a concise agenda. He said there is no specific meeting reference and that meeting’s agenda should be included. He said he was not at the last committee meeting and he has no clue what the agenda item is referring to because it is not clear and complete. He said you can bring up any subject from any committee meeting and vote on it according to agenda item four. He said the open meeting law is 701 and he asked what the requirements were for preparing and following the agenda, “a clear and complete statement of topics scheduled to be considered during the meeting, a list describing items on which action may be taken, and clearly denoting that action may be taken on those items by placing the term *for possible action* next to the appropriate items.” He said the committee is not describing each action on this agenda. He said if you look at the guidelines on page 74 of the attorney generals open meeting law it says that there are some guidelines there. He read a couple of the guidelines. The first guideline read was, “the agenda item must be described with clear and complete detail so that the public will receive notice in fact of what is to be discussed by the public body.” He said there is nothing on agenda item four that references the items that the committee could possibly vote on. The second guideline read was, “the use of broad or unspecified category in an agenda should be restricted. Generic items such as

president reports, committee reports, new business, and old business do not provide a clear and complete statement of the topics scheduled to be considered. Such items must not be listed for possible action as they do not adequately describe matters on which action is to be taken.” The third guideline read from page 76 read, “generic terms such as reports or general comments by board members invite trouble because discussions spawned underneath them may be of great public interest and may lead to deliberations or actions without the benefit of public scrutiny or input.” He said it continues to say, “agenda descriptions for resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, rules or other such items to be considered by public bodies should describe what the statute, resolution, ordinances, regulations, or rule relates to so that that public may determine if it is a subject in which they have an interest which may lead to their attendance at the public meeting.” He said that the agenda item just says that you can discuss anything on every meeting since the inception of this committee with no specifics. He said there are penalties for violating the open meeting laws. He referenced 8.10 of the open meeting law, “when conducting meetings, one should always remember the message in NRS 241.010. In enacting this chapter the legislature finds and declares that all public bodies that exist to aide in the conduct of people’s business.” He said this agenda item says that you can vote on anything since the inceptions of this committee. He said it doesn’t list it and is very unspecific. He said he has no ideas what was discussed at other committee meetings and it doesn’t say. He said it’s an illegal meeting and he protests the meeting because it is a violation of the open meeting law.

Dr. Don Molde said he learned about concerns of Dr. Lent’s this morning. He said while he is anxious to get the process completed, he agrees with Dr. Lent. He said the way agenda item four is written is not reasonable under the Open Meeting Law. He said, he won’t file a complaint if the meeting goes ahead, but did want to point out that the wording is not consistent with what he understands the Open Meeting Law to be.

Ms. Shannon Ireland said that she wanted to bring up that the last minute they really had to go and search for a place where they can stand up and fight for what they believe in as far as recreation. She said they call them traditions that can be passed down to their children. She said she is fighting for trapping, hunting, and to maintain the sportsmen.

Chairman McNinch asked Ms. Ireland if she had any comments specific to the agenda.

Ms. Ireland said that she just walked in and wanted to stick it out there that she can’t believe that there has been teleconference made available to the different counties. She said she isn’t going to play the disabled card even though she had a hard time making it. She said this is important to her family and hopes that next time it is made easier if it’s not held in Clark County. She said it does concern Clark County and they do have the larger population numbers.

Matt Lamb said considering all of that the committee has given them as much information as they can. He said they are all human and that this is a case of too many laws that we have to try and follow and look up. He suggested they just move on.

Chairman McNinch said he believes the sentence Dr. Lent referred to has more to do with being able to incorporate past actions in with the conversation. He asked Mr. Newton if he saw any issues with the agenda at this point.

David Newton, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) said he did not.

COMMISSIONER ROBB MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED.
COMMISSISONER DREW SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION PASSED 5-0

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Commissioner Layne said that she wanted to make sure in looking at the various proposals that were made a part of the package that it doesn't appear to include the proposal she discussed at the end of the last meeting. She said the proposal that the agenda has is Jana Wright 24 Hour Check Clark County Map. She said her proposal was similar, but it was for the one calendar day check. She said she wanted to make the clarification that proposal three is very similar to what she discussed.

John Sullivan said that the major item of unfinished business is what Commissioner Layne is suggesting for looking at areas in Southern Nevada and Clark County for consideration of changing the visitation laws. He said it would seem that discussion would be more appropriate in Las Vegas than it would be in Reno. He said he knows there have been two meetings in Reno, two in Las Vegas, and one in Elko. He said in fairness to Reno there was a vote for areas surrounding Reno. He said they did not do that in Las Vegas. He pointed out that it was a long meeting but they never quite got through the agenda. He said a lot of people showed up particularly for that action item and in fairness that if we discuss making the changes to that part of the state it would be better served to do it in Las Vegas. He said since there is no teleconference option the people in Las Vegas is pretty much blocked out of the process. He just wanted to point out that it was disappointing that it didn't get handled down in Las Vegas and if the discussion does come up in Reno of dissecting the units it would have been better served to do in Las Vegas.

Chairman McNinch said that he understands Mr. Sullivan's comments. He said the meeting did go on for a long time and there were things that they didn't get to. He said both time and money were an issue. He said he decided that as Chairman he made the decision to have the meeting in Reno and agreed that most of the discussion would be in regards to the Southern portion of the state. He said what is accomplished here though is not a final act and will be forwarded to the Commission to discuss at the Tonopah Commission meeting. He said there has been a tremendous amount of input from hundreds of people. He said the large amount of input they have received proves that there isn't much more that can be said. He said those are some of the things he is considering for moving forward.

Commissioner Drew said he agrees with Chairman McNinch that anything that comes out of the committee is a recommendation and will go back through the CAB and Commission process. He said he appreciated the correspondence he received both through Joanne Trendler and through individual emails.

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Chairman McNinch asked Commissioner Drew for his assistance. He said they tried to put together a packet of some of the items that have been placed on the table over the course of several meetings. He said there has been some action in Elko and in Reno, but no action has been taken down in Southern Nevada. He asked Commissioner Drew to help him to put together a synopsis on things that have been discussed and some of the maps. He said there have been questions about what is prompting all of this. He said the legislature gave them an edict to consider areas in close proximity and heavily used areas. He said he understood their direction to be based on the humane aspect and for user group conflicts. He said he put the five main proposals on a spreadsheet and how the considerations may be effected in regards to the humane aspect and user group conflicts.

Commissioner Drew said that the biggest concept with the table is that some think it's not nearly enough in laying out all the arguments and statements, but this was really meant to be a summary. He said you will see a lot of "may" in there because they are not trying to advocate just laying out some of the arguments. He said there has been criticism of the committee that they have not laid everything out on the table but he tends to think that is a false assertion. He said this is just the core items still on the table and a recap of where the committee has been. He said as far as Commissioner Layne's concern regarding 24 hours versus one calendar day he said that is a detail that isn't precluded by the spreadsheet. He said the worksheet is to help facilitate that discussion.

Commissioner Layne said that the committee talks about the urban interface, but that many of the conflicts are actually occurring in recreational areas. She said one of the proposals was to cover a broader expansion of that area to try to deal with those conflicts. She said she isn't in disagreement with what's been discussed but that she wants to see the conflicts in outlying areas being dealt with.

Chairman McNinch said he is hoping that the committee talks about these maps before taking it out to public comment. He said for purposes of moving forward he said he thinks it is pretty clear that the committee is moving past proposal one because some action was taken in the Reno area. He said that in general the committee is not in support of keeping the 96 hours statewide.

Commissioner Layne said she would agree.

Commissioner Drew said in his mind he wouldn't disregard proposal one because of some of the concerns that he had in regards to the map that Commissioner Robb laid out. He mentioned that there is an NRS in place that already provides an exemption for traps that cause immediate death and feels that any changes could increase the use of those types of traps and exacerbate pet conflicts. He said there are things that have been done in the past such as offsets around specific areas that may actually serve as a better tool than a shortened trap check time. He said because of that he wouldn't consider proposal one dead even though the committee's recommendation has been something different.

Chairman McNinch said that was a good clarification. He said he didn't mean to say that these items are out, but simply by the committee's actions that the recommendations won't reflect what's on this map. He reminded everyone that the committee is not the final word and all of these items will be taken to the full Commission. He said that the committee was asked to deal with visitation frequency based on SB213. He said other aspects have been considered, such as education, demerits, non-target data, etc. thinking that there were items in there that might have helped the committee make a decision. He admits that in regards to managing conflicts the visitation frequency doesn't keep pets out of traps. He said he does think it can be a tool to manage trapper distribution which would help with user conflicts.

Mr. Sullivan asked if Commissioner Drew could clarify what proposals he was talking about.

Commissioner Drew explained that he was talking about the maps as each one has a proposal number on it.

Mr. Sullivan said that he appreciated the Chair saying that everything was still on the table. He said the legislature mandated the committee to study this. He said the laws will be complied with when the Commission considers the issue. He said he doesn't feel it was mandated. He said it was interesting that trapper distribution is a management tool. He said it takes an assumption that may or may not be true. He said he understands that Chairman McNinch believes that by having certain areas with a daily check that it would encourage trappers to be distributed to other areas. He asked Chairman McNinch if that was the correct interpretation.

Chairman McNinch said in some ways yes. He said he thinks it will help with some of the user conflict. He said it is hard to say what will fix it, but outside of considering restricting certain trap types or prohibitions of trapping areas, he said we are left with things that have not been tried. He said the trappers have said that if you put 24 hours into the rural areas you are going to force trappers into the urban areas. He asked why the reverse wouldn't be true. He said the 24 hour

checks doesn't preclude people from trapping it just means a trapper will have to spend more time doing it.

Mr. Sullivan said he would agree that you can make that assumption but said that there are other assumptions that can be made that may be true as well. He said that the trappers universally say that they feel it will be counterproductive and may increase the conflicts that they have now. He said that he feels it is a better assumption to assume that instead of driving hundreds of miles to other counties that it would actually cause the trappers to still trap their favorite areas but they will be a lot closer and will check traps at night. He said he would rather study the issue before making changes so that a more analytical approach can be taken.

Chairman McNinch said that he doesn't disagree that this will change how people trap and there could be more unintended consequences. He asked how they manage all these conflicts. He said there are many assumptions but each committee member is going to process how to solve the problem differently. He said the spreadsheet was just how he processed it. He said that has been the challenge of this committee is to take each thought process and try to find a solution. He said he doesn't believe that the 96 hours statewide is the answer, or that 24 hours statewide is the answer, or that the map with the green areas is the answer. He said he is open to all of Clark County being a 24 hour check but that maybe a little less broad is more appropriate.

Commissioner Layne said that what she finds is interesting is a trapper in Elko pointed out that in 1981 the trap check time was decreased to 96 hours. She said the legislature decreased the time due to user group conflicts. She said at that time 24 hours was discussed. She said that it ended up that the legislature agreed on the 96 hours. She said if you look at where Nevada has come from the population has increased particularly in terms of Southern Nevada but also some in the Reno/Carson City area. She said she doesn't see an end to those types of changes in the future. She said development has picked back up but she doesn't know where the water is going to come from. She pointed out that water is an issue with the wildlife as well. She said she doesn't want the committee looking at this issue again five years down the road. She said that is why the committee needs to make decisions. She said between one calendar day for all of Clark County and Commissioner Robb's proposal the committee should be able to make decisions today. She said if you look at the map that shows areas closed to trapping there is already a large area of Clark County that is closed to trapping already. She said Commissioner Robb didn't include them on his map. She said if you put those areas on Commissioner Robb's map then there isn't a big difference and comes down to five or six hunt units. She wanted to proceed and try to deal with those individual hunt units.

Chairman McNinch said that is the plan and he hopes to accomplish something today.

Commissioner Robb said he agrees there have been a lot of changes in the state since 1981, especially in Reno, Carson City, and Las Vegas. He said that the other 95% of the state hasn't changed much. He said when he looks at proposal 2 he sees many of those areas as rural. He said if you are in those areas in the winter you better hope that a trapper or rancher comes along. He said when they drove to Elko he hopes that the committee noticed how unpopulated it is. He said the distribution of people and animals hasn't changed but stressors have been placed on the wildlife

such as sage grouse, cheat grass, wildfire, juniper encroachment, etc. He said there needs to be a balance and thinks that the changing of trap check times in the rural communities would have a negative effect to that balance.

Mr. Sullivan said most people would be amazed at the transition from urban to desert. He said there is a densely packed area and within ten feet you are in the desert. He said there is BLM land surrounding the urban core. He said on a recent trip he went 70 miles on dirt roads and didn't see a human being. He said that happens during trips in the winter and summer. He said the urban sprawl has expanded. He said the lack of people isn't just in the middle of the state it's also in the southern portion of the state once you get out of Las Vegas.

Commissioner Layne said that she doesn't disagree on the vastness of southern Nevada, but most of the conflicts are taking place in large recreation areas, like the Spring Mountain Area. She said there was a letter from a person who recreated in the Gold Butte area expressing concern because they keep coming across traps with animals in the traps. She said she would like to talk about some of these hunt units so they can try to address some of these issues. She said she understands that the trappers don't want one calendar day in all of Clark County but she wants to address these problem areas. She said proposal three and five have to do with Southern Nevada and that is an area that no action has been taken on. She said there are many areas in Clark County that are closed to trapping but are not highlighted on Commissioner Robb's map.

Commissioner Robb said many of those areas are closed to all kinds of recreational activity, not just trapping.

Chairman McNinch pointed out that these areas are largely covered by Nellis Air Force Base.

Commissioner Layne said she is just highlighting that point and is assuming no one has an argument.

Commissioner Robb said that he included the Desert National Wildlife Refuge because some of it is included and some of it is not and that it was easier to color in all of 286.

Commissioner Layne said that the next area she wanted to talk about was 268. She asked if the area be included on there was the urban core.

Commissioner Robb said that is correct.

Commissioner Layne asked Commissioner Robb if 268 included some of the Gold Buttes.

Commissioner Robb said yes, but that particular map didn't go all the way to the Utah line so they aren't showing on the map.

Commissioner Layne asked Chairman Robb if we needed to go any further in 268.

Commissioner Robb corrected himself and said that the Gold Buttes would be in 272. He said 267 goes up the wash so you would need to be in 272 in order to go up the Gold Buttes.

Commissioner Layne asked for confirmation that 268 wouldn't be impacted by that.

Chairman McNinch confirmed that was correct.

Commissioner Layne said the next area to look at would be 269. She asked Commissioner Robb if that whole area was closed to trapping.

Commissioner Robb said the River Mountains are closed to all forms of hunting.

Commissioner Layne noticed in 267 there are some issues because some areas are closed to trapping but not all of 267.

Commissioner Robb said some areas fall in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Mr. Sullivan said the checkered areas are closed by federal regulations.

Commissioner Robb pointed out that it was from Echo Bay to Colville Bay.

Chairman McNinch asked Staff Game Warden, Kristy Knight for confirmation that was correct.

Kristy Knight, Staff Game Warden said yes, the checkered portions are closed.

Commissioner Layne asked Ms. Knight to confirm the areas that are already closed are well defined and easy to enforce.

Ms. Knight, said the areas that are closed are primarily handled by another agency since the Lake Mead National Recreation Area is covered by Parks. She said in Red Rock it's usually handled by BLM. The wardens will assist but other agencies usually control that.

Commissioner Layne said they aren't doing anything in 266 that isn't already out there. She said there is a problem because 272 is not included on Commissioner Robb's map. She said she is concerned about that area because it includes the Gold Buttes.

Mr. Sullivan said that it is a designated wildlife area and is open to hunting, fishing, and trapping. He said until congress declares otherwise it is wide open for use.

Commissioner Robb said he had spent some time in the Gold Buttes and in his mind it is rugged and rural. He said it doesn't matter what kind of trap check is put into place, there are still going to be user group conflicts. He said that could mean someone coming across a trapped animal or having someone's pet caught in a trap. He said the committee is trying to lessen those but they aren't going to go away. He said he understands that there are different people that like to use that

area, but depending on the time of year he suspects that there are more sportsmen that use that area than non-sportsmen. He said he would consider 272 rugged and rural.

Commissioner Drew said his concern is, and he hasn't seen the language specific to Gold Butte, but typically when you talk about a wilderness area it's called that because it's undisturbed by man. He said the feds will usually write in their provisions to allow and maintain the usage for hunting, fishing, and trapping. He said when you talk wilderness areas he feels those are the areas you can go to reduce some of those conflicts.

Commissioner Layne said she doesn't disagree with him but public comments have been made and is talking one calendar day versus 96 hours. She said she feels there was a need to discuss it and it has been so now they can move on. She said leave it as it is.

Commissioner Robb said yes, we have discussed it but no decision has been made. He said Commissioner Layne is welcome to throw it back in there when it comes time for a motion. He said he would hold off and let her make a motion when the time comes.

Commissioner Layne said that she is trying to use both Commissioner Robb and the other map at the same time. She said she wanted to discuss 263 next. She said all of Clark County would be 24 hours but she would be willing to find a line in this hunt unit that would not be 24 hours. She asked Commissioner Robb if a line can be defined and pointed out power lines and a road that runs through there.

Commissioner Robb said that going back to 263 he believes some of the shaded area is very rugged and remote. He said that being said, sometimes you need to look at something from a law enforcement and user group view. He said he struggled more in 263 because there isn't a good ridge or definable boundary. The only definable boundary is what is colored in now. The colored in area is bigger than he would like but for the user groups and law enforcement it is the best option. He said he has asked multiple people for help to no avail this is the best he could come up with.

Commissioner Drew said on proposal three shows things a little differently and it shows the Sloan Canyon NCA which butts up against the illegal firearm discharge area and stays out of the wilderness area.

Commissioner Robb said that he had looked at that but doesn't know how well that boundary is marked. He said he thinks it's one of those gray areas and doesn't want to get a trapper in trouble. He said he prefers a more definable line. He said he doesn't think the NCA line would be fair to anybody because he doesn't feel like it's a clear line. He said he thinks it depicts what he has in mind better, but he doesn't think it's the fairest thing that could be done for all user groups.

Commissioner Drew said that they would just have to agree to disagree. He feels that since it's on a map generated by Clark County GIS suggests to him that there is information available for that boundary. He said he would be more comfortable with this boundary than the pole line road because that excludes an entire wilderness area.

Commissioner Robb said he knows how the committee has developed other maps and he tries to make those as definable as possible. He said he also realizes that at some point people will have to get out their GPS to see where they are. He said if that was the motion coming forward he said he would probably not vote against it.

Mr. Sullivan asked what the boundary was in proposal three that they were talking about. He said he wasn't quite clear.

Commissioner Drew said it is the orange area which is the Sloan Canyon NCA relative to unit 263.

Mr. Sullivan confirmed understanding.

Commissioner Robb asked Ms. Knight if there was anyone available in GIS who might be able to put on his map the area that Commissioner Drew suggested.

Ms. Knight said she can certainly check if anyone was available and also pointed out that there are residences west of Sloan Canyon that isn't included in the firearms discharge area.

Commissioner Robb said he had looked at it on satellite photos.

Commissioner Drew asked if she was talking specifically between the firearms discharge area and Sloan Canyon.

Ms. Knight said that it is south of the firearms discharge area.

Commissioner Robb said that maybe at break we can talk to GIS so that people can see some of these thoughts on paper.

Mr. Sullivan said SB213 is pretty clear in stating in close proximity to a populated or heavily used area. He said that he took a minute to look up the definition of some of those words. He provided proximity as his first example which means "near" or "next to." He said populated was defined as "heavily inhabited." He said heavily used means "much utilized." He said the mandate is consider all of this but he would argue that the majority of the acreages do not fit that definition and lends itself to a legal challenge. He said if the Commission decides to do anything they need to look up these definitions, he feels they are too broad in some of these areas. He said the word conflict keeps coming up and he wanted to know what the definition of a conflict is. He said if someone sees an animal caught in a trap, he asked if that was a conflict and a reason to outlaw something. He gave the example of if he didn't like soccer but he drove by a group playing in a field he couldn't call up his county commissioner and convince him that it was a conflict. He said in the five years he has served on the Clark County Advisory Board (CAB) he can't think of a single validated case of a pet being caught in any of these areas. He said a person showed up at a CAB meeting several weeks ago claiming a dog had been caught and the DA's office determined that it was false. He asked where the data is and what the committee is basing their decisions on. He asked if someone doesn't like something if that is grounds to make regulations on it.

Commissioner Layne said she wanted to talk about 262. She said some of that area has part of the urban core, that is closed to trapping and other areas with trapping stipulations in the Spring Mountain area. She said that the committee has already made some changes to respond to some of the complaints in the Mount Charleston area. She said a suggestion was made to try to include more of the Spring Mountain Areas since it is a very popular recreation area. She said she thinks there will be an issue in trying to determine how much of that area to include. She asked Commissioner Robb to explain his boundaries.

Commissioner Robb said the western boundary is a hydrological basin. He said it has been brought up that the forest service has plans to put in campgrounds on the Pahrump side of the Spring Mountains. He said he has seen that type of activity take a long time to come to fruition. He said he is comfortable where it is now and that in the future it may need to be addressed. He said this area is also bigger than he would like but has definable boundaries.

Commissioner Layne pointed out that there are two different coverage's for 262.

Commissioner Robb said the first one goes up to Mercury and the second one goes to Lee or Kyle Canyon Road.

Commissioner Layne said she feels the one that covers Cold Creek would be better since there have been conflicts there. She said we are talking about one calendar day vs 96 hours.

Commissioner Robb said he wishes that when they visited the Red Rock Conservation area that they had gone to Cold Creek so he had a better idea on what exists up there. He said as Mr. Sullivan said conflicts will occur. He said he doesn't know if there has been a conflict in the past that it warrants any changes and that's what this discussion is about. He said he has looked at the area on Google maps, but it would be better to have seen in person. He said there are two maps for a reason, because he isn't sure on those specific areas.

Commissioner Layne said she suggests not looking at anything further south in area 263. She said 261 that some of that area is closed down and isn't proposing that be included. She said she believes that covers all the hunt units in Southern Nevada.

Commissioner Robb said all the hunt units included in his map, but in areas 266 and 265 there are some areas closed by federal regulations.

Commissioner Layne said they aren't proposing to add to those areas.

Commissioner Robb said that is correct but wanted it recognized there are some areas in those other hunt units that are closed at this point.

Commissioner Layne said she agreed with that but didn't feel that was part of the current discussion.

Chairman McNinch said in regards to the Southern part of the state he is hearing Commissioner Layne has an appetite for things that were on Commissioner Robb's map and that there needs to be some fine tuning in 262 and 263.

Commissioner Drew said in proposal three Mount Charleston is highlighted as US Forest Service. He said on proposal five it shows in Humboldt/Toiyabe crosshatch indicating an area within the forest. He said he is assuming that Humboldt Toiyabe covers the bigger area and within that they have a wilderness study area and a designated wilderness in the core of 262.

Mr. Sullivan said he believes that is correct because his recollection is those areas are fairly small. He said those areas depicted by the green slashes are wilderness areas.

Commissioner Drew said in Northern Nevada there are different markers that pretty well define what the wilderness boundary is. He asked if that was the same in southern Nevada.

Mr. Sullivan said that you get to the end of the road and there is a little sign that names the wilderness area.

Commissioner Drew asked Commissioner Layne if the concerns in 262 specific to the wilderness area or are they more on the margin.

Commissioner Layne said that area is a high recreational use area and is only expected to increase. She said because of the fire issues they are already working on expanding that area. She said if you look at a map in terms of the closed area some of that work has already been done and she wants to see it continue.

Commissioner Drew said the intent of putting in those offsets was to reduce conflicts and in his mind is a much better tool. He said his concern is if someone wants to walk into a wilderness area that is one thing, but if you are in the margins it is something completely different. He asked why we are looking at reducing the trap check times in a wilderness area because they won't put a campground or a community developed in those areas. He asked Commissioner Robb what his thoughts were on pushing it outside of those wilderness areas.

Commissioner Robb said he again was looking for something that was definable by the user groups. He said he agrees with Commissioner Drew. He said if it were defined well in Southern Nevada he would love it instead of using all these gray areas.

Commissioner Drew said that was why he asked Mr. Sullivan what the sign situation was like in Southern Nevada because to his memory he remembers there being quite a few signs.

Commissioner Robb said he remembers a lot of signs on the road, but asked what signs were present off the road. He said those are the areas he's worried about. He said gray areas can be great, but he said he didn't think they would work in this situation.

Mr. Sullivan said he wanted to lend his expertise on the layout of the land. He said Commissioner Layne is correct that there is a lot of usage in the Spring Mountains. He said he would guess 99% of them drive up Cal Canyon Road and drive back Lee Canyon Road. He said the roads are packed by the hundreds and are 60mph hour roads. He said when you get off those roads and on to the dirt roads there is almost no one. He said that is where the trappers are going. He said the groups naturally separate themselves because of the type of usage. He said in the Cold Creek area there was a resident who had a concern because someone was up there spotlighting. He said it was convenient because one gentleman that was there said it was probably him because he goes to that area on horseback 18 times a year and uses spotlights load and unload. He said the gentleman often spotlights the Elk but he doesn't hunt or trap. He said Cold Creek is pretty popular but they are different from the people on the highway. He pointed out that there is also a lot of ATV riding up there. He said the trappers tend to stay awake from Cold Creek or disperse themselves further back on the dirt roads. He said residents in this area to have conflict issues but most of which are ATV related. He said it really is more of a forest service issue not a wildlife issue. He said there was a poaching incident but those aren't hunters or trappers they are criminals.

Commissioner Layne said they went almost 18months talking about the Mount Charleston area. She said since those people are not present at the meeting that she asks that the committee tries to meet their concerns. She thinks the map that was just received that puts the red rock National Conservation Area (NCA) over the top may help define the area that is being looked at.

Chairman McNinch said the map that was provided shows where trapping restrictions are in occurrence with SB226 which is in purple. He said the areas closed to trapping are shown as well. He said it was provided at the February meeting and are making it available for everyone to reference.

Commissioner Layne said that if you look at the Sloan and Red Rock canyon it might be helpful since there were questions about that. She said there are still questions on 262 but she wants to talk about 263. She said we might be able to follow the northern boundary because she believes there is already an illegal firearms discharge area. She asked if there was an entry way that might cover the southern boundary. She asked Commissioner Robb if he would like to adjust that issue.

Commissioner Robb asked for clarification on what trapping is or isn't allowed in the Sloan and Red Rock NCA.

Ms. Knight said in her research she did not find any closures in the Sloan Canyon area. She said she did have the specific regulations with her if Commissioner Robb would like to look over it.

Commissioner Layne said there are a lot of questions about the Red Rock Canyon. She said the confusion is what is open and what is closed to trapping.

Commissioner Robb asked if Red Rock Canyon had been added on to several times. He recalled something about an elevation mark.

Commissioner Layne said it was 5,000 feet.

Chairman McNinch said he didn't know that they were agenzized properly to have conversations on areas that are closed and open. He said it is time to get to the broader recommendation in regards to visitation frequency. He said he is hearing talk about a consideration for a different southern boundary for area 263 instead of the pole line road. He asked Ms. Knight if there was detailed information of other roads that could be considered.

Ms. Knight said she can get her book and see if anything else shows.

Chairman McNinch said in regards to 262 in the Cold Creek area, he tends to agree with Commissioner Drew. He said at some point that one would take care of itself at some point.

Commissioner Drew said he has a fundamental issue with a wilderness area, which is considered untraveled by man, as being heavily used. He said on proposal five map that there is some overlap with designated wilderness area. He said there are already some offsets on the trails, but he still doesn't see it as heavily used.

Chairman McNinch said they share the same thought process on managing conflict that setting trap types or offsets may be a better way to deal with it. He said many of these areas already have that.

Commissioner Drew said if they are looking at doing shorter trap check times he wouldn't be supportive of doing that in a designated wilderness area.

Commissioner Robb said he understands, but he is going to refer to the maps of Northern Nevada to further the discussion. He said area 194 has the Mount Rose Wilderness area. He said if you go to the Hunter Creek Trail Head it is within the wilderness area but it is also heavily used. He provided a couple other examples in the Mount Rose Wilderness area.

Commissioner Drew said yes, but most of those areas already have set backs and then it comes down to time of year in Mount Rose Meadows because he doesn't know how many people are up there in 8 feet of snow.

Commissioner Robb said there is 12 month use there, but didn't know if trapping occurred. He said this is getting back to what Commissioner Layne said in regards to the changes since 1981. He said he moved to Reno in 1982 from Tonopah. He said he used to live near the Hunter Creek Trail Head and when he would drive up there he would never see anybody else. He said now you fight for a parking spot, not just in the summer. He said there have been tremendous changes along the western front. He said that is why he is comfortable with the map he suggested.

Commissioner Layne said there is some snow but lately has been mild. She said if we look at area in 262, is that we can agree on some of the area. She said Mr. Sullivan pointed out that along Lee Canyon it is some prime real estate. She asked if they would agree defining boundaries outside of that. She asked if everyone would accept the black areas on the map that was presented that day as being high use areas.

Commissioner Robb said yes.

Commissioner Layne said the question then becomes can we say east of that area that would be receptive to looking at.

Chairman McNinch said he is hearing the areas of concern are the southern portion of 263, the Cold Creek area (North of Lee Canyon Road), and then the areas within the designated wilderness areas. He said those seem to be the primary areas of discussion in regards to proposal five.

Mr. Sullivan said his only big area of concern is the space between Kyle and Lee Canyon. He said there is a significant amount of acreage in there that people trap in. He said there is a high population of grey fox in there who are prone to carrying bubonic plague. He said if they could allow trapping in that area it would allow a lot of families to continue trapping in there and would address some of Commissioner Drew's concerns as well.

Commissioner Drew said that another way of stating it is just to exclude the wilderness area.

Mr. Sullivan said you could with the exception of the Angel's Peak area.

Commissioner Drew said on his map it looks to him like that is already designated wilderness area.

Commissioner Layne said it is already designated wilderness area

Mr. Sullivan said it is not in a wilderness area.

Chairman McNinch explained what he thought Mr. Sullivan was trying to accomplish using a map.

Mr. Sullivan said he was correct.

Commissioner Drew asked Mr. Sullivan to point out his area of concern on the same map.

Mr. Sullivan explained the area he was talking about using the map.

Commissioner Layne said her concern is she thought that area was one of which that there were conflict issues in. She said she thought that was part of the discussion that took place during the whole Mount Charleston thing.

Mr. Sullivan said no. There are no campgrounds or trails in there; he said you may get an Air Force technician once a year. He said there are jeep trails that connect Kyle and Lee Canyon but it's very rugged and remote.

Chairman McNinch said under Mr. Sullivan's proposal it would keep Cold Creek out of the consideration.

Mr. Sullivan said that was correct.

Commissioner Layne said she wishes there were some Mount Charleston people here. She said she is glad there is a boundary line for the difference between 24 and 96 hours. She asked for clarification on the Northern Boundary.

Mr. Sullivan explained in detail where the Northern Boundary would be.

Commissioner Robb asked how many miles it is from Kyle to Lee Canyon. He said he is looking for spatial relevance.

DAG Newton said it was about 15-20 miles.

Commissioner Robb said he sees where Mr. Sullivan and Commissioner Layne want to get to. He asked what the setbacks were currently in this area. He asked what if the committee recommended a set back of a half mile off the highway to protect anyone who might pull over and take a quick hike. He said precedence for setbacks has already been established in southern Nevada.

Mr. Sullivan said there are already set backs there. He said what you are proposing is better, but all the hikers are going hiking and doesn't see them pulling off the road in these areas. He said a half mile would be better but he doesn't think it's necessary.

Chairman McNinch said he didn't think they were agendized to do that.

Commissioner Drew said he isn't suggesting an offset to close trapping, only to have a 24 hour trap check.

Chairman McNinch confirmed understanding.

Mr. Sullivan asked how that would be enforced.

Commissioner Robb said a game warden could use a range finder. He said that is the complication in all of this is how we make sure the trappers and non-trappers have a definition of the boundary. He said he understands that there is a difference between prudent and necessary. He said he **thinks** it is prudent to do something in that area. He said he is trying to think of a compromise.

Chairman McNinch asked Commissioner Drew to talk about the wilderness areas a little further.

Commissioner Drew said he would be more comfortable excluding the wilderness areas from a shorter trap check time. He said on the map it's where the pink and the hatching overlap.

Several commissioners expressed confusion over the possibility of a wilderness area within the Toiyabe National Forests.

Chairman McNinch said according to the maps provided for the proposals it does say there is a wilderness area within the Toiyabe National Forest.

Commissioner Drew said the Humboldt Toiyabe authority abuts Red Rock NCA most of the way, he said it cuts off at 156. He said you have this odd boundary in a more squared off boundary. He said when you get into the ski areas you can see the offset better.

Chairman McNinch asked the committee felt it was time to go to public comment.

Commissioner Robb said with the number of people in the room there might be some discussion. He suggested taking a lunch break now instead of starting public comment and then starting it again after lunch.

Commissioner Drew said the two considerations he would have is one are we locked in on one calendar or could we entertain two calendar days. His second question was would there be any consideration for exempting cage traps since there is a lower probability of having a conflict.

Chairman McNinch said it depends. He said the visitation time can be changed based on some of these other suggestions that are being thrown out there. He said box and cage traps could change that thought process. He said when we come back from lunch we will open it back up to public comment.

Chairman McNinch reminded everyone to avoid personal attacks and to address the board. He also asked that people stick to the agenda.

Commissioner Robb said that the public is also able to make comment on the time duration within the maps.

Chairman McNinch said that was correct.

Public Comment

Clay Belding said that the maps and 24 hour checks are being based on emotion and politics. He asked when are we going to learn that the committee can't tell them what to do. He said they need to be able to enjoy what they do for a living. He said when every trapper is stuck in one area it will crush that area and put people on top of people. He said then people get irritated and bad things start to happen. He said there have recently been reports of a bear in Verdi and a mountain lion in a parking lot. He said more of that will happen to humans. He said trappers will be forced to travel further and may not be able to feed their kids. He said but there are people on the other side who cry because their dog got caught. He said all of that is based on emotion, let's talk about what Joel Blakeslee wants to do and do a three year study so we can be scientific about it. He said there have been studies about the bear hunts that provided great information. He said another thing that is going to happen is the trappers won't trap as often so more animals will be around these homes. He said then more animals and children will be attacked by these animals. He said trappers are saving tax payers money because the department will now have to pick up the slack and it will cost a lot more money. He said there has already been too much money spent on what the committee is

proposing. He said to let trappers continue to do it the same way they have been for thousands of years. He said not to base it on emotion base it on science.

Bob Bruner said there were some assumptions that have been made that have moved into conclusions and he wanted to reject several of those. He said he would start with the assumption that the legislature told this committee to do something about the trap check times around town. He said that is not what was said, the legislature trounced it and told the commission to deal with it. The legislature basically said they wanted nothing to do with it. He said they told the Commission to take a look at it, and the Committee has, but the Committee is not required to make any changes. He said he also rejects the assumption that there are user conflicts. He said he hasn't seen or heard that and requested that someone show him that. He said with the growing size of the communities, trappers have adjusted to that as well. He pointed out that Peavine gets a ton of use and there aren't issues with trappers and public use. He said just because the size and populations of the cities has changed does not conclude that that laws need to be changed. He said they haven't seen any instances where an animal has been caught by a legal trapper, but there have been lots of incidents regarding criminals who trespass or don't follow setbacks. He gave the example of a bicyclist being hit by a drunk driver, but you try to outlaw bicycles. He asked how this is affecting the licensed trapper and the wildlife. He said if you eliminate trapping in Clark County you are going to have an infestation. He said this will need to be looked at again and said the Committee shouldn't make assumptions that something can be set up that won't need to be looked at in five years. He said there hasn't been a pet caught in Sloan or Red Rock. He said there are 1400 trappers who are doing a fine job of keeping themselves away from conflict.

Trish Swayne said that she is at a loss at this point as to what is going on with the decisions that were made at the last Reno meeting. She said she thought that was it and that was what would be recommended. She said at this point she doesn't know if that is going to change. She said what seemed to be agreed upon was a one calendar day visitation for those areas. She said in Las Vegas in April that seemed to be on shifting ground. She said she heard two calendar days discussed as well as trapper education. She said it seemed that everything was fluid and everything is in play. She said at this point it's hard for her to know what to say but she doesn't want to repeat everything that has been said at the last five meetings. She said she would like to know where the committee is going with the recommendations that were voted on at the last Reno Meeting.

Joel Blakeslee, Nevada Trappers Association said that he has listened to the comments on the maps all morning but he would like to put the brakes on that and back up. He said the Trappers Association doesn't subscribe to any maps. He said they have put out a compromised position based on some of the testimony that was heard at other meetings such as trapper education, public education, trapper questionnaires, and a study. He thinks it's consistent with what has been done in predator and bear management, to do a study on this. He suggesting doing a study and getting some base line data, such as trapping violations, non-target data, disease studies, attacks on pets, people, and school lock downs. He said he thinks this is bigger than what's happening in this room because it effects the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. He asked if this decision was being based on politics or on science which is part of the North American Model. He said this is happening around the country. He said SCI Michigan is proposing a law that requires them to use science. He said he just wants this to get back to science. He said the Trappers Association is

willing to put forth money for trapper education and to get some baseline data. He said the culture and history of wildlife management is being examined today. He said it could threaten the structure of the wildlife commission because it could make people question if it is a necessary layer. He said he wants to see both the commissioner and the advisory boards remain in place. He said another assumption is that by doing something it will be doing something good. He said he thinks that they are already starting to see the negative results of SB226, similar to the information they presented regarding the study that was done in California about pet/human conflicts increased after trapping was outlawed. He said there have been 12-14 school lock downs since SB226 was enacted. He said the news talks about the drought encroaching the coyote's habitat, but he disagrees and says it is habituated animals. He said in Yellowstone you can drive around and see plenty of animals in parking lots, not because of drought, but because these are animals not threatened by human beings. He said the assumption to do something is erroneous because he feels there will be more conflicts as a result. He said trapper distribute is counter intuitive and that trapping in its nature self regulates. He said as far as the legislature goes there is nothing wrong saying it has been considered but that there is anything wrong with it. He said he wants to talk about their proposal which is map number one. He said they deserve to talk about no action.

Jim Saline said that he comes from a different perspective than most people at this meeting. He said he is a licensed trapper and a licensed predator control officer. He said he has a real problem with the 24 hours and asked the Commissioners if they would like to change their work week to a 24 hour work week. He said he can't make his living in 24 hours. He said the maps are hard to understand but people should realize that is his office and he has a hard time with people drawing a line telling him he can't go into his bathroom. He said he appreciates the maps but drawing lines at pole lines saying he can't go that way also makes it impossible for him to make his living. He said a couple Committee members were arguing over the boundaries of the map and that is a conflict. He said if they weren't allowed to have conflicts then they couldn't even have these meetings. He said there is conflict in everything. He said the Commissioners said they need to make a huge decision and seemed to place some urgency on it. He suggested that they take their time on this decision because it affects his livelihood. He said the committee talked about areas closed to trapping but pointed out that those are areas closed to everything. He said one thing that predators don't know is map, and he said these predators go everywhere. He said lines don't matter to them.

Commissioner Robb said he had mentioned he was a pest control person.

Jim Saley corrected Commissioner Robb he was a predator control person. He said he is licensed in the state of Nevada with a business license and does predator control for ranchers, people in town, etc. He said he traps everything from pigeons and skunks to mountain lions. He said he usually checks with fish and game for the mountain lions. He said beavers and bobcats usually get a special permit from NDOW.

Commissioner Robb asked if most of that trapping was done on his customer's private property.

Mr. Saley said not always, sometimes it's on BLM or deeded ground. He said like he had mentioned if there is livestock whether in the rural areas or chickens in town the predators will go there.

Commissioner Robb said that the motion that was made in Reno was specifically for public lands only not on private property. He said private lands were exempted for Mr. Saley's exact purpose.

Mr. Saley said that would be for most of his purposes. He said most predators when scared away won't come back right away. He said with a 24 hour check you just continue to scare them away then when you stop checking they'll just come eat whatever you were trying to keep them away from.

Commissioner Robb said sometimes he is asked to do things in a very quick time frame.

Mr. Saley said he realizes that but pointed out that they are making a huge decision that will effect a lot of people.

Commissioner Robb agreed.

Patricia Abby said she is from Incline. She had been asked by her neighborhood to share their views on the trapping situation. She said people are really horrified at the idea that animals are being left in traps for up to four days. She said she understands that this is people's livelihoods, but she wanted to make the point that things do change. She said her husband had to get a completely new profession in the 60's. She said this isn't an issue that will go away. She said it is inhumane to leave animals in the trap for four days. She said as animal lovers her neighborhood would love to outlaw trapping completely but she knows that won't happen. She said even though they find trapping disgraceful they are willing to compromise. She said their compromise is 24 hours. She said it is coming on the radar in her neighborhood and people in Incline Village are really starting to get upset.

Dr. Don Molde said the North American Model of Wildlife Management has a sister that speaks against commercialization of wildlife which trapping is the worst example of that that he can think of. He said secondly the Trail Safe map has never been on the agenda and had never been discussed. He said despite Commissioner Drew's best efforts he doesn't understand that the summary table shows the Trail Safe map. He said he was speaking for No Bear Hunt Nevada today as a few members couldn't be there today. He said they never suggested that their map included the shaded areas at 24 hours, but said that that would be their preference. He said they were flexible. He said the way it is stated on the summary sheet is incorrect. He said he wants to talk about a conflict that has not been resolved. He said asked for a packet to be handed out. He said this was a mountain lion that had been handled by NDOW and Carl Lackey in the past in the Sweet Waters. He said this is in an area that Commissioner Robb's maps don't touch. He said this lion had been caught at least twice in traps. He said there are a couple color photographs of what its paws looked like. He said on the photograph with its mouth open you'll see a broken tooth which he said is a common injury for animals caught in traps. He said the reason he handed this out is he feels they have been talking about the wrong side of the equation today. He said all he has heard so far trapper convenience and what is good for trappers. He said they don't care about trappers, they care about the wildlife being impacted by trappers improperly. He said this is a great example. He said this is not the only example either. He said if Dr. Wolf were here she would haul out another half a

dozen cases that she has showing the same thing. He said Dr. Wolf got those examples from Allison Andrisa who he talked to a couple weeks ago at a Mountain Lion Conference. He said Allison brought those animals to Dr. Wolf because she was concerned about the trap injuries that had occurred to her research lions. She said she had one lion almost decapitate itself in a neck snare. He said it had gotten to the point where Allison and her boss John Beckman, the bear guy, had considered putting their non-target mountain lion trap injury stuff together and going to trappers. He said they had hoped that giving the trappers the information in the hopes they are interested in learning something about this. He said he had wished them well and sarcastically said he thought the trappers already knew everything. He said but who knows maybe they are. He said the conflict is NRS 501.105 says that you have the responsibility protect the wildlife as well as manage, promote and all the rest of it. He said by the way lion injuries in this state are common. He said he thinks that is the side of the equation that the committee should be working on. He said if trappers need to make an adjustment so that non-target species can be better protected in this state than so what, that just goes with the territory.

Matt Lamb said that this morning when the discussion started this morning it was asked that people be civil and respectful. He said he wanted to point out that those last comments weren't civil or respectful. He said sportsmen know that animals break their teeth when they are killing game as well. He said predator control was talked about earlier and he pointed out that not all trappers do predator control. He said we really need to go back to the hard facts and the hard data so that we can come together and find which areas there really are issues in and deal with them accordingly instead of just drawing a broad map. He applauded Commissioner Robb for making the map but said since there isn't any hard facts is probably why he didn't receive any additional maps. He said the data that was talked about but he has never seen any written data regarding quantities of conflicts by NDOW or any other group.

Jana Wright said that the reason she has been participating in these conversations is she feels an animal should be removed before 96 hours. She said she understands the direction the committee is headed and that less than 96 hours statewide isn't really on the radar. She said she wanted to focus on the Clark County maps. She specifically referred to the map that includes the Cold Creek area. She suggested as they deliberate and work on a motion, she would ask that they consider expanding that to the state line and Blue Diamond Road to color that orange.

Ted Lowery said his issue is the 24 hour visitation. He noted that he is battling cancer and changing the check to a 24 hour check would make him a criminal when he went to Reno to do his chemotherapy. He said it's not just about him since he is retired. He said there are guys who trap in his area who have full time jobs. He said he talked to them and they told him they wouldn't give up trapping but would simply move closer to town. He said if guys lived in Reno and a truck closed the road for several hours in Washoe Valley it could make them late. He said these laws aren't flexible like they are now. He said he doesn't see how the 24 hour check is going to do anything. He said he traps the 192 area for many of the local ranchers. He said this isn't all the trappers fault. He said he traps many of the ranches in Gardnerville and the people have put themselves in a position where they come and go as they please even though they walked right past a private property sign. He said then it makes the trapper look bad because he is trying to help the rancher out. He said he had to explain to two ladies why it was bad they were letting their dogs run

around in these areas even though they specifically said they let their dogs run on this private property to avoid them getting hit by cars. He said he thinks this will cause a lot of ethical guys to become illegal guys and not because they want to be illegal but because they have no options when extenuating circumstances occur. He said he doesn't usually use the entire four days but it does make it nice to have the flexibility to work around his chemotherapy. He said trapping supplements a lot of incomes. He said he doesn't want to drag the ranchers to meetings but said that they know the trappers do a lot of good.

Steve Nelson said he is confused why there is a need for a 24 hour check. He said if someone is walking their dog, the dog shouldn't be in there any longer than it takes to open that trap. He said they talk about a human danger but as soon as you step on a trap, you pick your foot up, and the trap closes itself and no one is caught.

Pat Kleams thanked the Commission for all the hard work they have done but pointed out that they had opened up a can of worms with the map boundaries. He said the legislature just requested the Commission look into making changes, but didn't require that changes be made. He said keeping a 96 hour check until scientific studies can be done. He said let's just do the study. He said he runs into so few people on his trap line that conflicts are avoided and he said most other trappers do to.

James Acres said he is with most of the guys and wants to know what the conflicts are. He said he Chukar hunts with bird dogs and his dogs will put in approximately 14 miles per day per dog. He said he has never had a dog caught in a trap. He said he is in areas more likely to have traps than anyone walking their dog down the trail. He said he has never seen an animal in a trap unless he was trapping. He said you don't just see them walking down a trail. He said another thing that frustrates him is a Commissioner that lives in a certain area and doesn't know about a particular area within 20 miles of their house. He said then there is another Commissioner that lives in Reno, but is trying to map the Las Vegas area. He said he commends the work. He said he wanted to know what the 24 hour trap check is going to prevent. He said it wouldn't prevent a dog from getting stuck in a trap. He suggested being prepared and knowing how to get your dog out of a trap. He referenced a gentleman in the audience and said that he would be happy to help do anything to prevent conflict. He said they did a seminar at the humane society on how to remove a dog from a trap. He said it's not hard to throw a pair of pliers in your pocket. He said he doesn't want to see laws made on emotions.

Shannon Ireland said that everyone is wondering where all the conflicts are and she can tell you that the conflicts are with all the coyotes in Las Vegas. She said that doesn't seem to be focal point in anyone's minds. She said restrictions have been in front of the board for the last year to eighteen months. She said there have been 12-14 school lockdowns in that time frame. She said she went to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police and made a public records request for any calls regarding bobcat, mountain lion, fox, etc. She said she has been asking for the same information from the animal control for the last month. She said they refuse to discuss anything with her and they wondered why. She said she dug further and found that animal control is funded by the Humane Society. She said she doesn't want to think that way and throw stones, but she is getting tired of having stones thrown at her. She said there are only 1400 trappers and two million plus population but she asked those people if they were going to be bullies. She suggested comparing morals on both sides. She

said there hasn't been an uprising in kids or pets getting hurt, but did point out that accidents do happen then compared it to deer's getting hit by cars. She said if are afraid of accidents then don't leave your house but if you want to enjoy the outdoors then be prepared to handle it.

Commissioner Robb said that since they started this trapping committee he has heard the need to rely on science. He said he reminds everyone that if they only depended on science then they would only need the people at NDOW and the Commission wouldn't exist. He said there is a social aspect to wildlife management which is why you have your county advisory boards and the Commission. He pointed out that there is a social expectation for each user group. He said one thing brought up is SB226 and the implementations that were put in place. He said Mr. Blakeslee pointed out that the school lockdowns and incidents have supposedly increased since its implementation. He said to use that is a stretch. He said he doesn't think moving the boundary a half mile back is going to make or break that situation. He said habituation of animals was mentioned and he said that aspect will be there whether its trappers or hikers. He said just yesterday he saw a coyote on Virginia Street right by Rancho San Rafael and one on USA Parkway. He said there wasn't a setback in either of those areas and the coyotes are still there. He said a lot of the stuff brought up is being trapped on private ground in Gardnerville. He said the recent recommendations exempt private property.

Mr. Sullivan said that he respected Commissioner Robb on all of this and said that he thought he was speaking from the heart. He said when Commissioner Robb says that there really hasn't been an impact from SB226 that Commissioner Robb really believes that. He said he would give an example then explained that he lives on the outskirts of Las Vegas and is surrounded by BLM. He said they are having a huge problem with coyotes in that area. He said he trapped coyotes one hundred feet from his front door but can't now because of SB226. He said he saw three coyotes ten feet from his fence this week trying to look for pets. He said because of SB226 he has a coyote problem that he can't address. He said he would guess that there are 500 plus coyotes that private trappers can't address because of SB226. He said they used to send out private trappers to try to help people address those problems, but when homes butt up to BLM land, SB226 prevents them from doing anything about it. He said when it was brought to his attention that the Wildlife Commission handled social issues he found that very interesting and accurate. He said certainly science has a huge key in it but there is definitely a social aspect to it, he believes it needs to be based on integrity. He said if the Commission is making laws using social issues then it needs to be the truth. He asked what the truth was in this situation. He said we are hearing about non-target, public safety, pet safety, humaneness, but the trappers who know more than the animal rights people know that most of what is being said is malarkey. He said he has had his own dog caught in a number three coyote trap all night and there was no injury to his dog. He said Oregon called the bluff on all of this a few years ago when it required vets to report all injuries occurring from traps. He said the statistics came back at approximately one per year. He asked what the humane effects of an animal were at 24, 48, or 96 hours in a trap. He said that Nevada is not the first state to deal with this and said that there are reams of veterinarian reports on all of this. He said animals have been put in traps and studied by scientists every minute of every day. He said the Canadian government did a huge study on the humane issues concerning trapping. He said the Commission is in a tough spot but needs to think about not just siding with one side or the other but to put just a little bit of science into it. He said if they step back just a bit they can get good data about what the

conflicts are and where they are. He said there is science to be looked at for the humane issues as well. He said he agrees that there is a social obligation, but there also needs to be a commitment to truth and integrity.

Commissioner Robb said that he isn't naïve to think that there isn't a coyote problem in Reno and Las Vegas. He said he also knows that there are a thousand more pets eaten by coyotes than caught in traps. He believes Mr. Sullivan is the exception not the rule when it comes to the hindrance of catching coyotes to protect pets caused by SB226. He said he believes that Mr. Sullivan would be an ethical trapper if SB226 wasn't blocking that. He said he believes that there are conflicts that need to be addressed and they are purely socially driven. He said he made the motion in Elko because he believes it is the best thing to do to manage the wildlife resources. He said he is the only committee member to put maps out there and they are not bygone conclusions as everyone has assumed. He said that is not the case. He said he thinks they are naïve not to move the ball a little bit. He said there are some user group conflict areas, but some of that has been told to him by trappers themselves. He said he isn't just relying on the animal rights side and their more emotional pleas. He said the areas brought to his attention by trappers are the one's listed on the map.

Commissioner Drew said he thinks it was unfortunate that they received such a strict edict from the legislature to use trap check time to solve the conflict issues. He said he doesn't feel that it is the best tool to solve that. He said he doesn't know how you draw the line on considering 96, 48, or 24 hours for being a humane time frame or not. He said he fears that by reducing trap check times in these areas it will exacerbate the problem as opposed to solving it. He said he is a pet owner too and just isn't convinced that this will solve the problems. He said in most cases its people doing what they shouldn't be doing.

Commissioner Robb said he struggles with what Commissioner Drew struggles with as well. He said he has brought up education and demerit points. He said he knows there are conflicts and if there is a sooner trap check time it will be resolved a little sooner. He said there isn't a black and white answer. He believes both sides will walk away from this being a little disappointed because both sides won't get exactly what they want. He said there are five people up here looking for an answer that doesn't really exist. He said only time will tell if this will solve any issues.

Commissioner Layne said she is frustrated because she has heard this emotion issue. She said she has been sitting in trapping committee meetings for three years and been on the Commission for two years. She said the thing that bothers her is people ask what conflicts are. She said when they had talked about trap registration or trap flagging and all the trappers were expressing concern of their traps being taken or tampered with. She said that sounds like a conflict to her but that's what has been discussed for years. She said she has an issue with the discussion of dogs in traps but she remembers going to Clark County CAB meeting people talked about calling every single vet in Clark County regarding the trap injuries they saw. She said they didn't check every vet, but if you look at the non-target data produced by NDOW it is clear that pets had been trapped. She said the biologist said there weren't many caught, but the fact is that there were pets caught. She said her favorite argument from the trappers is when an animal gets caught the animal lies down. She said she has seen pictures and it is obvious that the animal had struggled. She said there is data from UC Davis that does say that they do get stressed out. She said the committee that this is an issue that

she took lots of time to look at data on both sides of the issue. She said there has been a lot of work and science that has gone into all these discussions.

Mr. Sullivan read a science report on foot hold traps. The report basically said animal's temperatures and stress levels settle down quickly after being caught in a trap. The report also said that most non-targets that are caught are usually furbearers and that the traps are designed so other non-targets can be easily released. He said these are the things that need to be debated in what is or is not a conflict. He said one of the biggest problems that his making this so difficult is that the committee has not truly defined the problem. He said the possible solutions have been discussed but until a problem is discussed and agreed upon this will continue to be difficult. He said the trappers have said they would be willing to compromise when there is a problem recognized. He said the bobcat season has been cut shorter over and over again and the trappers don't say a thing because trappers realize it is good for the furbearer. He said trappers put the first map on the table for SB226 that closed about 90% of the area. He said when you get into this kind of conflict it should stand as a warning to the regulatory bodies that something isn't right because it shouldn't be that difficult. He said when you go overboard you get this type of response.

Chairman McNinch reviewed what has been discussed. He asked if there was discussion on the maps that were on the table.

Commissioner Robb said that it was brought up during public comment that Trail Safe's map was not discussed, but said that he can remember specifically talking about Berlin, Nevada and the Lunar Crater. He said it has been discussed but it was recognized that some of the sights on the list didn't meet the qualifications for what SB213 calls heavily used.

Commissioner Layne said she wanted to make a motion in relation to the discussion that was had that morning concerning 263 and 262. She said she would make some recommendation to narrow the discussion.

Chairman McNinch said that before she started considering the comments that were made he wanted to see if there were any motions relative to proposal one.

JOHN SULLIVAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL ONE AS SUBMITTED WITH THE ADDITION THAT NDOW STUDIES CONFLICTS, COMPANION ANIMALS, NON-TARGETS, AND TRAPPER EDUCATION. COMMISSIONER DREW SECONDED THE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Drew said the biggest issue he sees is that all of this comes down to a core value argument. He said it comes down to two different group's definition of humanity. He said he doesn't see how the committee will change that. He said if you look at all the issues he doesn't believe changing the trap check time will eliminate those. He acknowledged that Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Blakeslee were hoping to quantify some of these issues. He said he thinks that other things that the committee has done makes sense, but he thinks it might require dealing with each issue as it arose. He said in regards to the three year study he doesn't know what that means, but doesn't

discourage collecting more data. He said he is aware he probably won't have the votes to support that but wanted it on the record that that is where he stands at this current point in time.

Chairman McNinch asked Commissioner Drew accepting the motion would go back on some of the motions that were already made elsewhere in the state.

Commissioner Drew said if this were to come out of committee it would need to be clarified because as it stands it would undo some of the other previous motions. He said if it fails he would be willing to work on a motion that is more favorable and workable than other options.

Commissioner Robb said he supports the motion but has some issues with small hunt units. He said he supports 96 hours, but it again comes down to core values. He said anyone asking for a 24 hour trap check would still say it's too long. He said he believes in Mr. Sullivan's motion just not all the way.

DAG Newton said he had an issue with the motion as currently stated because motions had already been made on the lower portion of Washoe County. He said the motion you are now looking at would overturn those motions. He said to make it clear you would want the motion to state that they are making a motion to undo the previous motion made in Washoe County and to approve map one. He said that would put the committee in a better position where two actions were not being taken in the same area.

Chairman McNinch asked the motion maker and second to clarify the motion. He suggested retracting the original motion and then making a new motion.

COMMISSIONER DREW RETRACTED HIS SECOND.

MR. SULLIVAN RETRACTED HIS ORIGINAL MOTION.

JOHN SULLIVAN MADE A MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE TO UNDO THE PREVIOUS MOTION VOTED UPON AND APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THREE TO TWO AT A PREVIOUS RENO MEETING IN WHICH MAPS OF THAT COUNTY WERE BROUGHT FORWARD LISTING CERTAIN AREAS WITH DAILY VISITATION CHECKS VERSUSES THE CURRENT LAW WHICH IS A 96 HOUR CHECK. IN ADDITION TO THIS MOTION PROPOSED THAT THE MAP AS DEPICTED IN PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE BE APPROVED INSTEAD. COMMISSIONER DREW SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER DREW TO CLARIFY THE INTENT THE PREVIOUS MOTION WAS SPECIFIC TO 196, 194, 195 AND 192.

OPPOSED - CHAIRMAN MCNINCH, COMMISSIONER LAYNE AND COMMISSIONER ROBB. MOTION FAILED 2-3

DAG Newton said he wanted to make the record clear that with that failure it leaves the previous motion in place.

Chairman McNinch said that under proposal two there were several comments made that these weren't hard-line and were meant to start a discussion. He asked the committee what their appetite was to review and amend the map in proposal two. He said for him personally he appreciates the work that went into the map and the nine pages of the areas listed out. He said he struggled with the populated aspect of it, but felt that most of those areas only have a seasonal use. He said he thought the maps that Commissioner Robb provided were a better tool to move forward with.

Commissioner Layne said she agreed. She said she felt they had moved from not looking at it statewide to looking at only congested areas. She said because of the issue of congested areas this wouldn't be applicable.

Commissioner Drew said it sounds like it is the committee's desire to use trap check time to address conflicts and social expectation but when he looks at the map in that regard it would be easier to go with a statewide proposal. He said when you start looking at the rural areas he asked if there is really a big difference between such units as 066 and 067. He said it doesn't have a consistency to it. He said since we are focusing on the congested areas he agrees with Chairman McNinch and Commissioner Layne he wouldn't be in support of proposal two.

COMMISSIONER DREW MADE A MOTION TO NOT RECOMMEND PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO TO THE COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION AND THIS MOTION WOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER ROBB SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Chairman McNinch said he thinks the committee should hold off on proposal number three and look at proposal number four. He said four would consider 24 hour trap check statewide and he has the same concerns with this proposal as he did with proposal two.

Commissioner Robb said his biggest concern is proposal number four would have a negative impact on wildlife populations in far reaches of the state as well as closer proximity. He said he thinks it would bring trappers closer and have an unbalanced wildlife resource. He said he didn't think it would reduce the number of trappers only the area they are distributed. He does recognize science in disagreeing with proposal number four.

Commissioner Layne said she has a problem with having different trap check times within the state. She said they haven't done that before. She said she does agree that 24 hours might not have been the answer. She said she wishes they had looked at something in between 96 and 24 hours.

Chairman McNinch said that is on the table today and there isn't anything that would restrict that. He said the agenda doesn't restrict us to what has been brought forward previously. He said it's never been discussed because it's never been brought forward.

Commissioner Robb said he would discuss the middle ground between 96 and 24 hours. He said his stance on the biology doesn't change regardless of the trap check time. He said trappers are

going to exist and it's a matter of how and where they exist. He said he thinks there was some prudent thinking in the legislature's decision to make it 96 hours in 1981. He said it allows a trapper to cover his traps and only take one day off a week. He said if you go any shorter than 96 hours it will require trappers to take multiple days off a week. He said that will result in a change of trapping habits and that's not good for our wildlife resources.

Commissioner Layne said she feels like this is a battle she isn't going to win. She said it seems there are 33 other states that have taken the view that 96 hours is not necessary. She said many of the states are just as vast. She doesn't think it will go any further, but since the opportunity has been presented she thinks the time needs to be reduced below 96 hours.

Commissioner Robb said he recognizes Commissioner Layne's stance is on the other states and what they have done. He said his work has forced him to travel through many of the other western states and in no other state has he seen the vastness that Nevada possesses. He said you see little town after little town in those other states. He said he believes Nevada is one of the most urbanized states in the US because there are less people living in the rural areas compared to urban areas. He said there is a huge land mass with two population centers and not much in between. He said comparing us to other states is apples and oranges in his mind.

Mr. Sullivan said that he wanted to second what Commissioner Robb said. He said there is more public land than any other states at 86%. He said the wildlife regulations fit the environment here. He said Commissioner Robb said that the 1981 legislature considered trap check times and decided those 96 hours was best so that a trapper could work and check his traps. He said the last session of the legislature considered 24 hours state wide and rejected it. He said the legislature said that the Commission should consider only the populated and heavily used areas. He said the current one pretty much endorsed what the 1981 legislature did, with the exception of those populated and heavily used areas. He said as far as the state wide wildlife concerns he seconded Commissioner Robb's comments on that as well. He said there is a huge issue statewide with the Sage Grouse because if it is listed as an endangered species there will be severe economic ramifications. He said they are heavily hunted by predators and there is a new predator, the red fox, coming into the state. He said ravens and badgers also heavily hunt the sage grouse. He said significantly changing the statewide trap times would have an immediate and severe effect on the sage grouse. He said the deer herds are coming back statewide, but still are half the size they were in the 80's due in part to predators.

Commissioner Drew said he agreed with the thoughts on how unique the state is. He said what Commissioner Robb said about the urbanization really resonates. He said the legislature bound our hands a bit by recommending using a trap check time, but he thinks what they are looking for is contrasting visitation and encouraging trappers to be out in the more rural areas. He said in doing that, he thinks the best way to do it is allow as much flexibility in the rural areas to encourage people to get out there. He said he has his reservations that will work he thinks that is where the legislature was going when they provided the recommendations.

Chairman McNinch said he agreed with a lot of the things that have been said. He said he thinks the legislature was asking the Commission to pay attention to the population cores. He said he

thinks there was a humane consideration as well. He said some people won't have a concern and others will have a large concern. He is not in favor of a 24 hour visitation because in the overall scheme of things he said a big difference in those core areas and the rural areas is a trapper management issue. He said the visitation frequency could help with that. He said the changes that have already been approved for the demerit system changes ties into that as well. He said his tolerance for a 96 hour visitation isn't as high as some of the other committee members but he isn't at 24 hours either. He said he can see where 24 hours isn't practical and at that point you would basically need to prohibit trapping. He said he isn't in favor of 96 or 24 and could see something statewide for somewhere in between. His concern is in the more populated areas. He said there isn't anything wrong with being proactive before anything happens.

Commissioner Layne said given everything everyone has said she still would like to make a motion.

COMMISSIONER LAYNE MADE A MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTS THE 24 HOUR CHECK STATEWIDE MAP, WHICH IS PROPOSAL FOUR. COMMISSIONER ROBB SECONDED THE MOTION.

OPPOSED - COMMISSIONER ROBB, JOHN SULLIVAN, COMMISSIONER DREW AND CHAIRMAN MCNINCH. MOTION FAILED 1-4.

Chairman McNinch started a discussion on incorporating proposal three and five.

Mr. Sullivan said he and Commissioner Layne looked for a road to connect maps three and five to make incorporating the two maps easier. He said as depicted it's an island and he would like to see it as a single map. He said there are some dirt roads that connect the two of them near Sloan Canyon. He said a connection would be needed to successfully connect the two of them.

Chairman McNinch said Mr. Sullivan is referencing the map that Ms. Knight brought out to everyone. He said it included the Red Rock Conservation Area and the Sloan Canyon NCA which weren't depicted on these other maps.

Commissioner Drew asked Mr. Sullivan to utilize the overhead to draw a depiction on where the connecting roads would be.

Mr. Sullivan indicated where the connecting dirt roads are. He explained further how the two would connect.

Commissioner Robb asked for clarification that proposal three and five were being discussed at the same time.

Chairman McNinch said that was correct.

Commissioner Robb said that if we go to three in its entirety and then take a break and have Mr. Sullivan work with the GIS department to get a map on the overhead with some of those lines. He said as the prior discussion on proposal three he looks at the Gold Buttes and the fact that there has

been a conflict over there, but pointed out that nothing they do is going to resolve every conflict. He said in recognition of that he wouldn't support proposal three. He said he thinks proposal five is more accurate on what the legislature was looking for. He said he thinks they need to take action on each proposal by itself.

Commissioner Layne said she needed to understand Commissioner Robb's concern with proposal three was mostly the Gold Butte area.

Commissioner Robb said his other concerns were the backside of Mount Charleston, the Southern McCulloughs, the Southern Eldorado's and down to Searchlight. He said there is a lot of inhospitable country that even sheep hunters don't go in and touch. He sees proposal three as having both a 24 hour check or a one calendar day trap check.

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION TO DENY PROPOSAL THREE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS TOO FAR REACHING AND THERE IS SOME RUGGED AND RURAL COUNTRY ENCOMPASSED IN IT AND BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF THE INTENT OF WHAT THE LEGISLATURE ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO DO. COMMISSIONER DREW SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Drew seconded the motion with the understanding that it doesn't change any previous items that the committee had already taken action on.

Commissioner Robb confirmed that was correct.

Commissioner Layne said that given the discussion that has taken place this morning she would vote against this after looking at proposal three. She said she would vote against it to focus on proposal five.

Mr. Sullivan asked for clarification on what area proposal three covers.

Commissioner Robb said it was all of Clark County as he sees it.

Chairman McNinch said that the Sloan Canyon NCA is depicted in orange on that map.

OPPOSED - COMMISSIONER LAYNE AND JOHN SULLIVAN. MOTION PASSED 3-2.

Chairman McNinch said that it looks like they are closer to where they were when they took a break for lunch. He said there are two or three areas where there was some concern.

Commissioner Layne said it appears that 263 and 262 are the core issues and the remainder of the area, outside of those areas with current restrictions. She asked if they should put this into one motion or do they want to try to deal with it piece by piece.

Commissioner Robb said he thinks piece by piece would be the best way to deal with it since he suspects there will be a difference of opinions on area 262. He said he thinks they should go around Las Vegas in a clockwise manner and kick it out piece by piece.

COMMISSOINER LAYNE MADE A MOTION THAT THE FOLLOWING HUNT UNITS ARE TO BE CLOSED TO ALL ACTIVITIES; 269, 280, 281, 282, 283, 286 AND 284.

Chairman McNinch suggested that she leave 286 out to get people on board to discuss the motion. He said he sees where she is trying to go.

COMMISIONER ROBB SECONDED THE MOTION FOR POINT OF DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Drew asked Commissioner Layne for clarification on what she meant by all activities.

Commissioner Layne said it's not just trapping that is restricted, it's all activities.

Commissioner Robb said that he seconded it for discussion but said he wouldn't be interested in doing any restrictions in 280, 281, 282, 283, and 284 because in the future we may get agreements that we can hunt additional big game in those areas. He said right now there is only an allowance to hunt sheep on a very restricted basis. He said in the future portions of those could open up. He said if it were to open up there wouldn't be any trailheads, campgrounds, etc., allowed developing. He said he would still see it as rural, desolate, and unused which doesn't fall into the criteria for urban interface.

Commissioner Drew said that he isn't sure the Commission has the authority to do the actions indicated in the motion.

DAG Newton said the agenda item is only covering trapping so that would be all that can be discussed today.

Chairman McNinch said that the point of the discussion is that there are some slivers in those areas that trapping is not currently prohibited by somebody. He said the question is where the committee stands on those so they will need to be discussed.

Commissioner Drew said that he would suggest withdrawing the motion on the table. He said the areas that need to be defined will have to be a recommendation to shorten the visitation times. He said his thought is to keep those discussions outside of the Desert National Refuge area.

Chairman McNinch asked the second and the motion maker to retract the motion.

Commissioner Robb retracted his second.

Commissioner Layne retracted her motion.

Chairman McNinch said area 269 has areas that simply have trapping stipulations.

Mr. Sullivan said there is no hunting or trapping in those areas.

Chairman McNinch asked Ms. Knight if hunt unit 269 has any portion that allows trapping.

Ms. Knight said yes. There are boundaries of the congested areas and you can use a cage trap.

Chairman McNinch confirmed there were trapping stipulations but not trapping prohibition.

Commissioner Layne suggested the illegal firearms area, which is where the trapping stipulations are, they limit trapping visitation in that area to one calendar day.

Chairman McNinch asked for clarification was in unit 269.

Commissioner Layne said she wanted the purple area first which she understands to be the firearms discharge area.

Mr. Sullivan said he would support that in lieu of proposal five. He said the purple area is the only area that meets his definition of proximity to a populated area. He said he would be all for that if that proposal was the only thing instead of proposal five which includes that area and several others. He said all the areas outside of the firearms discharge area in his opinion is up for legal discussion because it really doesn't fit the criteria. He said that he would second the motion if he could in the context of not having addition proposal for the same area that encompasses more.

Commissioner Layne said she would withdraw the motion because that wasn't her intent. She said she was going to go through a series of motions.

Chairman McNinch said that is part of the challenge.

Commissioner Drew asked if it was possible to make the motion and then continue with the discussion then moving beyond that.

Chairman McNinch said he agrees with Commissioner Drew that maybe this is a different way to go about having this discussion instead of going through the hunt units in a clockwise manner. He said then they can work with the trapping stipulations that were decided upon with SB226 and then working beyond if they thought that was necessary. He said Mr. Sullivan was saying he would agree with that one area and nothing else.

Mr. Sullivan said that's fine, let this motion move forward and then make more so the committee can make a choice.

Chairman McNinch said that was going to be his suggestion because Mr. Sullivan is able to vote whichever way he would like. He said to take each area without stipulations and let each committee member vote as they see fit.

Mr. Sullivan said he seconded the motion.

Chairman McNinch said Commissioner Layne retracted the motion.

Commissioner Drew asked for clarification that the motion that may or may not be made is specific to the illegal firearms discharge area.

Chairman McNinch said that the intent was to do with the areas with trapping stipulations on this map based on the actions taken during SB226 which would include stuff in the Spring Mountains and Mount Charleston.

Commissioner Drew asked Mr. Sullivan for confirmation if he would be in support of everything in purple including the trail and house offsets, not just specific to the illegal firearms discharge area.

Mr. Sullivan said that was correct. He said he would argue this is the only one that complies with the mandates of close proximity to a populated area. He said he wanted to point out the firearms area goes beyond the urban area.

Commissioner Robb said the only way he would support a motion of this kind is to maintain consistency of the motion that we had with maps in Northern Nevada and for public lands only excluding private property. He said this way people can deal with those issues on their private property as needed.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion that we have trap visitation shortened to daily checks with the boundaries of the purple areas depicted on this map, which is the Southern Region map.

Chairman McNinch said it depicts areas closed to trapping in red and areas with trapping stipulations in purple.

Mr. Sullivan said we aren't changing anything that happens in the red area only the purple area.

Commissioner Robb seconded the motion for discussion. He asked for confirmation from Mr. Sullivan that they didn't prohibit trapping in the area but only prohibited trapping within a half mile of residence within the purple.

Mr. Sullivan said that was correct.

Chairman McNinch said all we are saying is instead of checking those traps within 96 hours that it needs to be checked each calendar day.

Commissioner Drew asked for confirmation that it would be a daily check within those purple areas designated on the February 27th map titled area with trapping stipulations.

Chairman McNinch said there are a couple areas in purple that he may not be referencing.

Commissioner Robb pointed out stuff towards Overton and things along the California border.

Commissioner Drew said it encompasses Sandy Valley, Good Springs, Overton, and the areas in the Spring Mountains where offsets are already in place.

Mr. Sullivan said trapping is prohibited in the offset areas. He said that doesn't loosen that up and change it back to daily.

Commissioner Drew said he believes there was an exemption in terms of a box or a cage trap.

Commissioner Robb said off of Telegraph Canyon he doesn't believe they even allowed cage trapping, but simply there was no trapping within 200 feet.

Mr. Sullivan said that it also includes Max Canyon Road, and that there are four roads total.

Chairman McNinch said because of the way the map is showing it could be problematic because some of the areas where there are prohibitions are marked out in purple. He said then we would be applying a 24 hour trap check to areas that already have a prohibition.

Mr. Sullivan said they wouldn't change those prohibition areas just those areas where there are stipulations would have a one calendar day check.

Ms. Knight said you are able to trap with a box or a cage trap in those areas in the Spring Mountains.

Mr. Sullivan said they would confuse everyone if they started overlapping with SB226. He asked what the language said for the offsets.

Ms. Knight read, "trapping is prohibited other than with a box or a cage trap within 200 feet of each side of the following multi use routes." She said it also says the same, "within 1000 feet of the following hiking trails, campgrounds, and picnic areas."

Mr. Sullivan asked for clarification if it is a prohibition except for those types of traps.

Commissioner Drew said the change you would have in those areas is if you are using a box or a cage trap you would now have to check those traps every 24 hours.

Mr. Sullivan said we don't want to do that, we want to leave SB226 alone. He said they are trying to do is draw a circle around the populated area and have daily checks there. He said those areas for SB226 are kind of confusing the issue because he doesn't see why they are depicted in purple. He said the other areas depicted in purple are firearms discharge area.

Commissioner Robb said SB226 the committee used the firearms discharge map as a basis except the areas on Mount Charleston. He said if Mount Charleston had a firearms restriction it would have made SB226 go smoother.

Mr. Sullivan said they could make a motion that says all areas in purple except those contained within the Spring Mountain area. He said that would leave all the work already done on SB226. He said to avoid more years of argument he said he didn't want to touch the Spring Mountain area.

Ms. Knight said you wouldn't be messing with SB226 because visitation is completely different from prohibitions and stipulations.

Chairman McNinch said Mr. Sullivan is saying is he wants to leave the box and cage traps at 96 hours.

Mr. Sullivan said that is correct.

Chairman McNinch said referencing it as the areas with trapping stipulations for purposes of defining the areas doesn't work because there are areas he would like to leave at 96 hours but there are other areas he is ok with changing to one calendar day. He said Mr. Sullivan may want to clarify his motion.

Mr. Sullivan said his intent was the purple areas except changing or complicating areas involved in SB226. Mr. Sullivan said he could restate the motion.

Commissioner Drew said if you changed the motion to only cover firearms discharge area it would solve the problem.

Mr. Sullivan said that is correct the map doesn't need to be referenced; they can simply say the firearms discharge area within Clark County. He seconded Commissioner Drew's motion.

Commissioner Robb said he is good with that.

Commissioner Drew said to be clean we would need to withdraw the motion on the table.

Chairman McNinch said he understands it would be nice to have one area of consensus within the committee and this looks like it might be one area. He said he isn't sure it is the best way to move forward on it. He said he thinks looking at each area individually is a little cleaner. He asked if Mr. Sullivan and Commissioner Robb should withdraw the motion currently on the table or if it had been restated clearly.

Commissioner Drew suggested withdrawing and restating the motion.

Mr. Sullivan said rather than referring to maps we can just have language.

Chairman McNinch said this will give us good clean language to give to the department.

Commissioner Robb retracted his second.

Mr. Sullivan retracted his motion.

Commissioner Drew said he understands where Chairman McNinch is coming from but thinks they should start with the core and work out and at least give the Commission an idea of where the committee was as the recommendations go to them as far as the level of consensus. He made a motion that the committee recommend to the Commission that the illegal firearms discharge area of Clark County as depicted on the map dated 2/26/14 labeled Clark County Street Center Lines and State and Federal Lands be restricted to one calendar day.

Chairman McNinch said it is clearly depicted on the map for proposal three.

Commissioner Robb seconded for point of discussion.

Chairman McNinch said they are using the map from proposal three as a point of reference. He said it is the same as the purple area on the map that was handed out.

Commissioner Robb said he seconded it for discussion because of hunt unit 286 and referenced slivers that go up Highway 93 and 95. He said he would be much more comfortable because of those areas not using the boundaries as suggested in Commissioner Drew's motion. He suggested using the entirety of hunt unit 286.

Chairman McNinch said it looks like the committee is in disagreement on how to proceed forward.

Commissioner Drew said his point is if this motion passes then you have one core area and can then go clockwise and discuss each area specifically. He said he thinks there is some level of consensus with the areas that are depicted with the red outlines and includes, Vegas Valley, Boulder City, Sandy Valley and Good Springs, etc.

Chairman McNinch said he isn't uncomfortable moving forward this way and is willing to give it a shot. He said it is important to establish some level of consensus and this might be the best chance of that happening.

Commissioner Drew asked if the motion was clear to everyone, including the recording secretary and DAG.

Commissioner Robb said he will support the motion because he only sees it growing. He said he would like to see all of 286 included though.

Chairman McNinch pointed out the committee could end up with 286 in its entirety.

DAG Newton said he had a concern that proposal three was struck down in a recent motion and now proposal three is being incorporated. He said he would be more comfortable if instead of

referring to proposal three that Commissioner Drew refer to the purple contiguous area on proposal five. He said this will make it clear you are referring to the firearms discharge area instead of a map that was already rejected.

Commissioner Drew withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Robb withdrew the motion.

COMMISSIONER DREW MADE A MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE COMMISSION THAT THE AREA LABELED AS THE ILLEGAL FIREARMS DISCHARGE AREA BE LIMITED TO ONE CALENDAR DAY FOR VISITATION. HE SAID THAT AREA IS DEPICTED AS OF TODAY'S DATE AND EXEMPTS PRIVATE PROPERTY. JOHN SULLIVAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

Chairman McNinch said that action was just taken in support of 24 hour visitation frequency in the illegal firearms discharge area. He asked if there are other areas that the committee would like to consider.

Commissioner Layne said Commissioner Robb was going to 286 next.

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION TO INCLUDE ALL OF HUNT UNIT 286 IN THE CALENDAR DAY VISITATION EXEMPTING PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. COMMISSIONER LAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mr. Sullivan said he is opposed to this because he doesn't feel this is a populated area or it is heavily used. He said a lot of people run up the highway but very few venture off the highway in that area.

Commissioner Drew said if the committee makes the recommendation it will go back through the CAB process and he is curious to see what they say. He said he is willing to support this at this time but may change his mind when it goes before the full commission and they hear feedback from the CAB's.

Commissioner Robb said the reason he made the motion is they are such skinny lines and for various user groups this is a clearer definition of boundaries to keep trappers out of trouble, keeping it out of the gray and more into the black and white.

OPPOSED – JOHN SULLIVAN, MOTION PASSED 4-1.

Commissioner Layne said she wanted to discuss area 263. She said she would make the recommendation since there is a problem with the area defined that maybe we go back to the road since it is more clearly defined and show that as being part of the calendar day trap check. She explained it as all the area north of Pole Line Road.

Commissioner Drew asked Commissioner Robb for clarification on which road.

Commissioner Robb said Pole Line Road. He said it's basically what's depicted on the map at this point. He said he knows this is his map and he never felt good about area 263 because even though it is rugged and rural he was never able to come up with a clear line has been his struggle the whole time. He said if there is a road from Sloan to the Sloan Canyon NCA and a road from Highway 93 or 95 to the Sloan NCA he would be happy to go along with that.

Chairman McNinch said that has been the challenge because there isn't a lot out there, but we will have to make some decisions on it.

Commissioner Robb said that he recognizes there is stuff south of Sloan NCA that falls out of the criteria he said he couldn't come up with anything better than the Pole Line Road. He said he doesn't know how defined the Sloan Canyon NCA is.

Chairman McNinch said he has the same thought process as what Commissioner Drew had in that it's not perfect or ideal. He said if we push forward it might result in some additional comments and input from the CAB's and can have the Commission make an ultimate decision on what to do in that area.

Commissioner Drew asked if he would be willing to exempt the McCullough Wildlife Area inside the Sloan Canyon NCA.

Commissioner Robb said there are some petroglyphs and a few other things that do draw people in there. He said he doesn't think it encompasses enough south so that places like the petroglyph area are included. He said if he could find a way to make the map smaller and still include those areas he would.

Chairman McNinch said if we were prohibiting trapping it would be more significant, but not what it is. He said he knows the area is big, but he isn't opposed to moving it to the CAB's and seeing what kind of feedback they receive.

Commissioner Drew said his argument is he views it as a prohibition of trapping in some of those back areas where you really minimize your potential for conflict. He said that is where Chairman McNinch and his self-differ.

Commissioner Robb said he realizes what Commissioner Drew just said. He said it would preclude trapping in some areas that are remote.

Chairman McNinch asked Commissioner Drew if the wildlife area that is contained within the Sloan NCA was taken out of the proposal, would it change things for him.

Commissioner Drew said it would make it better but he would need to look at it closer. He said fundamentally he has an issue limiting the check times in a wilderness area.

Commissioner Layne said she is concerned because it seems that one set of rules has been set up for the Reno/Tahoe area and yet here the committee is really pushing to that area where 70% of the population is contained in the illegal firearms discharge area. She said she would like to see it put out there and see what kind of comments they get back. She said she looked at the area and doesn't know how they would do that.

Chairman McNinch said he understands Commissioner Drew's point about the wilderness areas. He said if taking that wilderness area out of the picture he thinks it is worth considering to get a little more consensus. He said it is just a recommendation and doesn't box the Commission in. He said there will be a broader discussion in area 262 as well.

Commissioner Robb said if the petroglyphs fell outside of the wilderness area he would be more than will to say yes, but they are inside the wilderness area.

Commissioner Drew said the BLM map he is looking at on his phone, the northwest portion of the North McCullough wilderness there is two stretches of trail that bisect that. He said the rest of the trails in Sloan NCA are primarily north and close to the urban interface.

Commissioner Layne asked if she could show where those were on an overhead map.

Commissioner Drew explained where those trails were on the overhead map. He said there is only one corner that has trails that clip that wilderness area.

Mr. Sullivan asked if trail numbers were provided for those trails.

Commissioner Drew said they do not show on the map he is looking at but it doesn't mean they aren't numbered.

Chairman McNinch said it's hard to see and he showed on the overhead map approximately where the wilderness area is.

Mr. Sullivan gave a recommendation to consider offsets on the trails in that area.

Chairman McNinch expressed concern that the agenda wouldn't allow them to do that.

Mr. Sullivan said there is a trail that goes to the petroglyph sight and no one traps on that hiking trail and there has never been a problem. He said he would be supportive of prohibition of trapping along that trail in exchange for blocking off this big area. He said it gets real rough in 263 and that there are significant predator issues in that portion of Las Vegas. He said there are issues because there is an urban area that butts right up against a very rough rural area. He said if trapping is restricted in that area he thinks it will only make the predator vs. pet situation even worse. He said he would be in favor of restricting trapping along those trails, but not the entire broad area.

Commissioner Drew asked for confirmation that he is looking to change the offsets in the NCA not to change the visitation within the NCA.

Commissioner Sullivan said that is correct. He said according to Ms. Knight there is not currently a trapping restriction within that area. He said right now they could trap along the trails but he assumes they aren't since there haven't been any more issues. He said that kind of restriction might prevent problems down the road.

Chairman McNinch said he still hadn't given up on the map. He asked if there was any way to connect the firearms discharge area to the western edge of Sloan Canyon NCA. He said there is a populated area in there. He said his understanding there are portions in the northern part of the Sloan Canyon, just west of that has population in that area. He said if there is a way to draw a line over to Sloan Canyon NCA they would be addressing most of the areas that have a populated area. He said then the committee wouldn't have to rely on the Pole Line Road.

Commissioner Drew suggested a legal description; he said the Southern portion of the illegal discharge area is along a section or township line.

Commissioner Layne said that clearly defines it.

Chairman McNinch said the map handed out is just a blow up of proposal three. He gave a visual explanation of where he was talking about drawing the line.

Mr. Sullivan said there are a couple roads that run off of I-15 in that area. He said they are just dirt roads shown on this off road map.

Ms. Knight said that after speaking with GIS they were not able to find any names for those roads. He said they are probably washes not roads.

Chairman McNinch asked about a legal description instead.

Mr. Sullivan suggested using a latitude line.

Commissioner Robb said looking at a satellite view, it looks like there may be an additional pole line road. He said the lines appear to service a microwave site that may be within the NCA.

Chairman McNinch said for lack of being able to identify this possibility right here and now, he asked if we can make clear enough direction to the department what the committee's intent is.

Commissioner Robb asked if there was anyone in GIS that could look at the satellite image he had on his phone.

Commissioner Drew said since he hasn't seen that area from the ground or some kind of google earth fly over he said he thinks what Mr. Sullivan said in regards to trail offsets may be a little easier. He said even if a line was brought up today he said he wasn't sure he could vote on it.

Chairman McNinch asked what the consideration for a specific area he pointed to on a map.

Commissioner Drew said his question would then become why it is not in the firearms discharge area. He said he is driven by it but doesn't remember it specifically.

Mr. Sullivan said it is private land and you have to trap with permission of the land owner.

Commissioner Layne said that that area wasn't around when they set the firearms discharge area. She said she would need to research it though.

Commissioner Drew said the thing to do is look at a land ownership map and if all of that is private then it is kind of a mute point.

Mr. Sullivan said yes it would be especially since SB226 pushed trappers out one half mile from any residences.

Chairman McNinch asked what that means in regards to certain types of traps.

Mr. Sullivan said he would think that the committee would want it so that you can use cage traps on places like golf courses since that is their only defense against predators.

Commissioner Layne asked why Mr. Sullivan wouldn't do a 24 hour check in that area.

Mr. Sullivan pointed out to Commissioner Layne on the map and explained where trappers trap and that it would be too difficult to trap those areas with a 24 hour check.

Commissioner Drew said the area Mr. Sullivan pointed out is under consideration for Commissioner Robb's map.

Mr. Sullivan pointed out a mountain range and said it would be a better line than the pole line.

Chairman McNinch said they would move to a different area while GIS is setting up so everyone can look at the area.

Commissioner Layne said the next area would be 262. She said she knows Mr. Sullivan had a proposal but after contacting Stephanie Meyer she learned there is a lot of concern because there is a lot goes on between Kyle and Lee Canyon. Mrs. Meyer told her that it would be better that the colored area go up above Lee Canyon. She said Mr. Sullivan had proposed using Kyle Canyon and Deer Springs.

Mr. Sullivan said that was correct. He said a lot of trappers go into the area between the two canyons with a large population of diseased grey fox in there.

Commissioner Layne said that she knows they are talking about the grey fox issues but said that discussion took place back in 2011/2013 legislative session. She said someone in that session pointed out that the reason they have that issue is because the grey fox eat the rodent population and it wasn't unusual. She said she doesn't want the committee to deal solely on that basis. She said if they are going to talk about the grey fox issue to be clear on it and discuss some of the other issues beyond that.

Mr. Sullivan said he differed with her on the grey fox issue. He said the Clark County health director was very alarmed to learn there was a very high incidence of bubonic plague. He said the health director found it to be a large concern because bubonic plague is not something that is common or something to mess with. He said just because rodents have it doesn't make it a good thing either. He said there was an eagle scout that did a project in that area and found that 50% of grey foxes in that area tested positive for bubonic plague.

Commissioner Layne said there was also a veterinarian involved. She said she doesn't want to prolong this issue but she is suggesting that the grey foxes not be the deciding factor. She said the committee prior to her appointment visited that area and has some knowledge of it. She said there have been issues in that area before and wants to highlight that as another proposal.

Mr. Sullivan said he wanted to point out that SB226 has given new restriction and offsets in that area. He suggested since the advantages and disadvantages of SB226 aren't really known yet, to leave that area alone. He asked if there has been any effect on the grey fox population since SB226 was enacted, but then pointed out that we wouldn't know because it hasn't been long enough. He said the committee is trying to pile regulations on top of regulations before the committee knows what the effects of the first regulations were.

Commissioner Robb said by his crude calculations it is about 12 miles from highway to highway.

Mr. Sullivan said that seemed about right.

Commissioner Robb said he would have to agree with Mr. Sullivan that the bulk of the users that are hikers, dog walkers, etc. are going further up in Lee and Kyle Canyon. He said the people that are using the lower section are off road enthusiasts. He said he believes it is used heavily but not by hikers and dog walkers. He said with that being said and knowing that there are 12 miles in between he thinks both parties can be protected with an offset off the highways with a limited trap check time. He said if there were a mile offset you would still have ten miles of area to trap in. He said he would like to include the mile buffer on the north side of the Lee Canyon Road to extend it. He said it would also afford the buffer on the Cold Creek Road and around the residents of the Cold Creek area to fill some of the need in the Cold Creek area. He said if there was a mile offset with a calendar day trap check they could take care of the residents in that area. He said he thinks that could take care of potential conflicts in high use areas and still maintain a portion of the rugged areas. He explained further how it would change the look of the map using a map for a visual aide.

Mr. Sullivan said there is a lady that owns a farm in Cold Creek that has been having issues with predators. He said ten to one people get helped by trappers but no one ever hears about it. He said

a trapper went out there and caught the coyotes, but this restriction would eliminate that. He said the government trappers would then need to handle all these, and it would eliminate the private trappers handling these services.

Chairman McNinch asked how it would eliminate them on private property.

Mr. Sullivan said his understanding is that trappers couldn't set the traps inside the fence line because of the quantity of goats in the yard.

Chairman McNinch said if there is a predator problem it would seem that the landowner could make some adjustments temporarily to get the predator trapped.

Mr. Sullivan said the trapper had to trap the coyote on forest service land because of the animals.

Chairman McNinch clarified it would seem that the land owner could make some temporary arrangements so that the traps could be set on private property.

Mr. Sullivan said they may or may not have the accommodations.

Chairman McNinch said that the committee spends a lot of time on little scenarios. He said the point is these types of comments come up on both sides and they are trying to find a way to resolve the issue. He feels everyone is looking at their own side, but doesn't think they are realizing that something could be going on the other side. He said he understands Mr. Blakeslee's view that this issue is his cliff. He said it really does throw it to the committee to make decisions. He said he felt they are all over the chart on how they are going to manage it. He said the legislature didn't leave the committee with a lot of tools. He said trappers don't want anything done and the anti-trappers want everything done.

Commissioner Robb said he looks at this a couple different ways. He understands what Mr. Sullivan is saying about the private trappers not being able to get to the farm daily to check the traps to stay within the law. He said if that landowner can't accommodate what the trapper needs that land owner could go buy a trapping license and be legal to trap. He said he lives there, the trapper could set that trap, and the landowner could check that trap and still accomplish the same thing. He said they can trap on whatever land, and this way the landowner can work with the trapper in getting it accomplished. He said like Chairman McNinch said every argument will have an exception and it's a matter of finding a way to work around every situation.

Mr. Sullivan said a mile off the road sets a new precedent in Nevada; he said that 200 feet off the road has worked very well for a long time. He asked if there had been an issue with 200 feet statewide.

Commissioner Robb said that they are treading thin water. He said 200 feet works well in the rest of the state. He said the rest of the state doesn't have the vehicle traffic, the amount of use, etc. that these areas do. He said some areas would find 200 feet to be sufficient but other areas would be fine with 20 feet.

Mr. Sullivan said 200 feet applies to multiple highways.

Commissioner Robb said just because it applies doesn't mean it's appropriate.

Mr. Sullivan said it is working statewide and he asked why the committee would do something different in these rural areas.

Commissioner Robb said he can't stop on the road on I-15 and go for a hike off the side of the road.

Mr. Sullivan said that you can on 93, 95, 6, etc.

Commissioner Robb said the use of each road changes his thought process on it.

Commissioner Drew asked if they were using the hammer when they should be using a screw driver. He said there is an issue with a given road. It's been demonstrated in the past, and they put an offset on it and think that they have solved the issue. He said there are some exemptions such as depredation permit. He said when we start talking about 24 hours it seems when you try to do offsets with that 24 hour trap check he feels like they are using the wrong tool.

Chairman McNinch said they can't get to that tool today.

Commissioner Drew said the context in using the shorter visitation is trying to discourage people from going to the populated areas and encourage them to use the rural areas but really it is treading on the line of something so complex you can't understand it. He said maybe there would be a better tool to use for a better solution.

Commissioner Robb asked what that tool would be.

Commissioner Drew said to use the offsets.

Chairman McNinch asked DAG Newton if they were to not make recommendations and then has to be approved by the CAB, Commission, LCB, etc. He said they could without taking action express their concerns to the Commission and the Commission can take action if it's properly agendaized at the next meeting.

Mr. Sullivan said that is a reasonable thing to do by telling the Commission that the committee felt that it was inappropriate to deal with this issue through visitation and suggest that maybe offsets would be the better way to handle it.

Chairman McNinch said the other option is action can be taken and then if the Commission chooses to take different action then they have that ability.

Commissioner Robb said he thinks they wore out the offset options in SB226. He suggested that maybe SB226 would have turned out differently if they had been able to use visitation as a tool at that time.

Commissioner Drew said the other challenge is they are dealing with Cold Creek and the Sloan area that weren't even mentioned during SB226. He said it seems like they are isolated issues not issues using the shorter visitation tool.

Chairman McNinch introduced Chet Van Dellen and asked if he could provide some information about area 263.

Chet Van Dellen, Wildlife Staff Specialist asked Commissioner Robb to show him where the roads that he was talking about.

Mr. Sullivan expressed concern that Commissioner Robb was looking at the east side and not the west side because of its proximity to the no shooting zone.

Commissioner Drew said the north end is closed off because it abuts the firearm zone on the north boundary and just a little bit on the east boundary.

Mr. Sullivan asked if there was a gap.

Commissioner Drew said the firearm zone comes about half way down the northern most north south line and then cuts straight east.

Mr. Sullivan asked if there was a gap and pointed to a specific area on the map.

Commissioner Drew said it wasn't there and tried to direct him to where the gap was.

Mr. Sullivan clarified where the firearms zone was.

Mr. Van Dellen said he didn't have the illegal firearms areas.

Chairman McNinch said they would need to move forward without the computer.

(4:42:10-4:43:45) Discussion Chatter from multiple people about roads and boundaries amongst the committee.

Commissioner Robb asked Mr. Sullivan if he would be more comfortable using the whole NCA as a boundary.

Mr. Sullivan said he likes that better than the pole line road. He explained to Commissioner Robb where the trappers trapped in those areas and what areas were rugged and rocky.

Commissioner Drew indicated that is the North McCullough area and that is why he wanted to exclude that area.

Mr. Sullivan said there are a lot of sheep and water projects in that area.

Chairman McNinch asked everyone where they wanted to go with all of this. He said they are to point where they need to finish it up.

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION IN UNIT 263, USING THE SLOAN CANYON NCA BOUNDARY THAT BORDERS UP TO THE FIREARMS DISCHARGE BOUNDARY IN THE NORTH EASTERN SECTION AND ON THE WESTERN SECTION USING TWO TRACK ROAD THAT INTERSECTS WITH THE MOST WESTERN PORTION OF THE SLOAN CANYON NCA THAT WILL BE DEFINED BY CHET AND NDOW BEFORE THE JUNE MEETING AND EXCLUDING IN THE SLOAN NCA THE NORTH MCCULLOUGH WILDERNESS AREA AND HAVE ALL THE AREA WITHIN THAT AS A CALENDAR DAY TRAP CHECK, EXCLUDING AND EXEMPTING PRIVATE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER LAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Drew said that he needs to learn more about it. He said he will probably oppose it just because he thinks there is a better way to deal with it. He said the only recommendation he would have is that the map created needs to go out to the county advisory boards so they can see the map.

Chairman McNinch asked Commissioner Drew what his primary area of concern is.

Commissioner Drew said in looking at Sloan Canyon he thinks it lends itself better to offsets than it does to trap check times.

Chairman McNinch asked for clarification if that offset should be by distance as opposed to trap check times.

Commissioner Drew said it is similar to what they have done in the past.

Commissioner Robb said offsets by visitation are like the scenario they are going after and are less intrusive on trappers but still works to accomplish the same end. He said he wishes they had both visitation and offsets to use as tools when they were dealing with SB226 because he felt these discussions would have been different.

Mr. Sullivan said he agrees with Commissioner Drew on this. He thinks a calendar day is prohibition for many people. He said he thinks the better tool in the tool box is prohibition in very small targeted areas that everyone is in agreement that there are conflicts present. He said when there were conflicts in Northern Nevada; Mr. Blakeslee closed those trails in conjunction with Trail Safe. He said in SB226 they closed those areas which are what an offset is. He said to take a great big area and say one calendar day; he feels that is the wrong tool to use. He said he appreciated

Commissioner Robb's hard work in trying to find a way. He thinks they are still barking up the wrong tree.

Commissioner Robb said SB226 gave them very clear direction on what the committee was supposed to do and they took those forward. He said during the next legislative session they looked at what was done with SB226 and said that the committee wasn't quite where they should be. He said that was clear when they sent down SB213. He said with that in mind he doesn't think they hit the mark, so if they decide to use off sets he thinks the legislature will have them back here to talk about time checks further or the legislature can take it on them to work on visitation intervals. He said he doesn't think that is where he wants to be as a wildlife commissioner, sportsmen, or as a resident of Nevada when he recognize the wants and needs of the wildlife resource, not the trappers. He said he would be more comfortable dealing with wildlife resources with everything colored in now, vs. what is being whittled out of it. He said if they are talking about offsets it should have been handled during SB226 and the legislature clearly told the committee that they missed the mark. He said there wouldn't have been 45 hours of meetings on visitation had they hit the mark with SB226.

Mr. Blakeslee said they would never hit the mark.

Commissioner Robb said no, with the changes made today they could have accepted the proposal of 24 hour trap checks statewide and they still would be at the legislature next session to shut down trapping all together. He said there are two opposing viewpoints and even if one eventually wins the other one is going to keep coming. He said this fight will be in the legislature every time going forward. He said he feels that if they don't do what he is presenting today they are putting in jeopardy 96 hours statewide and in his opinion is the worst thing you can do for the wildlife resource. He said he talked to more trappers that don't want to take that chance. He said there are a lot of people that agree with him.

Chairman McNinch said that he is willing to move forward to see what the CAB's and public say. He said they are going to have to set the Commission meeting up so that other things can be considered. He said otherwise they jeopardize time frames. He said he doesn't disagree with the offsets but isn't sure visitation frequency gets them where they need to go. He said he does think that there is some applicability with management of trappers and their distribution. He said with that in mind he would support the motion.

Commissioner Drew said that he doesn't disagree with Chairman McNinch or Commissioner Robb in moving something forward. He said he isn't as familiar with that area as he is with some of the others, so he isn't comfortable with it today. He said it's something he would like to look closer at and reserve the right to change his mind in the future.

Mr. Sullivan said he has a good idea of how his CAB will vote and they aren't going to be too crazy about it. He said he is one member out of seven, but he knows those people well after being there for five years. He said the Commission will need to make a pledge to listen to the CAB. He said the Clark County CAB is one of the biggest and active in this state, and doesn't think they will be crazy about closing all these areas and making all these restrictions.

Chairman McNinch said he is always open to listening but can't guarantee he will agree with them. He said they have gotten into this role where they need to vote as the CAB's see fit and he isn't in that position.

Commissioner Robb said he wishes he had more time as a Commissioner to see this thing through. He said win, lose, or draw he knows what he thinks needs to happen and if they fall short it won't be good for the wildlife resource.

OPPOSED – JOHN SULLIVAN AND COMMISSIONER DREW MOTION PASSED 3-2.

Commissioner Robb said we need to go to 262.

Chairman McNinch asked Mr. Van Dellen what he had.

Mr. Van Dellen said it was 263 and pointed to an area indicating that it was the Pole Line Road.

Commissioner Robb pointed to another road and said that he would be much more comfortable with the road in red that Mr. Sullivan pointed out.

Mr. Van Dellen said that it hugs the boundary all the way down the side of the NCA.

Commissioner Robb asked if they could get a map for the Tonopah meeting that depicts that.

Chairman McNinch showed Mr. Van Dellen visually what the committee had in mind for the boundaries.

Commissioner Drew said you would have a donut hole to exclude the North McCullough wilderness area.

Mr. Van Dellen asked if they wanted to see the east side.

Chairman McNinch said the east side is ok. He asked Ms. Knight if she understood.

Ms. Knight said she understood but it isn't going to be so easy to write. She stated she would be out for ten days.

Chairman McNinch said we have been talking about the potential for that to happen if the Commission approves it in June. He explained there is a complicated process that this has to go through and he isn't sure that workshop is the best terminology to use. He said he thinks it's just going to be an agenda item on the Commissions agenda. He said they are moving on to 262. He said there has been discussion on the Kyle and Lee Canyon, Cold Creek, and the wilderness areas.

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION THAT IN AREA 262 THE AREA SHADED IN RED UP INTO THE KYLE CANYON ROAD REMAIN IN RED, THE AREA BETWEEN KYLE

& LEE CANYON RED HAS A HALF MILE OFF SET ON EACH SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY, THIS WOULD BE A MILE SWATH THAT WOULDN'T HAVE A 96 HOUR TRAP CHECK, HALF A MILE ON EITHER SIDE OF LEE, KYLE, HWY 95 AND DEER SPRINGS ROAD. A HALF MILE SET BACK ON THE ROAD THAT GOES INTO COLD CREEK AND AROUND THE RESIDENCE OF COLD CREEK THAT ENCOMPASS A CALENDAR DAY TRAP CHECK EXEMPTING PRIVATE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER LAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Drew said he isn't comfortable on the wilderness area overlap.

Commissioner Robb said he understands Commissioner Drew's untraveled by man scenario, but he thinks about the Hunter Creek Trail and the Mount Rose area. He said when he thinks about wilderness stumbling over that many people doesn't really fit into his definition of wilderness even though the US Forest Service has deemed it wilderness. He said just because it is wilderness doesn't mean it is high use.

OPPOSED – JOHN SULLIVAN AND COMMISSIONER DREW, MOTION PASSED 3-2.

Chairman McNinch asked if everything was clear.

Ms. Knight said yes, but she needed to get a definition of area 262.

Commissioner Robb reviewed what areas would be changed based on the motion he had made.

Mr. Sullivan asked Commissioner Robb if cages are exempted from that.

Commissioner Robb said he did not include that in his motion.

Chairman McNinch asked DAG Newton if this were to be taken to the Commission as a recommendation he asked what would constitute significant changes to the proposal. He asked if the Commission had the ability to consider physical offsets versus visitation frequency would that be considered a significant change. He asked if changes were made would they resubmit to LCB. He asked if it is a matter of determining if it would have to start over in the LCB process or if it would move forward as an insignificant change.

DAG Newton said that is correct.

Commissioner Robb said that if they go back to LCB it becomes a temporary regulation.

Ms. Trendler said if the agency submits the regulation prior to July 1 the regulation will not be a temporary regulation.

Commissioner Robb said they would have to change the regulation at the June meeting and get it into LCB.

DAG Newton said for clarity's, the motion in Elko stated that statewide it would be 96 hours except for Clark County and certain other portions.

Commissioner Robb said the motion in Elko they would maintain a 96 hour trap check except in areas 26, 28, 19, 02, and 29. He said 26 is the Mount Charleston and McCullough area, the Rivers and the Muddies.

DAG Newton said he is researching the management units that have not been covered by any motion.

Chairman McNinch said it looks like he is referring to specific areas of 26. They haven't reinforced the 96 hours since it was exempted from the motion in Elko. He said the committee has just changed certain areas within 26 and 28.

DAG Newton said that you would need a motion to the effect of those areas in 26 and 28 that were not covered by a previous motion are remaining at 96 hours, that would make sure it is clear and all management units are covered.

Commissioner Drew said so moved.

Commissioner Robb said area 26, 28, and 19 have been dealt with but 02 and 29 have not.

Chairman McNinch said 29 were not included in the original motions

Commissioner Robb seconded the motion.

Chairman McNinch asked Commissioner Drew to clarify the motion.

COMMISSIONER DREW MADE A MOTION THOSE AREAS IN 26, 28, 29, 19, AND 02 THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COVERED BY A PREVIOUS MOTION ARE DEFAULTING TO 96 HOURS. COMMISSIONER ROBB SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mr. Sullivan asked about all the other areas in the state.

Chairman McNinch said they had already been covered under the motions in Elko.

Mr. Sullivan asked for clarification that these five units were left hanging.

Chairman McNinch said these were the areas excluded from the statewide motion made in Elko. He said that left certain portions of those unaddressed so this is just cleaning it up. He said he believes leaving them at 96 hours was the intent of the committee even though he has reservations about the visitation time, he will support the motion.

OPPOSED – COMMISSIONER LAYNE, MOTION PASSED 4-1

5 Future Committee Meetings and Potential Agenda Items – Chairman McNinch – For Possible Action

The Committee will discuss the date, time and location of the next Committee meeting. The Committee will also review and may take action to set potential agenda items for that meeting.

Chairman McNinch said at this time there isn't a plan for a Trapping Regulation meeting.

DAG Newton said there are three sets of minutes that have not been approved by the committee. He said based on the Open Meeting Law within 30 days of the closure of each of those, those minutes become public record. He said he is wondering if that is the intent and if so that is fine.

Chairman McNinch said they default to an approved set of minutes.

DAG Newton said that is correct. He said if they thought it was of value they could have a quick committee meeting just to approve those minutes.

Commissioner Robb said he thinks the motions reflect everything that has gone on at the meetings.

6 Public Comment Period

Persons wishing to speak on items not on the agenda should complete a speaker's card and present it to the recording secretary. Public comment will be limited to three minutes. No action can be taken by the Committee at this time, any item requiring Committee action may be scheduled on a future Committee agenda. In addition to this Public Comment Period, Public Comment is limited to three minutes per speaker on each agenda action item, but not on reports or informational items.

Ms. Swain said that there are some comments she would like to make and she isn't sure if she will have the time. She said that there have been some comments made during the discussion about questioning someone's integrity. She said she wonders what that was about and who it was aimed at. She said as far as these conflicts go, she said conflicts are hardly the only reason that SB213 was passed down as it was. She said the main reason was the humane treatment of animals, which has gone by as if it wasn't even said in this group. She said as far as the incident reports on Trail Safe's website she said she goes through extreme pains to ensure accuracy. She said when they go to out tabling, inevitably there will be an average of three conflicts that are told to her because they didn't know who to go to with the information. She said she is very careful about those included on the website. She said they are either told to her in person, emailed, pulled from the media and can be corroborated. She said since her integrity has been questioned in this room she has started to attach names to each conflict. She said some folks are afraid to release their names because many are scared of the trappers. She said trappers instill fear in the public because people are afraid to hurt trappers sensitive feelings. She said that she now has a name on each conflict. She said she wanted to talk about Kooney's Law which was passed in 2011 and is a law against cruelty to animals. She said animals are narrowly defined in this law as animals owned by persons. She said the whole point is maiming or causing an animal to be hungry. She read the law out loud. She said she doesn't know why a cat or a dog is determined to have more nerve endings than a coyote. She

said they all feel the same amount of pain. She said that the world is slowly wakes up to humane issues and that animal suffering deserves the public's attention. She said she doesn't see why a wild animal needs to be subject to be treated inhumanely.

Matt Lamb said that he had two great uncles, one was a sheriff of Las Vegas from 1962-1980 and the other was a state senator from 1956-1983. He said both of them told him that life is going to change in ways that you can't imagine. He said he never imagined himself discussing all these items today and he feels they have gotten off track in a lot of ways, but he applauds the committee for their time and effort. He said he knows their job isn't over when they leave these meetings. He said that they can go back and forth but in the end the committee is looking at all the information presented from both sides. He said trappers do have compassion for people's pets. He said there is so much that goes in this world that we get locked into one thing but if you look at the way that this world is going we are no longer self-sufficient and rely on other resources. He said some of that came out here today but he said people were willing to work on maps and work with each other. He said people who were against things were willing to put their thoughts to the side and see if other changes might benefit them down the road. He said he appreciates that the committee members were looking at things and how they will affect things then.

Ms. Ireland said that she wanted to follow up by saying thank you. She said that it is a hostile environment on both sides. She said each party and each individual is trying to protect what they believe. She said she would like to ask that walking away from the April 5th meeting there was talk about the education. She said she went through great lengths to get documentation so that there was information to base how the education would help trappers or whoever wants to become educated. She said she decided to come to this meeting to see what would happen and now everything is done as far as what is closed. She said she doesn't know all the ins and outs and realizes this is done. She has a whole lot of money and time invested in next month's Tonopah hearing with a hope of seeing education for trapping and non-trappers. She said she hopes they take that into consideration.

Chairman McNinch said that he appreciates the time everyone spent in this room today. He apologized that Trish Swain felt attacked but felt overall people did well today in being straight forward.

Meetings adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting has been recorded and is available upon request. The minutes are a summary of the meeting. At the Department of Wildlife Headquarters in Reno is a complete record of the meeting, recordings, support material, summary of minutes and exhibits received/referenced during the committee meeting. The record is available upon request.

Attendance Register

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 TRAPPING REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
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TRAPPING REGULATION COMMITTEE MEETING - MOTIONS
Thursday, May 29, 2014 – Reno

AGENDA ITEM #4

JOHN SULLIVAN MADE A MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE TO UNDO THE PREVIOUS MOTION VOTED UPON AND APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THREE TO TWO AT A PREVIOUS RENO MEETING IN WHICH MAPS OF THAT COUNTY WERE BROUGHT FORWARD LISTING CERTAIN AREAS WITH DAILY VISITATION CHECKS VERSUSES THE CURRENT LAW WHICH IS A 96 HOUR CHECK. IN ADDITION TO THIS MOTION PROPOSED THAT THE MAP AS DEPICTED IN PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE BE APPROVED INSTEAD. COMMISSIONER DREW SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER DREW TO CLARIFY THE INTENT THE PREVIOUS MOTION WAS SPECIFIC TO 196, 194, 195 AND 192.

OPPOSED - CHAIRMAN MCNINCH, COMMISSIONER LAYNE AND COMMISSIONER ROBB. MOTION FAILED 2-3

COMMISSIONER DREW MADE A MOTION TO NOT RECOMMEND PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO TO THE COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION AND THIS MOTION WOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER ROBB SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMISSIONER LAYNE MADE A MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTS THE 24 HOUR CHECK STATEWIDE MAP, WHICH IS PROPOSAL FOUR. COMMISSIONER ROBB SECONDED THE MOTION.

OPPOSED - COMMISSIONER ROBB, JOHN SULLIVAN, COMMISSIONER DREW AND CHAIRMAN MCNINCH. MOTION FAILED 1-4.

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION TO DENY PROPOSAL THREE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS TOO FAR REACHING AND THERE IS SOME RUGGED AND RURAL COUNTRY ENCOMPASSED IN IT AND BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF THE INTENT OF WHAT THE LEGISLATURE ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO DO. COMMISSIONER DREW SECONDED THE MOTION. UNDERSTANDING YOUR MOTION DOESN'T CHANGE ANY PREVIOUS ACTIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE.

OPPOSED - COMMISSIONER LAYNE AND JOHN SULLIVAN. MOTION PASSED 3-2.

COMMISSIONER DREW MADE A MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE COMMISSION THAT THE AREA LABELED AS THE ILLEGAL FIREARMS DISCHARGE AREA BE LIMITED TO ONE CALENDAR DAY FOR VISITATION. FOR FURTHER CLAIRIFICATION THAT AREA BE REFERENCED AS IS DEPICTED AS OF TODAY'S DATE AND EXEMPTS PRIVATE PROPERTY. JOHN SULLIVAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION TO INCLUDE ALL OF HUNT UNIT 286 IN THE CALENDAR DAY VISITATION EXEMPTING PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. COMMISSIONER LAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

OPPOSED – JOHN SULLIVAN, MOTION PASSED 4-1.

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION IN UNIT 263, USING THE SLOAN CANYON NCA BOUNDARY THAT BORDERS UP TO THE FIREARMS DISCHARGE BOUNDARY IN THE NORTH EASTERN SECTION AND ON THE WESTERN SECTION USING TWO TRACK ROAD THAT INTERSECTS WITH THE MOST WESTERN PORTION OF THE SLOAN CANYON NCA THAT WILL BE DEFINED BY CHET AND NDOW BEFORE THE JUNE MEETING AND EXCLUDING IN THE SLOAN NCA THE NORTH MCCULLOUGH WILDERNESS AREA AND HAVE ALL THE AREA WITHIN THAT AS A CALENDAR DAY TRAP CHECK, EXCLUDING AND EXEMPTING PRIVATE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER LAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

OPPOSED – JOHN SULLIVAN AND COMMISSIONER DREW, MOTION PASSED 3-2.

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION THAT IN AREA 262 THE AREA SHADED IN RED UP INTO THE KYLE CANYON ROAD REMAIN IN RED, THE AREA BETWEEN KYLE & LEE CANYON RED HAS A HALF MILE OFF SET ON EACH SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY, THIS WOULD BE A MILE SWATH THAT WOULDN'T HAVE A 96 HOUR TRAP CHECK, HALF A MILE ON EITHER SIDE OF LEE, KYLE, HWY 95 AND DEER SPRINGS ROAD. A HALF MILE SET BACK ON THE ROAD THAT GOES INTO COLD CREEK AND AROUND THE RESIDENCE OF COLD CREEK THAT ENCOMPASS A CALENDAR DAY TRAP CHECK EXEMPTING PRIVATE PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER LAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

OPPOSED – JOHN SULLIVAN AND COMMISSIONER DREW, MOTION PASSED 3-2.

COMMISSIONER DREW MADE A MOTION THOSE AREAS IN 26, 28, 29, 19, AND 02 THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COVERED BY A PREVIOUS MOTION ARE DEFAULTING TO 96 HOURS. COMMISSIONER ROBB SECONDED THE MOTION.

OPPOSED – COMMISSIONER LAYNE, MOTION PASSED 4-1

**TRAPPING REGULATION COMMITTEE MEETING - MOTIONS
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014 – LAS VEGAS**

Agenda Item 2:

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. JOHN SULLIVAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Agenda Item 7:

COMMISSIONER DREW MADE A MOTION FOR THE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMISSION THAT THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THE JUNE MEETING ON POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR TRAPPER AND PUBLIC EDUCATION RELATED TO TRAPPING FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION. COMMISSIONER ROBB SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Agenda Item 8:

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION THAT HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION (503.240) STAY AT SIX DEMERIT POINTS BUT MAKE AN ADDITIONAL HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING INCLUDING A WILLFUL ACT OF DOING SO WITHOUT PERMISSION A 12 DEMERIT VIOLATION WITH WHATEVER 503 NUMBER THE DEPARTMENT OR LCB ASSIGNS TO THAT. COMMISSIONER LAYNE SECONDED.

OPPOSED – JOHN SULLIVAN AND COMMISSIONER DREW, MOTION PASSED 3-2.

Agenda Item 9:

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE INCLUDES A REGULATION FOR TRAP VISITATION ANYTHING IN EXCESS OF 48 HOURS LATE CARRIES A SIX DEMERIT POINT VIOLATION. COMMISSIONER LAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

OPPOSED – JOHN SULLIVAN - MOTION PASSED 3-1.

TRAPPING REGULATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MOTIONS
FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014 – ELKO
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014 - RENO
MOTIONS

March 7, 2014 – Elko

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE GREAT DISTANCES BETWEEN POPULATION CENTERS AND VAST UNPOPULATED AREAS IN RECOGNITION OF MAINTAINING A BALANCE OF OUR WILDLIFE RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEVADA IN RECOGNITION OF POSSIBLE ENDANGERED SPECIES AND THE PROTECTION OF PREDATOR, PREY, AND NON-GAME ANIMALS THAT WE MAINTAIN A 96 HOUR TRAP CHECK IN AREAS OUTSIDE OF AREAS 26, 28, 19, 02, & 29. COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

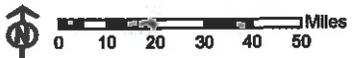
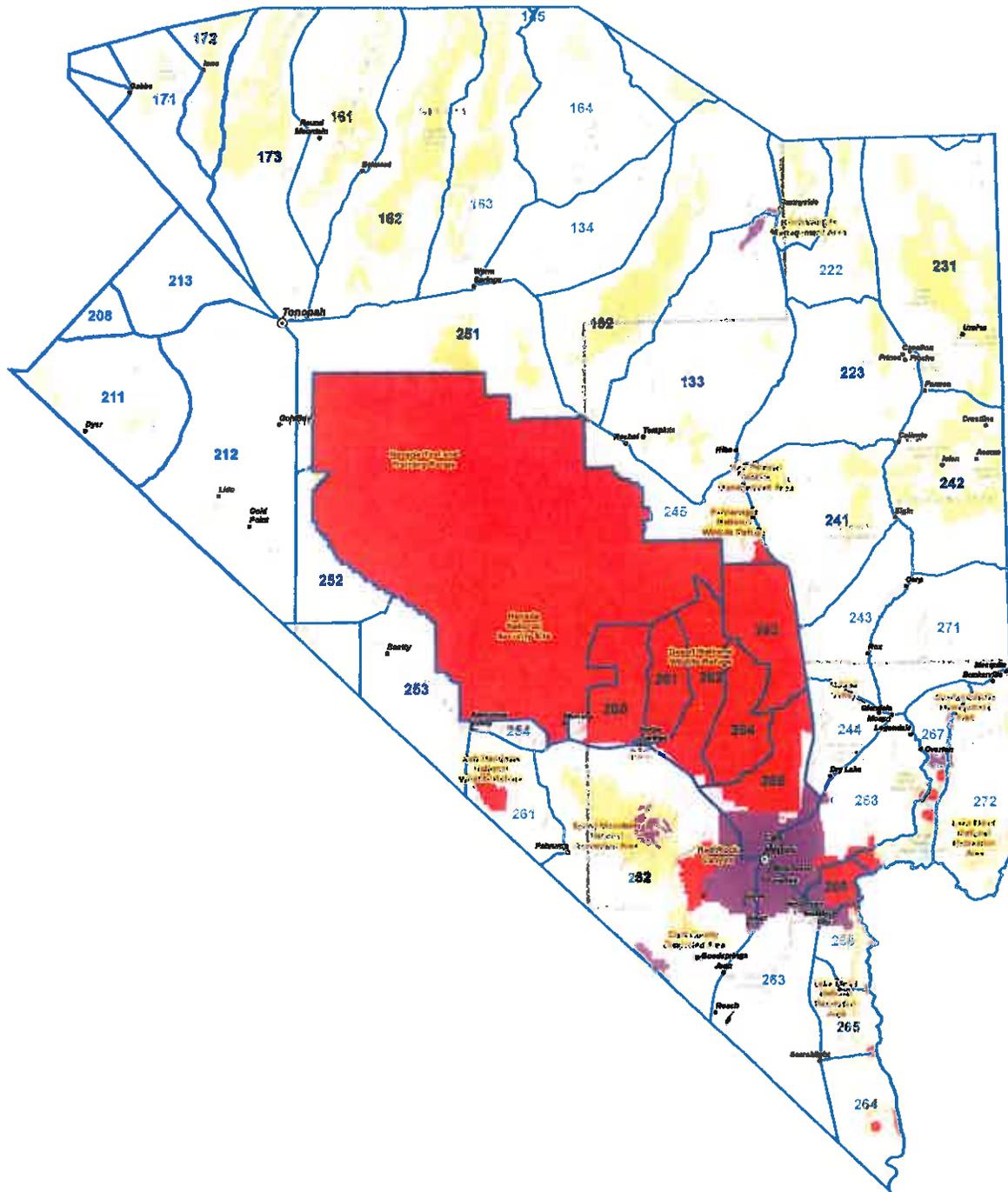
OPPOSED - COMMISSIONER MCNINCH AND COMMISSIONER LAYNE,
MOTION PASSED 3-2.

March 8, 2014 – Reno

Agenda Item 7

COMMISSIONER ROBB MADE A MOTION UNITS 196, 194, 192, AND IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF UNIT 195 BORDERED BY THE LAGOMARSINO LOUSETOWN ROAD AND THE HIGHWAY FROM VIRGINIA CITY TO HIGHWAY 50 THAT WE IMPLEMENT A CALENDAR DAY TRAP CHECK ON PUBLIC LANDS ONLY EXCLUDING AND EXEMPTING ALL PRIVATE PROPERTIES. COMMISSIONER LAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

OPPOSED - COMMISSIONER DREW AND COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN,
MOTION PASSED 3-2



- ⊙ Capital
- ⊙ Large City
- City/Town
- ▭ Hunt Unit Boundaries
- ▭ County Boundary
- ▭ Areas Closed to Trapping
- ▭ Areas with Trapping Stipulations

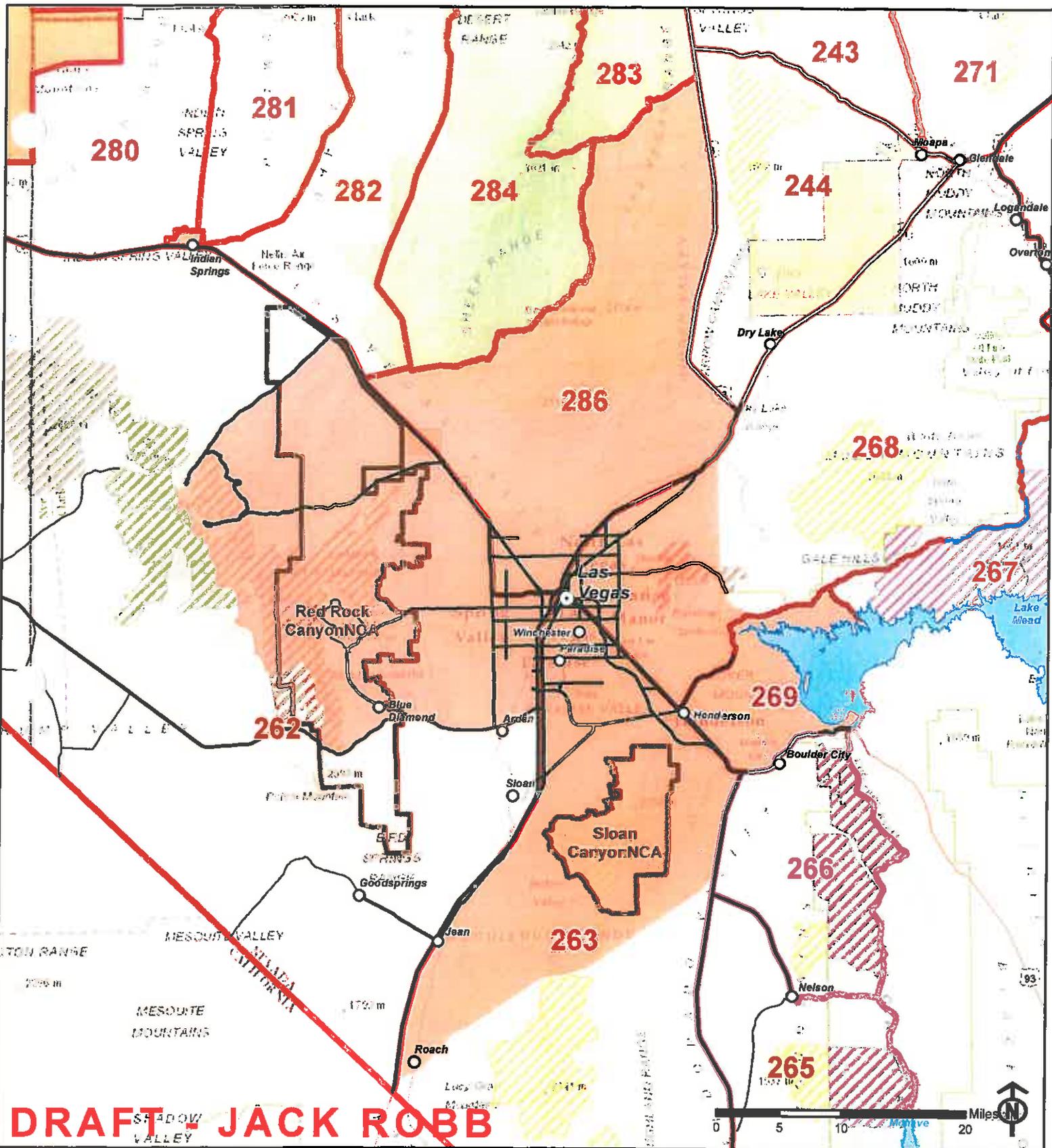
Trapping Regulation Committee Southern Region Map

February 27, 2014

Projection: UTM Zone 11 North, NAD83

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- Proposed Shortened Trap Visitation Area
- Capital
- Large City
- City/Town
- Major Road/Highway
- Connector Road
- Management Units
- Closed to Hunting

- Tribal Lands
- National Conservation Area
- Wilderness Areas**
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Humboldt-Toiyabe NF
 - National Park Service
 - Wilderness Study Area
 - County Boundary

Proposed Shortened Trap Visitation Areas

Southern Nevada

May 29, 2014

Projection: UTM Zone 11 North, NAD83



Brief Summary of Non-Visitation Proposals Related to Trapping Regulation by the Trapping Committee

Proposals	Humane Aspect	Conflict with Other Uses (i.e. Pets)	Trapper / Harvest Distributions	Previous Actions
Trapper Education	May result in application of best management practices to focus on target species and limit unintended catch	May result in better awareness of potential conflicts and means for avoiding them	May better distribute trappers away from potential conflict areas	Committee requested that NDOW present options for Trapper Education at its June 2014 Meeting
Public Education on Trapping	May result in a better understanding of best management practices	May result in a better understanding of how to avoid traps, or release pets from traps	No likely influence	No formal action taken
Demerits Related to Visitation	May limit chronic violators	No likely influence	May change habits and distribution on individual basis. Overall pattern effects unknown	Committee moved to recommend to the NBWC to increase demerits related to failing to visit a trap within prescribed visitation period
Demerits Related to Trapping on Private Property without Permission	May limit chronic violators	May limit conflicts with landowners who don't grant permission to trap	May change habits and distribution on individual basis. Overall pattern effects unknown	Committee moved to recommend to the NBWC to increase demerits related to knowingly trapping on private property
Trapper Questionnaires	Provides information on total number and type of animals caught	Provides information on domestic animals caught	Provides information on trapping effort	No formal action taken

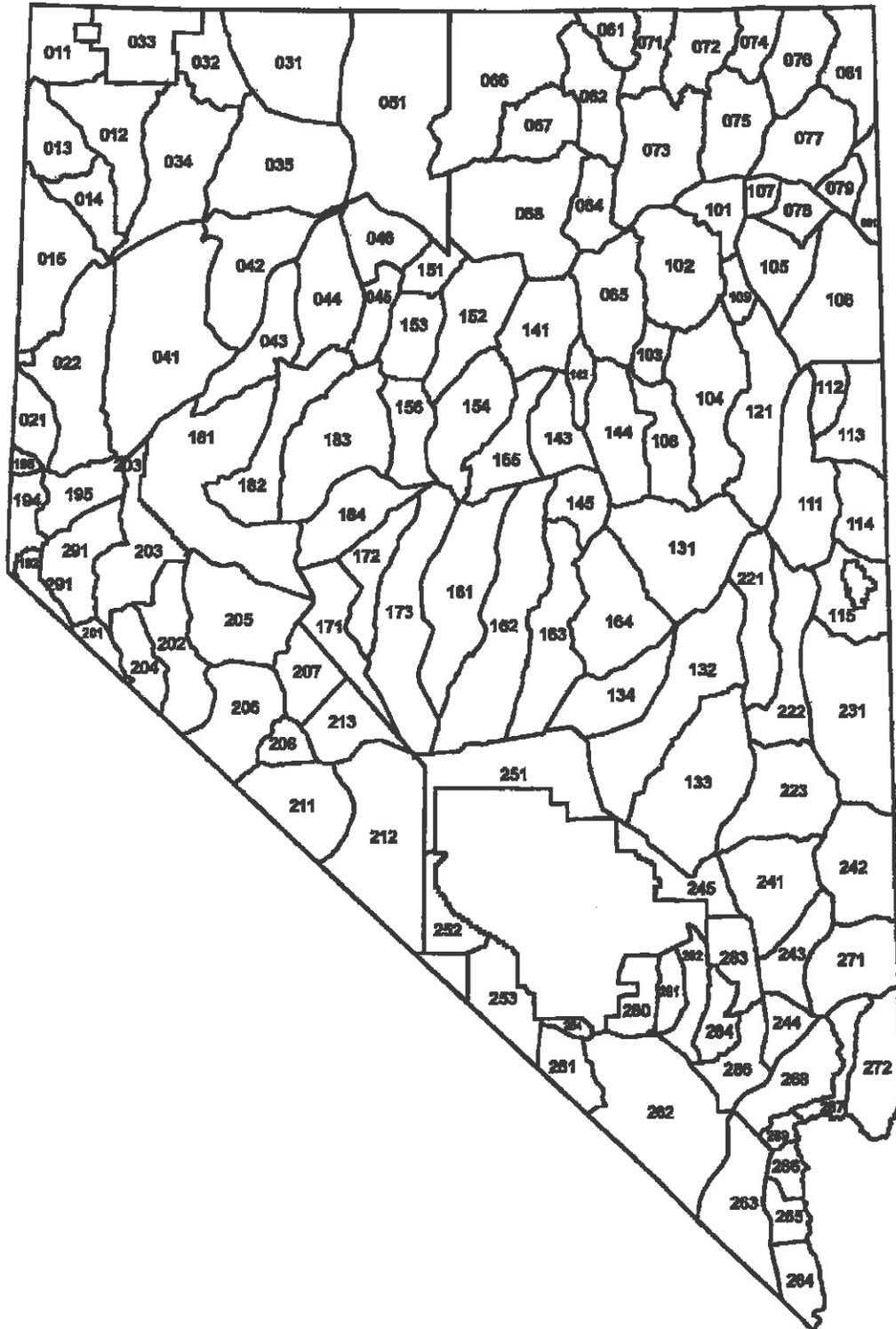
Brief Summary of Non-Visitation Proposals Related to Trapping Regulation by the Trapping Committee

Proposals	Humane Aspect	Conflict with Other Uses (i.e. Pets)	Trapper / Harvest Distributions	Previous Actions
Trapping Area Restrictions (Offsets)	May have localized influence on closed or restricted areas	May reduce conflicts in closed or restricted areas	Closes or restricts trapping in specific areas, and may relocate trapping / subsequent harvest	Not formally discussed by the Committee in the context of SB 213
Trap Types	<p>Traps designed to cause immediate death may be the most humane, but viewed as inhumane by some. Visitation time does not vary perception</p> <p>Leg hold traps may be viewed as inhumane by some, visitation time may vary perception of what is "humane" or "acceptable"</p> <p>Box or cage traps may be viewed as inhumane by some, visitation time may vary perception of what is "humane" or "acceptable"</p>	<p>Traps designed to cause immediate death may exacerbate conflicts with pets by causing immediate death</p> <p>Leg hold traps may not preclude pets from being trapped, but may not cause death for attended animals</p> <p>Box or cage traps may not preclude pets from being trapped. May limit injuries, and not cause death for attended animals</p>	<p>Typically specialized for specific uses (i.e. water trapping). Snares may be more feasible in remote areas</p> <p>Broad range of applications and use</p> <p>Box or cage traps may have most limited applications and use. Least feasible for use in remote areas</p>	<p>Not formally discussed by the Committee in the context of SB 213</p>
Marking / Flagging Traps	No likely influence	May help non-trappers to avoid traps	May result in conflict, trap tampering, theft	Not formally discussed by the Committee in the context of SB 213
Trap Registration				Regulation Passed by Commission, formal adoption postponed by Legislative Commission until 2015 Session

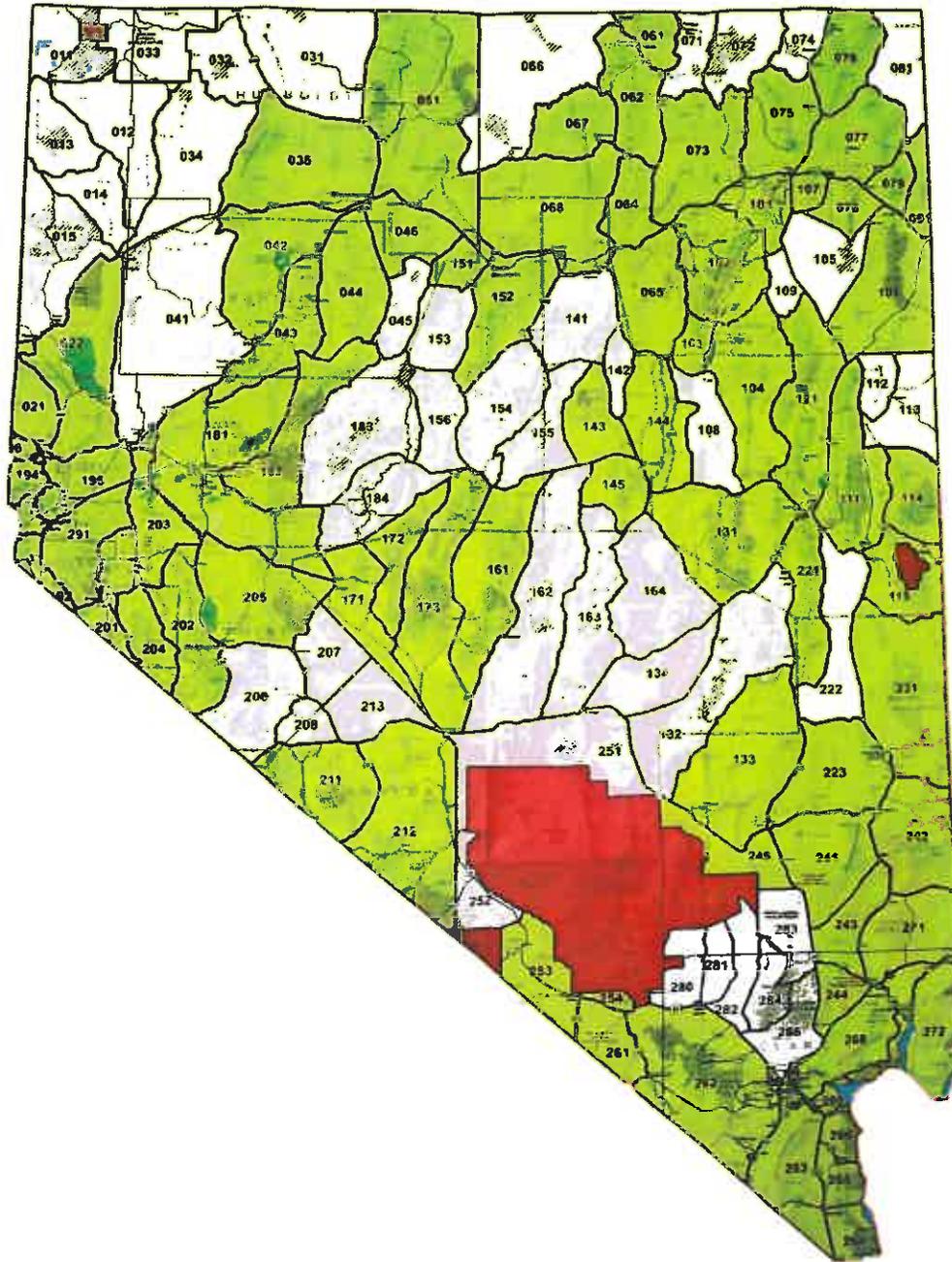
Brief Summary of Proposals Related to Visitation Frequency Discussed by the Trapping Committee

Proposals Related to Visitation Frequency	Humane Aspect	Conflict with Other Uses (i.e. Pets)	Trapper / Harvest Distributions	Previous Actions
24-hour Statewide Visitation	Less time spent in a trap may reduce impact to trapped animal May increase total number of animals trapped	May reduce time spent in traps by unattended pets, but may not prevent pets (attended or not) from being caught May result in more use of traps designed to cause immediate death	May concentrate trappers and harvest to more accessible areas May increase conflicts around urban interface areas / easy access areas	No Specific Committee Action (see below area-specific proposal)
24-hour Visitation per Trail Safe Map	Same as above within 24-hour visitation area	Same as above within 24-hour visitation area	Same as above within 24-hour visitation area May encourage more trapping effort in areas with longer visitation	No Specific Committee Action (see below area-specific proposal)
Area-Specific Visitation Proposal - Robb: 1-Calendar Day Visitation in: 1. Robb Map for Wildlife Management Areas 02, 19, and 29 (Carson Front) 2. Robb Map for Wildlife Management Units 262, 263, 266, 268 and 286 (Clark County)	Same as above within 1-calendar day visitation area	Same as above within 1-calendar day visitation area	Same as above within 1-calendar day visitation area May encourage more trapping effort in areas with longer trap visitation	Committee Vote at Reno Meeting (3-2) to Support Robb Map and 1-calendar day visitation for portions of Area 02, 19 and 29 No Committee Action Specific to Clark County Committee Vote at Elko Meeting (3-2) to Support 96-hour visitation in 'rural' Wildlife Management Areas, excluding 02, 19, 29 and portions of 26 and 28
96-Hour Visitation across balance of State (Rural Counties) Area Specific Visitation Proposal: 24-hour Visitation in all of Clark County	Same as above More time spent in a trap may increase impact to trapped animal May limit total number of animals trapped	Same as above	Same as above	No Specific Committee Action (see below area-specific proposal)
96-hour Statewide Visitation (Current Regulation)		Conflicts under the existing structure have been documented	May allow for wider distribution of trappers to more remote areas away from urban interface, and reduce overall conflicts	No Specific Committee Action (see below area-specific proposal)

NEVADA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION MAP
PROPOSAL 1



TRAILS SAFE - TRISH SWAIN MAP & LIST PROPOSAL 2



TRAILS SAFE - TRISH SWAIN MAP & LIST PROPOSAL 2

Partial list of communities
Trish Swain, Co-Ordinator
TrailSafe Nevada
Dec, 7, 2013

TrailSafe received communications from persons in these communities agreeing that tighter trapping regulations are needed. Many of these include stories of trapped pets and the anguish of the pet owners. These stories are posted on the TrailSafe website. Three pet owners suffered injuries to their hands trying to free pets.

Mason Valley	Elko	Tonopah
Lovelock	Las Vegas	Reno
Sparks	Incline Village	Carson City
Henderson	Goldfield	Red Rock
Washoe Valley	Ely	Stagecoach
Palomino Valley	Mesquite	Genoa
Pahrump	Silver Springs	N. Las Vegas
Boulder City	Sun Valley	Wellington
Fallon	Minden	Yerington
Gardnerville	Stateline	Virginia City Highlands

Hunting Units Designated for 24- Hour Trap Visitation

LET THE COYOTES DO THEIR JOB.



Fact: A single coyote can eat over
1,825 rodents in a year!



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Hunt Units Designated 24-Hour Trap Visitation

TrailSafe Nevada Oct. 17, 2013

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268	269	271	272	291							

Total Units = 77

Nevada Areas of Heavy Use
 December 14, 2013
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 NEVADA STATE PARKS
<http://parks.nv.gov/parks/parks-by-name/>

<i>Beaver Dam State Park</i>	<i>Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park</i>
Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area	Cathedral Gorge State Park
Cave Lake State Park	Dayton State Park
Echo Canyon State Park	Elgin Schoolhouse State Historic Site
Fort Churchill State Historic Park	Kershaw-Ryan State Park
Lahontan State Recreation Area	Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park
Sand Harbor	Spoooner Backcountry
Cave Rock	Mormon Station State Historic Park
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park	Rye Patch State Recreation Area
South Fork State Recreation Area	Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
Spring Valley State Park	Valley of Fire State Park
Ward Charcoal Owens State Historic Park	Washoe Lake State Park
Wild Horse State Recreation Area	

A SOURCE OF INFORMATION

<http://www.nvtrailmaps.com/>

Great Basin Institute
 16750 Mt. Rose Hwy.
 Reno, NV 89511
 Phone: 775.674.5475
 Fax: 775.674.5499

NEVADA TRAILS

Top Searched Trails:

Jumbo Grade	Logandale Trails
Hunter Lake Trail	Whites Canyon route
Prison Hill	

TOURISM AND TRAVEL GUIDES – ALL ONLINE

<http://travelnevada.com/travel-guides/>

For instance: Rides, Scenic Byways, Indian Territory, skiing, museums, Highway 50, Silver Trails, Lake Tahoe, Carson Valley, Eastern Nevada, Southern Nevada, Southeast95 Adventure, I 80 and I50

NEVADA SCENIC BYWAYS

Lake Tahoe	Mt. Rose	Lamoille Canyon
Angel Lake	Mt. Charleston	Great Basin National Park
Pyramid Lake	Red Rock Canyon	Valley of Fire

PIONEER TERRITORIES

Alamo Area	Armagosa Valley
Beatty	Caliente
Dayton	Death Valley National Park
Goldfield	Panaca
Pioche	Hawthorne
Pahrump	Rachel
Round Mountain	Schurz
Tonopah	Yerington

SENSITIVE AREAS: WARNINGS TO ATV USERS, FOUR WHEELERS, SHOOTERS, HUNTERS

- Cryptobiotic soils of the desert, tundra and seasonal nesting or breeding areas
- Historical, archaeological and paleontological sites
- Avoid water logged soils and slopes, streams, banks susceptible to erosion
- Don't leave animal remains in wetland or riparian areas or on campgrounds, roads or trails.

WILD HORSE HERD AREAS

- Pancake herd-Ely District
- Silver King herd – Ely District
- Antelope Valley Herd-Elko District
- Spruce-Pequop herd – Elko District
- Seven Troughs – Winnemucca District
- McGee Mountain Burros – Winnemucca District

- Jackson Mountains – Winnemucca District
- Marietta National Burro Range – Carson City District
- Pine Nut herd – Carson City District
- Stone Cabin herd – Battle Mountain District
- Bullfrog Burro herd – Battle Mountain District
- Fish Creek herd – Battle Mountain District
- Hickison Burro herd – Battle Mountain District
- Diamond herd – Battle Mountain District
- Red Rock herd – Southern NV District
- Wheeler Pass herd – S NV District

COWBOY COUNTRY TERRITORY

- Rye Patch State Recreation Area
- Jarbidge
- Bloody Shins Mountain Bike Trail (near Winnemucca)

RECREATION AREAS CONTINUED

- Black Rock Desert and High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails

PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY

- Highway 50 (tourism)
- Lahonton State Recreation Area
- Fort Churchill State Historic Park
- Stillwater Wildlife Refuge
- Grimes Point Hidden Cave
- Sand Mountain
- Lovelock Cave Nature trail

FOSSILS, ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

HERITAGE SITES

- Marzden House/Lovelock Cave Back Country Byway
- Grimes Point/Hidden Cave Archaeological Site
- Rock Creek Stage/Telegraph Station
- Silver Saddle Ranch
- Sand Springs Pony Express Station
- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area
- Baker Village Site
- White River Narrows Petroglyphs
- Mt. Irish Rock Art Site
- Schellbourne Pony Express Station
- Crystal Wash Rock Art Site

- Panaca Summit Charcoal Kilns

US FOREST SERVICE WILD WONDERS (eastern Nevada)

- Becky Peak Wilderness
- High Schells Wilderness
- Meadow Valley Range Wilderness
- Currant Mountain Wilderness
- Weepah Spring Wilderness
- Mt. Grafton Wilderness
- Fortification Range Wilderness
- Quinn Canyon Wilderness
- Delamar Mountains Wilderness
- Mt. Moriah Wilderness
- White Rock Range Wilderness

BLM TRAILS AND BYWAYS

Elko Field Office

- California Trail Back Country Byway (Is this the California National Historic trail?)
- Goshute ridge trail

Winnemucca Field Office

- Lovelock Cave Back Country Byway
- Blue Lakes
- Bloody Shins Trail

Carson City Office

- Fort Churchill to Wellington Back Country Byway
- Indian Creek Recreation Area
- Sand Springs
- Grimes Point
- Hidden Cave
- Prison Hill Recreation Area
- Jumbo Grade

Ely Field Office

- Mt. Wilson Back Country Byway
- Ward Mountain Recreation Area

- Battle Mountain Field Office
- Lunar Crater Back Country Byway
- Hickison Interpretive Trail
- Kawich Trail
- Rawhide Trail
- Silver Peak Trail

Winnemucca Field Office

- Blue Lakes
- Bloody Shins Trail
- Lovelock Cave Back Country Byway

Ely field Office

- Ward Mountain Recreation Area

Las Vegas Field Office

- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- Bitter Springs Trail Back Country byway
- Gold Butte Back Country Byway
- Red Rock Canyon back Country Byway

National Wild Horse and Burro Center at Palomino Valley

USFS

Humboldt-Toiyabe

- Arc Dome Wilderness
- Table Mountain Wilderness
- Alta Toquima Wilderness
- Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail [Is any part of this in Nevada?]
- Carson River
- Slide Mountain
- Mt. Rose State Scenic Highway
- Mt. Rose Wilderness
- Lake Tahoe East Shore Drive National Scenic Byway
- Cave Lake Trails
- Cave Lake Trails (Ely Area)
- High Schells Wilderness
- Mt. Moriah Wilderness
- Currant Mountain Wilderness

- Bald Mountain Wilderness
- Shellback Wilderness
- Quinn Canyon Wilderness
- White Pine Range Wilderness
- Grant Range Wilderness
- Red Mountain Wilderness
- Santa Rosa Ranger District – Santa Rosa Paradise Peak Wilderness
- Jarbidge Wilderness
- East Humboldt Wilderness
- Ruby Mountains Wilderness
- Fort Ruby
- Spring Mountains National Recreation Area:
 - A. Mt. Charleston Wilderness
 - B. La Madre Wilderness
 - C. Rainbow Mountain Wilderness

BLM

- Black Rock Desert Playa
- Applegate Trail
- Lassen Trail
- Nobles Trail
- High Rock Canyon

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Trapping OK on:

- Overton Wildlife Management Area
 - Key Pittman WMA
 - Wayne E. Kirch Mgmt Area
 - Railroad Valley MGT area
 - Humboldt MGT area
 - Fernley Mgmt Area
 - Scripps Mgmt Area
 - Mason Valley Mgmt Area
 - Steptoe Valley-MA
 - Franklin Lake Wildlife Management Area
 - Alkali Lake NDOW Wildlife Management Area [As are all above]
 - Stillwater Wildlife Refuge
[Fort McDermitt???In Indian Reservation?]

COWBOY COUNTRY

- South Fork State Recreation Area
- Ruby Mountain Wilderness Area
- Ruby Crest Trail
- Lamoille Canyon Scenic Area
- Emigrant Trail
- Angel Lake
- Jarbidge Wilderness Area
- Fort McDermitt
- Paradise Valley
- Santa Rosa – Paradise Peak Wilderness
- Rye Patch State Recreation Area

HIKING TRAILS – Travel Nevada.com

- Tahoe Rim Trail
- Spooner lake/Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park
- Mt. Rose Wilderness Area
- Davis Creek County Park
- Hunter Creek/Mt. Rose Wilderness Area
- Mt. Moriah Wilderness
- Grant Range Wilderness, Quinn Canyon Wilderness, Currant Mountain Wilderness
- Alta Toquima Wilderness
- Table Mountain Wilderness
- Toiyabe Crest National recreation Trail/Arc Dome Wilderness
- Santa Rosa-Paradise Peak Wilderness
- Summit Trail
- Falls Canyon Trail
- Horse Canyon Trail
- Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail
- Ruby Mountain Wilderness
 - a. Overland Lake Loop
 - b. Thomas Creek Trail
 - c. Liberty Lake
 - d. Favre/Castle Lakes
 - e. Soldier Basin
- Jarbidge Wilderness
- East Humboldt Wilderness
 - a. Winchell Lake Trail
 - b. Angel Lake
 - Boundary Peak Wilderness
 - Mt. Charleston Wilderness
 - a. Charleston Peak North Loop Trail

- b. Charleston Peak South Loop Trail
- c. Griffith Peak Trail
- d. Griffith Peak Trail South Loop
- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
 - a. Moenkopi Loop
 - b. Lost Creek Childrens' Discovery Trail
 - c. Escarpment Base Trail
 - d. Turtle Head Peak
 - e. Grand Circle Adventure
 - Valley of Fire State Park
 - a. Mouse's Tank
 - b. Fire Canyon-Silica Dome
 - c. White Domes

Biking

- Flume Trail (Northern Nevada)
- Tahoe rim trail
- Peavine Mountain IMBA-Epic Ride
- Comstock Bicycle Ride

Rural Nevada Biking

- Austin Mountain Bike Trail Network (associated trails)
- Bloody Shins Trails (associated trails)
- North Yerington Trails (associated trails)
- Big Bend/Sunflower Flat
- Hamilton Stage Road Loop
- Snobowl Ski Area
- Harrison Pass (Green Mountain)
- Willow Patch Spring to Miller Basin Trail/Sacramento Pass Recreation Area
- Tuscarora
- Mountain City/Sunflower Flat

Southern Nevada Biking

- Bootleg Canyon Trails, Boulder City
- Cottonwood Valley Mountain Bike Loop/Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- The Hurl
- Logandale Trails System, Overton
- River Mountains Loop Trail, Henderson
- Road Biking
 - Comstock/Carson City/Virginia City
 - Sierra Foothills, Carson City/Carson Valley
 - Pyramid Lake

- Lamoille Canyon
- Red Rock Canyon
- Blue Diamond Loop, Las Vegas
- River Mountains Trail Loop, Lake Mead/Boulder City/Henderson

Rock Climbing Areas

Northern Nevada

- River Rock
- Dinosaur Rock
- East Shore Crags

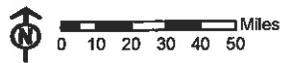
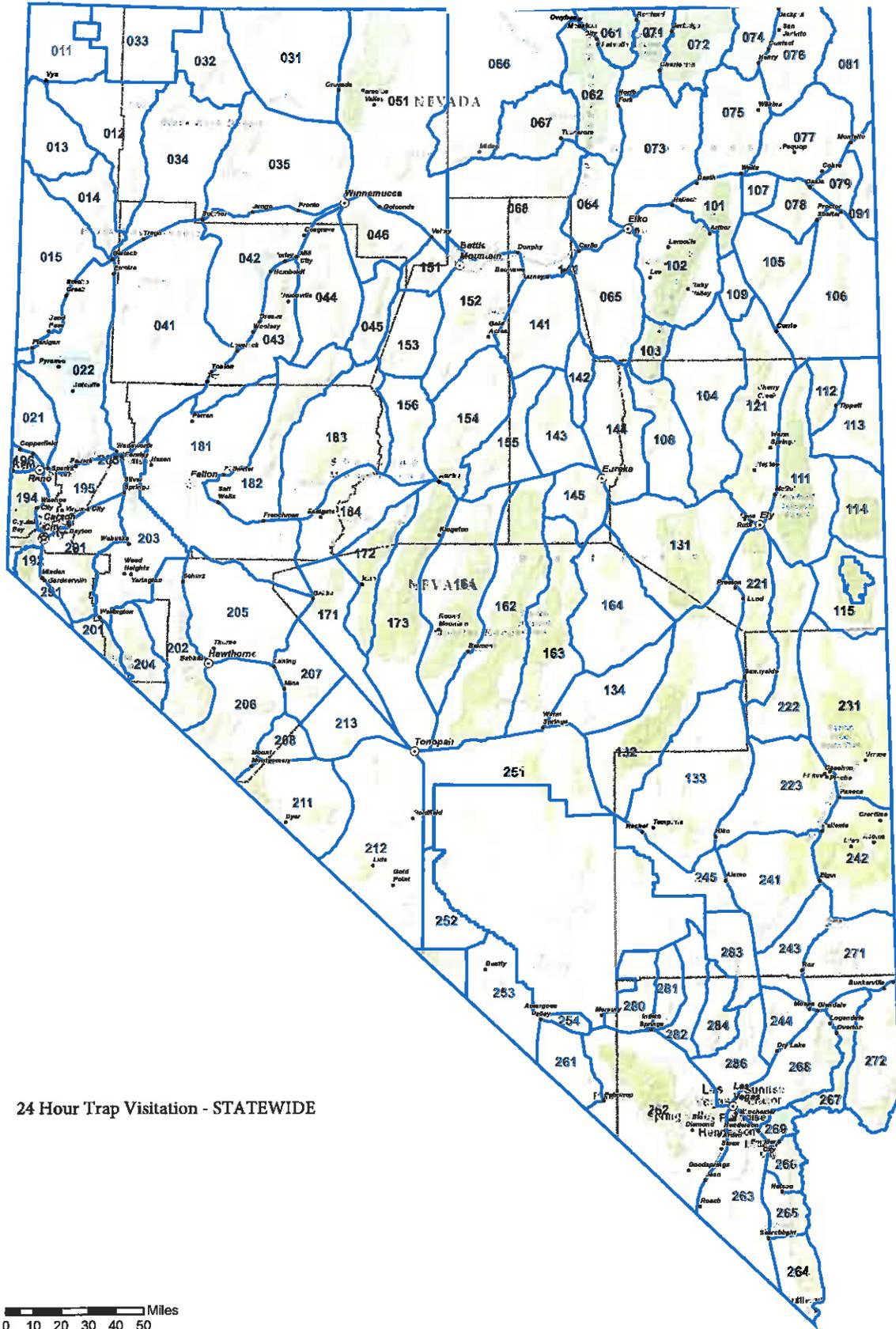
Rural Nevada Rock Climbing

- Adobe Range
- Mecca

Southern Nevada Rock Climbing

- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- Mt. Charleston
- Mt. Potosi

24 HOUR CHECK STATEWIDE MAP PROPOSAL 4



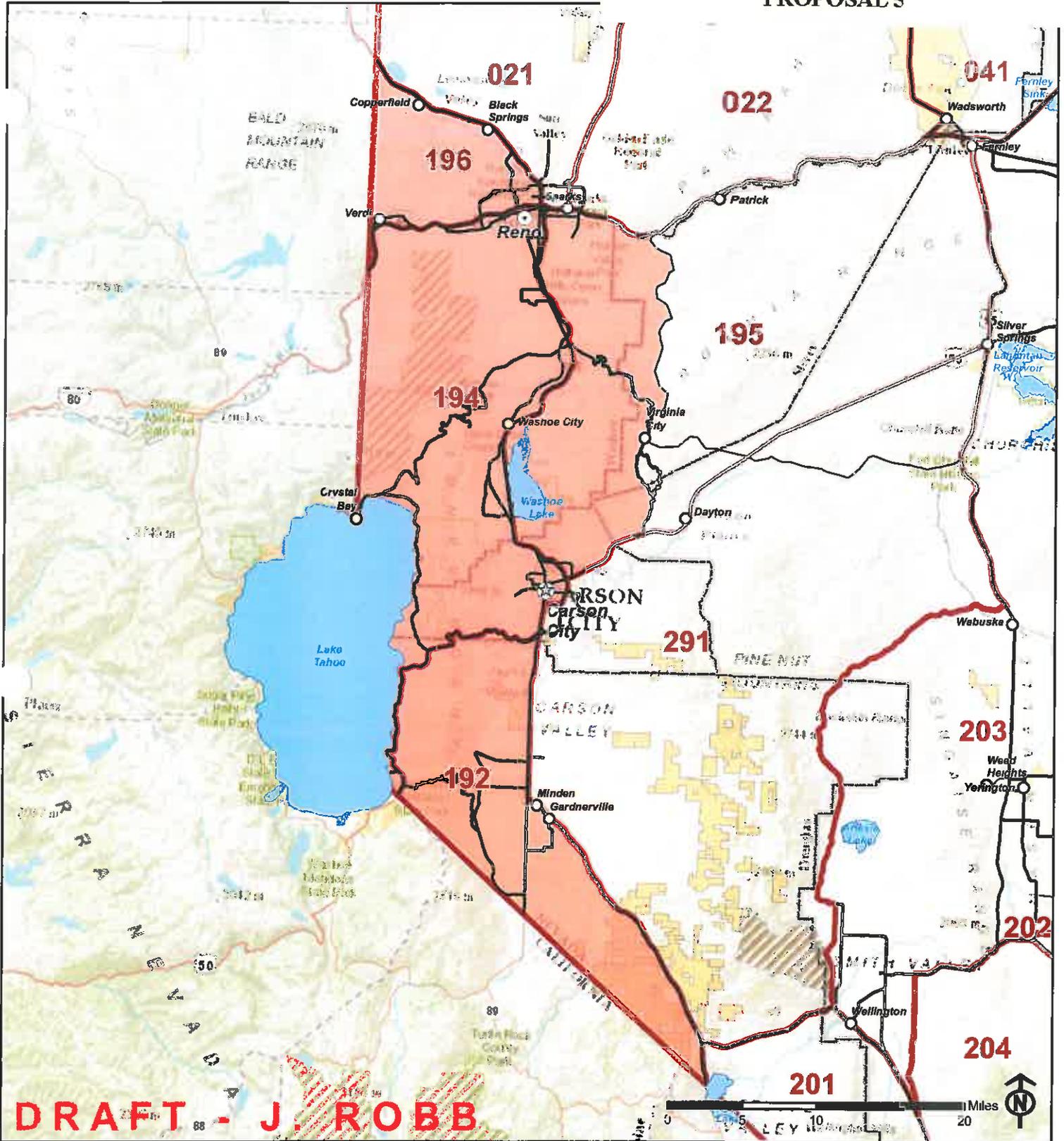
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- County Boundary

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- Proposed Shortened Trap Visitation Area
- Capital
- Large City
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- Major Road/Highway
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- Management Units
- Closed to Hunting

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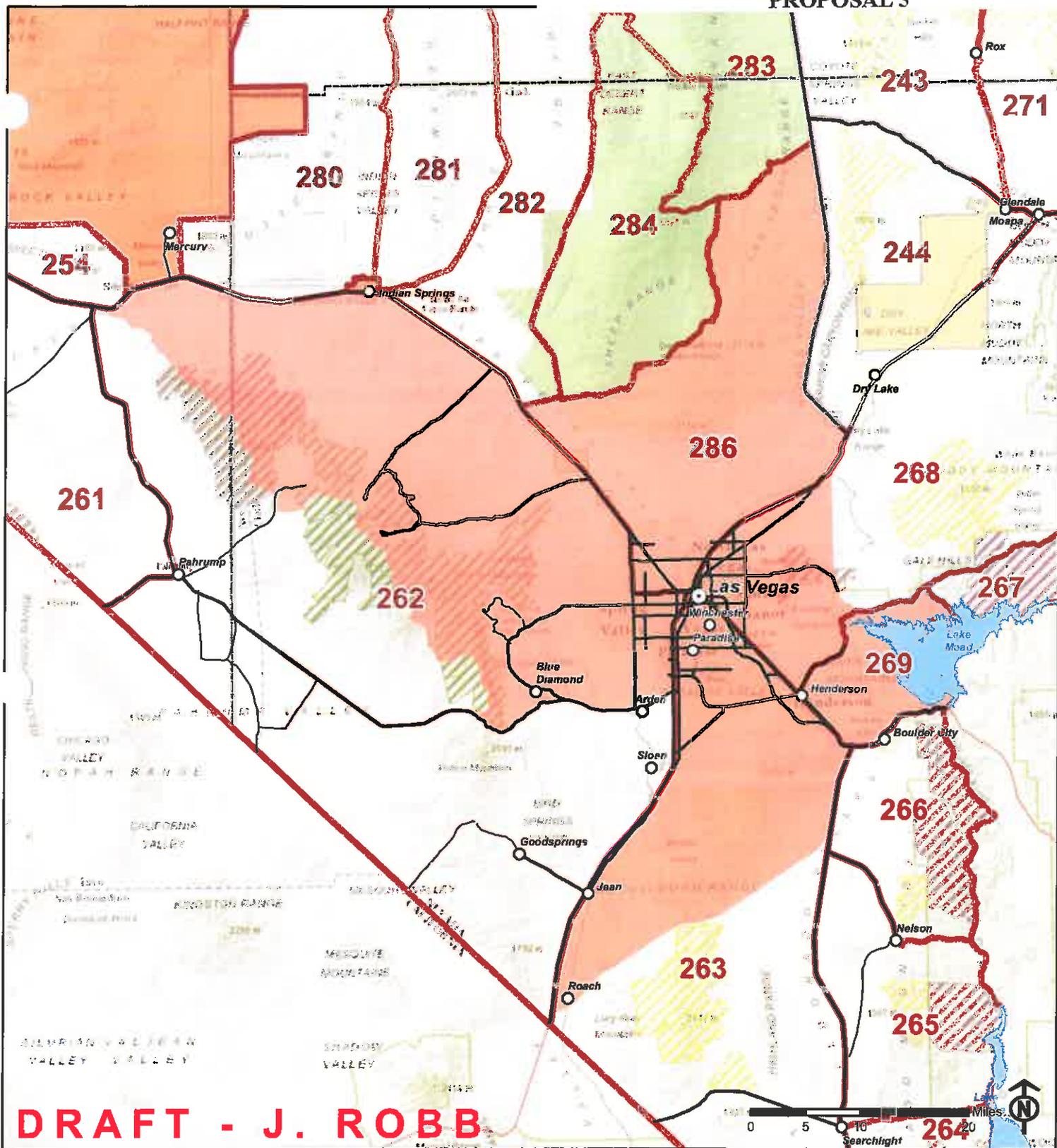
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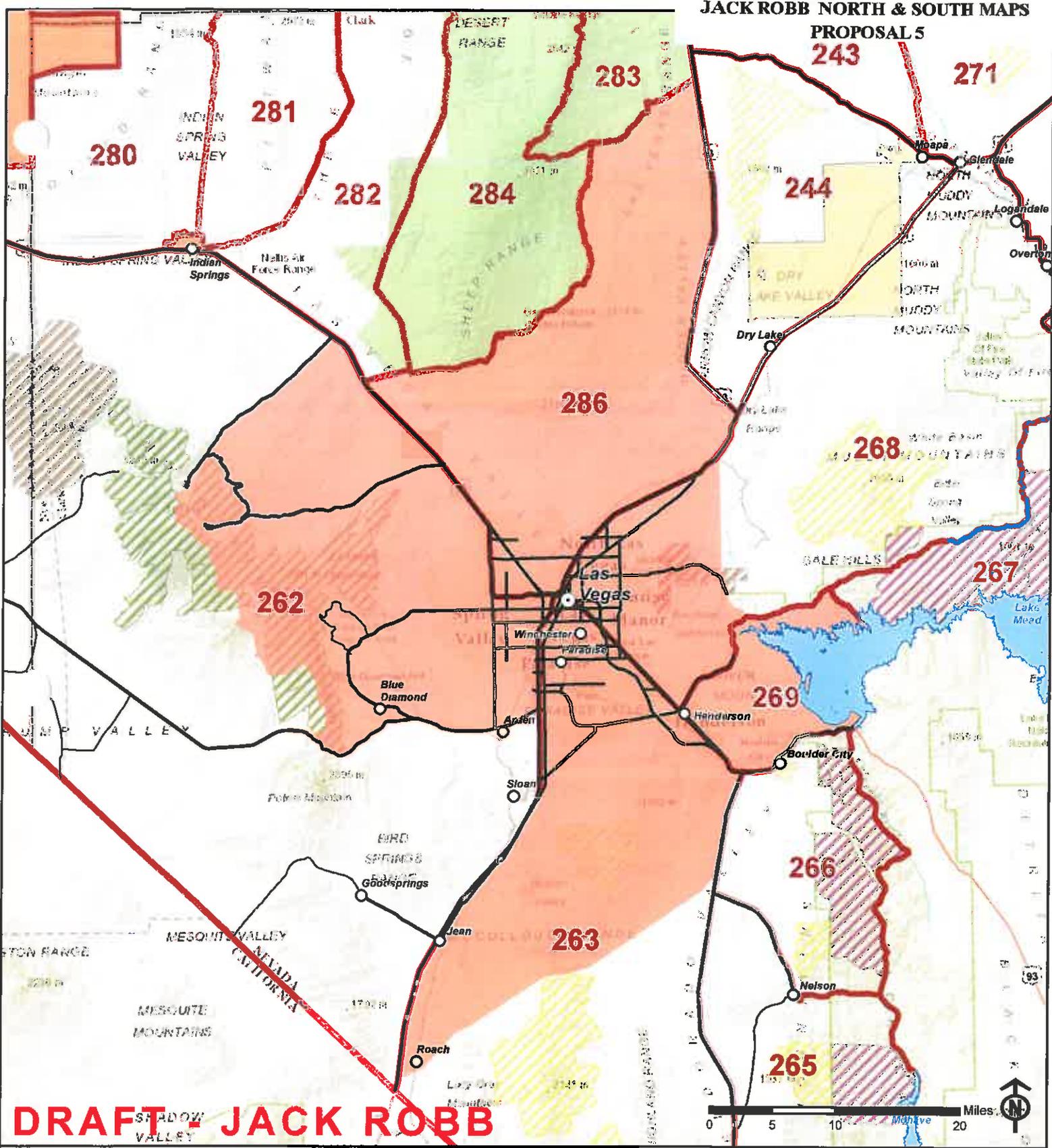
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Large City	Bureau of Land Management	Southern Nevada
City/Town	Humboldt-Toiyabe NF	
Major Road/Highway	National Park Service	
Connector Road	Wilderness Study Area	
Management Units	County Boundary	January 13, 2014
Closed to Hunting		Projection: UTM Zone 11 North, NAD83

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Handout 5/29/14
Public Comment #4

Pete Bradley

From: Mike McCusker
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 5:09 PM
To: Pete Bradley
Subject: Lion 5740
Attachments: photo.JPG; photo1.JPG; photo2.JPG; TZ-13-80 Immobilization Sheet.pdf; Left ear.docx

Pete,
Just to reiterate what we talked about.

On 3/28/14, Todd Sceirine brought in a very thin and poor conditioned female mountain lion he had killed on his ranch in Unit 204, Lyon County, on the East Walker River. This cat had been hanging around a few days killing his sheep and goats. The lion had a badly trap damaged left front foot (not fresh, but this year's injury) with several other scars and abrasions as well as two possible ear tag holes in its left ear. There were no tattoos and no ear tags present when it was checked in. Based on the possible missing ear tag, I ran a pit tag reader over the head and found there indeed was a pit tag there with the number 900-1180-01045679. I contacted Alysson Andreason who checked her records and found it was not one of her lions but the number was close enough to think it may be one of Carl's past handlings. While waiting for Carl to check his records, Buck Tingle stated he had released a lion (actually 2 separate lions) in late January in the Sweetwaters. He found his paperwork and forwarded some pictures. Based on his papers, story and pictures, I believe this was the same lion Tingle had released 2 months prior. He only attached a "call before consuming" tag in its left ear with no other identifiers. They did not check for a pit tag. Today, Carl checked his records and confirmed it was a lion he released from a bobcat trap in December, 2011 with an ear tag of "white #2". He confirmed it by the pit tag number. She was trapped along with her mother and he estimated her to be a yearling and about 80 pounds. Tingle's paperwork from January 2014 had her at 1.5 years and about 75 pounds. My paperwork from March 2014 had her at 2 years old and 70 pounds (very thin apparently stemming from the badly damaged foot). Additionally, she had a broken lower left canine visible in the photos I previously sent. In the pictures attached above, it doesn't appear her same tooth is broken. But, she may have done that after the second trap incident and before being harbested.

I don't think I forwarded Tingle's paperwork or pictures, so I have included them here. Carl did not supply me with any paperwork, just an email with the short and sweet facts, which I will also forward.

Thanks,

Mike McCusker
Game Warden Lieutenant
Nevada Department of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
Reno, NV 89512
(775)688-1884
mmccusker@ndow.org

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BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION _____

LCB File No. R _____ - _____

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 501.1818.

A REGULATION relating to hunting, fishing and trapping; increase demerit points for hunting, fishing and trapping private property; set demerit points for visitation of traps, snares or similar devices; and other matters relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 501.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 501.200 1. A person who is convicted of a wildlife violation will be assessed demerit points pursuant to the following schedule:

HUNTING AND TAKING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully shooting at a game mammal or game bird from an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle or using such a vehicle to molest, rally, stir up or drive game mammals or game birds.....	503.010	-----	12
Spotting or locating game mammals or game birds from an aircraft or helicopter and communicating that information to a person on the ground for the purpose of hunting.....	503.010	-----	12
Unlawfully using information obtained in violation of subsection 3 of NRS 503.010 to hunt or kill game mammals or game birds.....	503.010	-----	12
Unlawfully using a helicopter to transport game, hunters or hunting equipment.....	503.010	-----	12
Unlawfully killing or attempting to kill birds or animals from an aircraft.....	503.005	-----	12
Unlawfully using an aircraft, balloon or satellite to locate or observe big game for the purpose of hunting.....	501.385	503.148	12
Hunting or taking an endangered species without a special permit.....	503.585	503.093	12

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Possessing a big game mammal or parts thereof without a tag attached thereto.....	502.150	----	9
Possessing twice the legal limit or more of game birds or game mammals, other than big game...	501.385	----	9
Possessing twice the legal limit or more of game fish.....	501.385	----	9
Unlawfully possessing a fur-bearing mammal during the closed season	503.030	----	9
Possessing game birds or game mammals, other than big game, during the closed season.....	503.030	----	6
Possessing fish during the closed season.....	503.030	----	6
Possessing game birds or game mammals, other than big game, in excess of the legal limit but less than twice the legal limit.....	501.385	----	6
Possessing game fish in excess of the legal limit but less than twice the legal limit.....	501.385	----	6
Possessing a species that may not legally be possessed without a license or permit.....	501.385	----	6

TAGS AND SEALS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Hunting big game or wild turkey without a tag....	502.130	----	9
Unlawfully transferring a tag to another person....	502.140	502.385	9
Possessing or using a tag legally issued to another person.....	502.140	502.385	9
Obtaining tags in excess of the legal limit.....	502.140	502.331	9
Possessing used tags or tags in excess of the legal limit.....	502.150	----	9
Unlawfully using a tag.....	502.200	----	9
Using a tag in an improper area.....	502.160	502.385	6
Failing to punch a tag properly.....	502.160	502.390	6
Failing to attach a tag to a big game mammal in the manner prescribed by regulation.....	502.160	502.400	6
Hunting by a Native American off a Native American reservation without a tag.....	502.280	----	6
Possessing fur-bearing mammals, other than a bobcat, without a seal.....	501.385	----	6

FISHING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Fishing at a fish hatchery or other waters used for the purpose of rearing or growing fish.....	503.360	----	6

MISCELLANEOUS FISH AND GAME

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Obstructing, hindering or otherwise interfering with an officer, employee or agent of the Department.....	501.385	----	12
Unlawfully selling big game mammals.....	501.379	----	12
Unlawfully selling an endangered species.....	501.379	----	12
Needless waste of big game mammals.....	503.050	----	12
Needless waste of game birds or game mammals, other than big game.....	503.050	----	9
Unlawfully selling a threatened species.....	501.379	----	9
Unlawfully selling game other than big game mammals.....	501.379	----	6
Unlawfully selling a sensitive or protected species.....	501.379	----	6
Unlawfully selling game fish.....	501.381	----	6
Needless waste of game fish.....	503.050	----	6
Unlawfully carrying a loaded rifle or shotgun in vehicle.....	503.165	----	6
Unlawfully discharging a firearm.....	503.175	----	6
Failing to retain the cape or scalp and any antlers or horns of wildlife.....	501.385	503.173	6
Destroying or mutilating signs of the Department..	501.383	----	6
Polluting water.....	503.430	----	6
Removing, altering or tampering with a tag placed on wildlife or on seized equipment.....	501.377	----	6
Commercial taking of crayfish, except in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to NAC 503.540.....	501.385	503.540	6
Intentionally interfering with a person lawfully hunting or trapping.....	503.015	----	6
Hunting, <i>fishing</i> or trapping on private property without permission.....	503.240	----	6 12
Failing to make a reasonable effort to retrieve dead or crippled migratory waterfowl.....	501.385	503.180	6

LICENSES

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Refusing to exhibit a license, wildlife, weapon, ammunition, device or apparatus.....	502.120	-----	12
Hunting without having procured a license.....	502.010	-----	6
Fishing without having procured a license.....	502.010	-----	6
Hunting without a license in possession.....	502.120	-----	6
Fishing without a license in possession.....	502.120	-----	6
Furnishing false information to obtain a license....	502.060	-----	6
Furnishing of false information by a person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to obtain a license.....	502.290	502.220	6
Unlawfully transferring a license to another person	502.100	-----	6
Unlawfully using a license of another person.....	502.100	-----	6
Obtaining more than one license of each class.....	502.110	-----	6
Altering a license.....	502.105	-----	6
Practicing falconry without a license.....	503.583	503.235	6
Operating as a fur dealer without a license.....	505.010	-----	6
Trapping without having procured a license.....	502.010	-----	6
Taking fur-bearing mammals, trapping unprotected mammals or selling raw furs for profit without having procured a license.....	503.454	-----	6
Trapping without a license in possession.....	502.120	-----	6
Hunting, fishing or trapping using a license that is invalid by reason of expiration or a false statement made to obtain the license.....	502.060	-----	6
Operating a shooting preserve without a license....	504.310	-----	6
Performing taxidermal services without a license...	502.370	502.435	6
Obtaining a hunting license without obtaining certification as a responsible hunter.....	502.360	-----	6

2. A person who is convicted of committing a wildlife violation that does not appear in the schedule set forth in subsection 1 will be assessed 3 demerit points.

3. A person who is convicted of committing a wildlife violation within 60 months after a conviction for the same violation will be assessed double the amount of demerit points listed in the schedule set forth in subsection 1 *and* 2.

4. A person who is convicted of committing any four wildlife violations arising out of separate events within a 60-month period will be assessed an extra 12 demerit points.

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NAME/TITLE TRISH SWAIN - CO-ORDINATOR

REPRESENTING TRAIL SAFE NV

ADDRESS SPARKS, NV

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) 4 + PUBLIC COMMENT

Estimated Time for Testimony 6-13 (3)
Time of testimony may be limited at the call of the Chair

Other Comments on Back of This Card

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NAME/TITLE Soel Blakeslee

REPRESENTING NVTA

ADDRESS 4405 Jackrabbit Rd Reno

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) All

Estimated Time for Testimony 3-6 minutes

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NAME/TITLE Jim Saling
REPRESENTING Self
ADDRESS 1693 Tumbleweed Rd Fallon

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s)

Estimated Time for Testimony

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NAME/TITLE Kathleen Heagy
REPRESENTING TRAILSIDE
ADDRESS 430 Tumble Blvd - Incline Village

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s)

Estimated Time for Testimony 1 MINUTE

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NAME/TITLE DONALD DE
REPRESENTING UBHA
ADDRESS Redo

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) Various
Estimated Time for Testimony Short
Time of testimony may be limited at the call of the Chair.
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NAME/TITLE MATT LAMB
REPRESENTING NU TA
ADDRESS 1688 Bell-Aire Ln. Fallon NV 89404

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s)
Estimated Time for Testimony
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NAME/TITLE G. LEHT

REPRESENTING NAA

ADDRESS _____

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) #214

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NAME/TITLE Ted LOWRY

REPRESENTING Self NU TRAPPER

ADDRESS 585 LISA LANE GARDNERVILLE NV 89460

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) _____

Estimated Time for Testimony _____

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NAME/TITLE Steve Nelson

REPRESENTING Self Trapping

ADDRESS 12701 Cannon Hwy Fallon NV 89406

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s)

Estimated Time for Testimony 1 min

Time of testimony may be limited at the call of the Chair.

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NAME/TITLE PAT KLEAMES

REPRESENTING NV T.A

ADDRESS 1009 SAGEVIEW DR SPARKS 89434

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s)

Estimated Time for Testimony

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NAME/TITLE Judi Caran.

REPRESENTING _____

ADDRESS _____

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) #6

Estimated Time for Testimony _____

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NAME/TITLE James Akers

REPRESENTING Self

ADDRESS spark

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) _____

Estimated Time for Testimony _____

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NAME/TITLE

SHANNON IRELAND

REPRESENTING

TRAPPER - HUNTER OVERALL SPARSWOMAN

ADDRESS

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s)

Estimated Time for Testimony

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NAME/TITLE

Margaret Flint

REPRESENTING

Self

ADDRESS

700 Lehigh St. Reno, NV. 89503

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) *general comment*

Estimated Time for Testimony *short*

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NAME/TITLE Bob MARTIN

REPRESENTING MYSELF

ADDRESS 5062 Vinewood Cir, FARMINGTON, NJ

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) _____

Estimated Time for Testimony 3 min

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NAME/TITLE JANA WRIATH

REPRESENTING _____

ADDRESS CLARK COUNTY RESIDENT

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) #4

Estimated Time for Testimony _____

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NAME/TITLE Clay Belding
REPRESENTING MUSKIE
ADDRESS _____

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) _____

Estimated Time for Testimony 10 min

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NAME/TITLE BOB BILMNER
REPRESENTING SPUR
ADDRESS WASHOE

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s) _____

Estimated Time for Testimony _____

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NAME/TITLE Stephen Alastuey
REPRESENTING Myself; former trapper, Sierra Club, biology student
ADDRESS 1050 Nevada St, #109, Reno, NV 89503

WISH TO SPEAK

Yes No If Necessary on Agenda Item(s)

Injury impairs speaking public comment at present

Estimated Time for Testimony _____

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I'm a native of this area,
born in Reno. Both my

COMMENTS

grandfathers were immigrant sheepherders. I'm familiar with the use
of traps for predator control around livestock. From the early 1960's until
1974, I trapped fur-bearing animals, mostly around South Lake Tahoe, and
also in the Truckee River from Verdi to Ho-Shade, and a little in Susan
ville, CA. I stopped trapping due to hazard to pets (dogs, cats,
catching unwanted wildlife (cats, squirrels, illegal game incl. pine
marten), and the possibility of catching a child or fisherman's hand.
Catching unintended wildlife (flying squirrel, ducks and waterfowl) that
I preferred to be un-molested, was unpleasant. There are humane,
non-impactive ways (ie. ^{hiring} photography) to observe rare and unique
animals. Protection and restoration of wildlife habitat is an
~~essential social and cultural value.~~ an essential social and cultural value.
Shorter trap visitation times are more humane. If fur-
bearers are removed from traps sooner, their pelts are less
damaged. Trapped animals that die and decompose, are a loss in
terms of ethical treatment of wildlife, and a financial loss to a trapper.