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MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 22, 2023

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife and Interested Publics

From: Mark Freese, Habitat Division Administrator

Title: **Designation of Wildlife Management Areas**

Purpose: The Commission will review Policy 65 – Designation of Wildlife Management Areas and may make any necessary changes and may adopt the policy.

Summary

The Pole Canyon Conservation and Public Access Easements were executed in December 2022. Public access and recreation limitations and restrictions were included in the easements. In order to regulate and enforce public access on these easements the Commission must first designate this area as a Cooperative Wildlife Management Area. This is the second reading.

Brief Explanation of Proposed Guidance

NRS 504.140 states, “The Department is authorized, subject to approval by the Commission, to enter into agreements with landowners, individually or in groups, to establish wildlife management areas and to enforce regulations necessary thereto for the purpose of providing greater areas for the public to hunt or fish on private lands and to protect the landowner or lessee from damage due to trespass or excessive hunting or fishing pressure.” Public access and recreation limitations and restrictions were included in the easements. In order to regulate and enforce public access on these easements the Commission must first designate this area as a Cooperative Wildlife Management Area.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed Policy 65 changes, designating Pole Canyon as a Cooperative Wildlife Management Area.

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

Commission Policy Number 65

Number: P-65

Title: Designation of Wildlife
Management Areas

Reference: NRS 504.140 and 504.143

Effective Date: March 28, 1980

Amended Date: July 29, 2000 November 3,
2017, March 26, 2022, and September 22, 2023

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the designation of cooperative wildlife management areas and state-owned or controlled wildlife management areas and to list same.

POLICY

Cooperative Wildlife Management Areas

Any area shall be so designated when the Department, subject to the approval by the Commission, enters into an agreement to establish areas and to enforce regulations thereby providing a greater opportunity for the public to hunt, fish, camp, boat or participate in other compatible recreational activity on private lands and to protect the landowner or lessee from damage due to trespass or excessive pressure. The following areas have been designated:

1. Fort Churchill Cooling Pond Cooperative Wildlife Management Area.
2. Pole Canyon Cooperative Wildlife Management Area

Wildlife Management Areas

Any areas shall be designated when the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (the Commission) acquires lands and waters to effectuate a coordinated and balanced program resulting in the maximum revival of fish and wildlife and in the maximum recreational advantages to the people of the State. The following areas have been so designated and are identified by NDOW administrative region:

Western Region

1. Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.
2. Scripps Wildlife Management Area.
3. Fernley Wildlife Management Area.
4. Humboldt Wildlife Management Area.
5. Alkali Lake Wildlife Management Area.
6. Carson Lake and Pasture

Eastern Region

1. Franklin Lake Wildlife Management Area.
2. Bruneau River Wildlife Management Area.
3. Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area.
4. Argenta Wildlife Management Area.

Southern Region

1. Overton Wildlife Management Area.
2. Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area.
3. Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area.

The lands and waters designated as wildlife management areas under the provisions of this policy are subject to any Commission regulations established pursuant to Chapter 504 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

This policy shall remain in effect until amended, repealed, or superseded by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

BY ORDER OF THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023.

Chairman Tommy Caviglia
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners