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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**From:** Mark Freese, Wildlife Staff Specialist, Habitat Division

**Title:** **Wildlife Heritage Grant Manual**

**Purpose:** The Commission will review recommendations made by the Heritage Committee to cap principal balance projects at 50% of the available balance per year.

**Summary**

NRS 501.3575 was updated in 2021, which includes the following, “In addition, the Department may, at any time, expend from the Account any portion of the amount of money in the Account which exceeds \$5,000,000.” At the June 24, 2022 Wildlife Heritage Committee Meeting, the committee recommended “to cap principal projects at 50% of the amount of available funds per year.”

**Brief Explanation of Proposed Guidance**

NDOW is conducting its annual review and edit of the Heritage Grant Manual, providing an opportunity to incorporate new guidance on the limitations of the amount of principal balance available annually. The Wildlife Heritage Committee has recommended a cap of 50% of the principal balance above \$ 5,000,000 per year. Any approved principal balance guidance provided by the Commission will be incorporated into the Heritage Grant Manual that will be presented to the Wildlife Heritage Committee at their May meeting.

**Recommendation**

The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed Heritage Committee recommendation for inclusion in the Wildlife Heritage Grant Manual.