

A horizontal banner with a complex, multi-colored pattern of geometric and organic shapes, including a central circular motif and various angular designs.

Mining Industry Updates

CA-NV GOEA Meeting

January 27, 2014

NV Golden Eagle Mining Subgroup

- Participants
 - Nevada Mining Association - Environmental Committee
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Bureau of Land Management State Office
 - Nevada Department of Wildlife

Challenges

- Eagle Conservation Plans became a recommended component of NEPA permitting by the BLM District/Field Offices.
- Mining companies were completing surveys and developing ECPs without clear guidance or need.
- Lack of communication and standardized/consistent permitting pathways for mining projects.

Opportunities

- Clear and consistent planning and permitting path.
- Improve coordination, communication, and efficiency for completing surveys, developing ECPs, and properly fulfilling NEPA requirements relative to BGPA.
- Mining companies collect raptor nesting data often in adjacent or overlapping buffers.

Accomplishments

- Discussed conservation measures and permitting needs
- Improved coordination
- Developed draft workflow
- Initiated a data-sharing process

Future Potential

- Review, comment, revise, and finalize workflow.
- Establish a data-sharing policy to help facilitate and control data.