

# Intergovernmental Executive Committee

## Fallon Range Training Complex

### Final Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

2:00 p.m. PDT

**Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the:**

**Bureau of Land Management Carson City District Office**

5665 Morgan Mill Road

Carson City, NV 89701

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| <b>Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC) Elected Positions</b> |                                             |                  |             |                    |
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| <b>Government/Agency</b>                                             | <b>Name</b>                                 | <b>In Person</b> | <b>Zoom</b> | <b>Not Present</b> |
| Nevada Department of Agriculture                                     | Chair J.J. Goicoechea                       | √                |             |                    |
| Churchill County                                                     | Vice Chair Myles Getto                      |                  | √           |                    |
| <b>IEC Members</b>                                                   |                                             |                  |             |                    |
| <b>Government/Agency</b>                                             | <b>Name</b>                                 | <b>In Person</b> | <b>Zoom</b> | <b>Not Present</b> |
| Department of the Navy                                               | Mike Haymon, Captain                        | √                |             |                    |
| Department of the Navy                                               | Dan Muller, Commander                       |                  |             | √                  |
| Bureau of Land Management                                            | Jon Raby, Director                          |                  |             | √                  |
| Bureau of Land Management                                            | Kim Dow, District Manager                   | √                |             |                    |
| Bureau of Indian Affairs                                             | Amy Roberts, Realty Specialist              |                  | √           |                    |
| Nevada Department of Wildlife                                        | Brad Bauman, Administrator                  |                  |             | √                  |
| Nevada Department of Wildlife                                        | Mark Freese, Habitat Division Administrator |                  |             | √                  |
| Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources              | Vince Guthreau, Director                    | √                |             |                    |
| Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources              | Dominique Etchegoyhen, Deputy Director      |                  |             | √                  |
| Nevada Department of Agriculture                                     | J.J. Goicoechea, Director                   | √                |             |                    |
| Nevada Department of Agriculture                                     | Doug Farris, Division Administrator         |                  |             | √                  |
| Nevada Division of Minerals                                          | Rob Ghiglieri, Administrator                | √                |             |                    |
| Nevada Department of Transportation                                  | Chad Anson                                  |                  | √           |                    |
| Nevada Department of Transportation                                  | Ryan Hornback                               |                  | √           |                    |
| Churchill County                                                     | Myles Getto, Commissioner                   |                  | √           |                    |
| Churchill County                                                     | Joe Sanford, County Manager                 | √                |             |                    |
| Lyon County                                                          | Scott Keller, Commissioner                  | √                |             |                    |
| Lyon County                                                          | Andrew Haskin, County Manager               |                  | √           |                    |
| Mineral County                                                       | Larry Grant, Commissioner                   |                  |             | √                  |
| Mineral County                                                       | Tony Ruse, Commissioner                     |                  |             | √                  |
| Pershing County                                                      | Connie Gottschalk, Commissioner             |                  |             | √                  |
| Pershing County                                                      | Joe Crim, Jr., Commissioner                 |                  |             | √                  |
| Nye County                                                           | Bruce Jabbour, Commissioner                 |                  | √           |                    |
| Nye County                                                           | Meagan Labadie, Natural Resources Director  |                  | √           |                    |
| Eureka County                                                        | Marty Plaskett, Commissioner                |                  | √           |                    |
| Eureka County                                                        | Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager    |                  |             | √                  |

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe              | Cathi Williams-Tuni, Chairwoman                     |   |   | √ |
| Walker River Paiute Tribe                 | Melanie McFalls, Chairman                           |   |   | √ |
| Yomba Shoshone Tribe                      | Marisa Weaselboy, Environmental Manager             |   |   | √ |
| Yomba Shoshone Tribe                      | Darryl Brady, Chairman                              |   | √ |   |
| Yomba Shoshone Tribe                      | Christopher Dyer, Representative                    | √ |   |   |
| Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe                 | Steven Wadsworth, Chairman                          |   |   | √ |
| Lovelock Paiute Tribe                     | Debbie George, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer |   |   | √ |
| Lovelock Paiute Tribe                     | Tia Happy, Chairperson                              |   |   | √ |
| Duckwater Shoshone Tribe                  | Warren Graham, Chairman                             |   |   | √ |
| Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes | David Hinkey, Chairperson                           |   |   | √ |
| Reno-Sparks Indian Colony                 | Daryl "Doug" Gardipe, Chairman                      |   |   | √ |
| Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California     | Serrell Smokey, Chairman                            |   |   | √ |
| Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada        | Eric Magiera, Chairman                              |   |   | √ |
| Summit Lake Paiute Tribe                  | Randi Lone Eagle, Chairwoman                        |   |   | √ |
| Summit Lake Paiute Tribe                  | Nedra Crane, Vice Chairwoman                        |   |   | √ |
| Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone         | Suzanna Sandoval, Chairperson                       |   |   | √ |
| Yerington Paiute Tribe                    | Ginny Hatch, Chairman                               |   |   | √ |

#### ***IEC Liaisons and Support***

| <b>Government/Agency</b> | <b>Name</b>                                             | <b>In Person</b> | <b>Zoom</b> | <b>Not Present</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Naval Air Station Fallon | Toni Burton, Tribal Relations Coordinator               |                  |             | √                  |
| Naval Air Station Fallon | Robin Schofield, Community Planning and Liaison Officer | √                |             |                    |
| Mantech                  | Allison Turner, Moderator                               | √                |             |                    |

#### **Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call of Committee Members**

- IEC Chair J.J Goicoechea, Nevada Department of Agriculture, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- Ms. Robin Schofield, Naval Air Station (NAS) Community Planning and Liaison Officer, called roll. The list of attendees/absentees is above.

#### **Verification of Agenda Posting**

- The agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241.020.

## **Approval of Agenda**

- Commissioner Scott Keller, Lyon County, motioned to approve the agenda. Vince Guthreau, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with no changes.

## **Public Comment**

- Chair Goicoechea opened the floor for public comments on the agenda, noting a three-minute time limit per person.
- Mr. Bruce Jabbour, Nye County Commissioner, informed the IEC of his attendance.
- No further comments were made. The public comment period was closed.

## **New/Old Business**

- No new business or old business.

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2026**

- Ms. Kim Dow, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada, motioned for approval of the March meeting minutes; Mr. Rob Ghiglieri seconded the motion. The March meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

## **B-16 Grazing Allotments: Financial, Operational, and Cultural Impacts of FRTC Allotment Loss Presentation by Ms. Adrienne Snow**

*(Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details from the presentations)*

- **Introduction:** Ms. Adrienne Snow, B-16 permittee, presented the financial, operational, and cultural impacts of the loss of allotments. Ms. Snow described her family's history in Nevada. Her goal was to show that payments offered by the Navy to B-16 permittees are inadequate and not properly calculated. She stated that calculations need to be changed for B-16, B-17, and future valuations.
  - Ms. Snow reviewed the recent financial impacts that her family has faced associated with the upcoming allotment loss including herd reductions; the cost of trucking cattle to California and associated labor impacts; the future ranch value reduced without accompanying allotment, legal, and consultation fees; and additional feed costs while continuing to pay for allotment loss.
  - Ms. Snow reviewed five acts of Congress related to the compensation of ranchers and the value of grazing forage, including the Taylor Grazing Act, the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, and the Agricultural Risk Protection Act (also known as the Farm Acts of 2000, 2014, and 2018).
  - Ms. Snow showed the compensation timeline, ranging from 2016 to 2026, including key moments such as in February 2025 when Senator Rosen obtained a commitment from former Secretary of the Navy Phelan to offer B-16 ranchers more appropriate compensation.
  - Ms. Snow explained the Navy's proposed compensation offer of \$14,000 per year for losses incurred. Ms. Snow then reviewed U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) county-based forage value program and its method of forage valuation, currently available on the USDA website. The forage value shown for the Snow's allotment equaled \$815,000 per year.

- Ms. Snow claimed the Navy did not consider the Snows' counteroffer, including calculations estimating losses of \$856,000 per year, nor which included forage values per public valuation models, and costs incurred (e.g., legal, research, and consulting fees). Rather, the Navy issued a final offer, which was the same as the original offer.
- Ms. Snow detailed the cultural impacts of this allotment loss, including continuity, stewardship traditions, community identity, and intergenerational knowledge.
- Ms. Snow requested IEC members contact their respective senior leaders and request proper compensation under the law.

### **Discussion/Possible Action: State Route 361 Realignment Update**

*(Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details)*

- **Introduction:** Mr. Ryan Hornback, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), and Mr. Chad Anson, CA Group, updated the IEC on the State Route 361 (SR-361) realignment project.
  - Realignment includes approximately 13 miles between Middlegate and Gabbs.
  - The project followed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines to evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed realignment. The project is needed due to the B-17 range expansion conflicting with the existing SR-361 route and will maintain a north-south highway connection through central Nevada.
  - NDOT is the lead for environmental studies, designs, and construction efforts associated with the realignment project.
  - The preferred alternative utilizes the west 1,500' corridor and includes construction of approximately 13 miles of a new realigned two-lane highway. A 92-acre materials pit would be created in the northern project limits to supply construction materials for the roadway construction.
  - Mr. Hornback summarized the potential environmental impacts on biological, water, and visual resources; land use; and hazardous materials. It was noted asbestos occurs naturally in the area, and more water may be needed during construction to reduce dust. NDOT determined the project would not substantially change the location or magnitude of future development within study area.
  - NDOT is currently in between the environmental permitting and the design process of the realignment, with plans to begin construction in January 2028 and complete construction by October 2030. NDOT will provide wildlife fencing on the newly constructed section to keep cattle and other animals off the roadway.
  - Chairman Goicochea asked if NDOT was planning to install construction wells for this project. Mr. Hornback stated that preliminary investigations showed the commercial well in Gabbs appears to have plenty of extra capacity for the construction. Chairman Goicochea asked if the existing materials pit would be reclaimed or abandoned, and if the wildlife fencing would extend to other portions of SR-361. Mr. Hornback responded that the existing materials pit will be abandoned and the fencing will only extend to the realigned portion of SR-361.
  - Chairman Goicochea asked if an existing culvert that provides off-highway vehicle access to the public will now run into the Navy restricted land, and Mr. Hornback responded that there is land between the realigned portion of the road and the Navy boundary.
  - Mr. Rob Ghiglieri, Nevada Division of Minerals, mentioned a project that the Division of Minerals is working on with BLM to close off 120 abandoned mines in a similar region to the realignment. The project will include wildlife and cultural surveys and will be attempted to be completed within the next year.

## **Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update**

*(Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details)*

- **Introduction:** Ms. Dow introduced team members updating the IEC on the BLM implementation strategy for modernization. Ms. Dow also made a few personnel announcements, including the fact that State Director John Raby has retired, so there will be updates to BLM personnel. She also noted that BLM is in the process of preparing vacant allotments to be offered for transfer. Once the Environmental Assessment (EA) is finalized, a letter will be sent to permittees to invite them to apply for the permits.
- **Grazing Actions:** Ms. Kat McCray, Range Management Specialist, updated the IEC on grazing actions.
  - Permittees affected by the B-17 and B-20 expansion were informed of the expedited timeline for when the ranges would be closed to grazing. Letters announcing the two-year notice were sent to grazing permittees affected by B-17 and B-20 expansion on March 2, 2026. The letters stated that accepting and signing a new permit will not indicate an agreement or acceptance of the Navy's proposed compensation.
  - Similar to B-16, a decision will be made for Animal Unit Month (AUM) reduction followed by a land health assessment and a new permit. Decisions are based on a re-created desktop analysis of the Livestock Grazing Study prepared by the Navy and ground truthing. Permittees or representatives are invited to take part in this process.
  - A decision will be made no sooner than the two-year letter allows, estimated for fiscal year (FY) 2028. During this time, BLM will complete a field verification and meet with permittees. Permittees can develop new grazing proposals while monitoring work is being done and can contribute to monitoring efforts if desired.
- **Cadastral Update:** Mr. Wayne Strickland, Chief Cadastral Surveyor, updated the IEC on cadastral efforts.
  - B-16 status: On schedule.
  - B-17 and B-20 status: Surveys are underway. BLM is also supporting the Navy with locating 120 miles of range boundary for fencing, and is coordinating with the Navy on potential survey needs for the Monte Cristo Mountain Special Protection Area.
  - Public Purpose Conveyances to Churchill County and the City of Fallon: Land conveyances are in progress. Sixteen land surveyor reports and cost estimates for required surveys were submitted to the BLM Carson City District Office.
  - Exchanges between Churchill County and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI): The status is in progress. Ten land surveyor reports and cost estimates for required surveys were submitted to the BLM Carson City District Office.
  - Preparation of maps and legal descriptions of the Dixie Valley Training Area, Shoal Site, B-16, B-17, B-19, and B-20 to 1) be published in the *Federal Register* by the BLM, 2) filed with the appropriate federal legislative committees, and 3) made available for public inspection at appropriate BLM and military installations. The status is in progress.
  - Conveyances to Lander County status: In progress. The U.S. Forest Service will execute all required survey needs for conveyances on its lands. BLM completed land surveyor reports for parcels of land that can be selected for conveyance to Lander County.
  - Resolution of Walker River Paiute Tribe claims status: Not yet initiated until the Tribe determines lands for transfer.

- Land to be held in Trust for the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe status: In progress. BLM Land Status Records have been updated to show the new lands held in Trust.
- **Real Estate Update:** Ms. Shedra Rakestraw, BLM Assistant Field Manager for Carson City District, and Ms. Mary Feitz, Realty Specialist, updated the IEC on realty actions.
  - SR-361 Realignment
    - BLM is currently processing two NEPA-related actions associated with the realignment of SR-361. For the first action, BLM is a cooperating agency for the EA, and the project is functioning under a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Federal Highways Administration, NDOT, and BLM. The second action is processing a geotechnical right-of-way request for NDOT to undertake geotechnical studies for the road realignment. BLM is now preparing an offer package for NDOT's short-term right-of-way.
  - B-16 Sand Canyon Road Realignment
    - Sand Canyon Road must be realigned due to the B-16 expansion. BLM is the lead agency for the NEPA analysis and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is co-lead.
    - BLM meets regularly with the contractor to discuss baselines, schedule, and funding updates for baseline surveys. BLM recently received its SF-299 application from the Navy in May, as well as a maintenance operations agreement between the Navy and Churchill County. BLM is awaiting Navy funding for additional biological and cultural surveys and a final road design.
  - B-17 Great Basin Gabbs Lateral Pipeline Realignment
    - The pipeline must be realigned due to the B-17 expansion. Approximately 32.6 miles of natural gas pipeline will be realigned and 20.9 miles of existing gas pipeline will be abandoned within the project area in Mineral and Nye counties
    - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the lead agency with BLM as a cooperating agency on the NEPA analysis.
    - BLM is currently reviewing resource reports and will work with the land survey service request to determine the legal land description for the final alignment of the pipeline and draft decision documents.
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs – Walker River Paiute Tribe
    - Ms. Rakestraw presented a map showing two 640-acre parcels in east and west Fernley to be conveyed in Trust to the Walker River Paiute Tribe. BLM is researching these parcels prior to their conveyance.
    - An Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was completed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and additional testing and sampling was completed in May 2025.
    - BIA contacted BLM in February 2026 to meet about the next steps for the samples and to discuss clean up options.
    - The Walker River Paiute Tribe has requested to initiate the transfer of the identified parcels while the other options are being reviewed. BLM is waiting to hear from BIA and the Tribe on the acceptance of the remaining 6,890 acres and direction on how to move forward with the land selection process.
    - Within the additional 6,890 acres, there are two acres currently in discussion for alternative selection which would require an additional ESA.

- Land Conveyances and Exchanges
  - Approximately 25,386 acres of Churchill County land and 13,920 acres of federal lands are identified for land exchange. Section 2907 also identifies 6,892 acres of federal land for conveyance to Churchill County and 212 acres to the City of Fallon for public purposes of:
    - Constructing and operating a new fire station;
    - Expansion of an existing wastewater treatment facility;
    - Operation or expansion of existing gravel pits and rock quarries; and
    - Construction and operation of public recreational facilities.
  - BLM is focusing on two of Churchill County's four priorities (first priority is Township 19 North, Range 28 East and Range 29 East; second priority is Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 22 North, Range 26 East).
  - A timeline and draft budget plan were submitted to BLM management for review for budget considerations, which includes the public purposes. BOR is reviewing an MOU, which will then be sent to Churchill County. Working meetings will be scheduled.
- Checkerboard Resolution Area
  - The focus is for DOI and private landowners to consolidate federal land and non-federal land ownership in Churchill County. BLM is the lead agency on the land exchange process; however, BOR also has a role.
  - BOR, Churchill County and BLM signed the 2908 MOU to discuss the Implementation Plan.
  - Next, BLM will collect Churchill County's feedback from the plan review. Working meetings will be scheduled.
- Chair Goicoechea asked if the natural gas pipeline realignment will be a separate right-of-way or if it will mirror SR-361. Ms. Dow responded that it is a separate right-of-way.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update**

*(Please refer to the presentation slides in the IEC member package for additional details)*

- **Introduction:** Captain Mike Haymon, Commanding Officer of NAS Fallon, reviewed the agenda and introduced the Navy presenters.
- **Legislative/Implementation Update:** Mr. Matt Ryan, FRTC Modernization Program Manager, provided an overview of modernization status, FY 2026 plan updates and Year 4 implementation goals, the overall range modernization schedule, and where to find more information.
  - FRTC Modernization Overview: Mr. Ryan presented updated information and a map depicting each large-scale task or infrastructure project by range to support modernization, and the requirements in the NDAA and commitments the Navy made in the Record of Decision. Four major areas have been withdrawn and are in various stages of expansion.
  - Year 4 Implementation: Mr. Ryan reviewed a snapshot of progress towards major Navy goals for Implementation Year 4.
    - Dixie Valley Training Area and B-17 Private Land Acquisition: The Navy's goal is to make all offers this year. So far, 92 parcels have been acquired.

- B-16 Grazing Payments and Permit Modifications: Two offers were made for B-16 grazing payments for losses, and the funds are in escrow. BLM has modified the permits for the allotments.
  - B-16, B-17, and B-20 Nominal Mining Claim Payments: The Navy is in the process of making payments for nominal mining claims; some initial payments have been made.
  - B-16 Fencing: All fence work is under contract and in progress; completion is anticipated for the end of this FY.
  - B-16 Sand Canyon Road EA: BLM is the lead agency and has initiated the EA process. Federal aid agreements between the Navy, Federal Highway Administration, NDOT, and Churchill County are being finalized. Next steps include the application for the right-of-way and transference of design funds to Churchill County.
  - B-16 Lone Tree Road EA: NDOT is the lead for the EA, which may be a categorical exemption. NDOT is responsible for consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office. The design and award for construction are on track for the end of the calendar year.
  - B-17 Great Basin Pipeline EA/Design: NEPA is complete, the team is awaiting the Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact. Necessary agreements between the Navy and Great Basin were secured and military construction appropriations are pending.
  - B-17 and B-20 Grazing Payments/Modifications: A meeting was held Feb. 11 to discuss the two-year notifications issued by BLM. The Navy initiated the valuation process and continues to communicate with affected ranchers.
  - B-20 Private Land Acquisition: The first three offers were sent.
  - B-17/B-20 Infrastructure NEPA: NEPA efforts will be initiated this fiscal year.
- Range Overview and Schedule: The integrated schedule shows related tasks associated with overall modernization effort and progress made. Mr. Ryan reviewed the status of the timelines for the four ranges.
- Project Website: The website is updated with the implementation schedule and IEC briefs and meeting minutes.
- **Combined Environmental Brief:** Mr. Mike Baskerville, NAS Fallon Cultural Resource Program Manager, updated the IEC on the Navy's natural, cultural, Tribal, and NEPA programs.
  - Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP): The stakeholder and Tribal comments on the final draft are being addressed.
  - Wildland Fire Management Plan: The stakeholder and Tribal comments are being addressed and incorporated. The U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) fieldwork continues to refine fire models and fuel treatments.
  - Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan: The Navy reviewed the draft and revisions are in progress.
  - Land Management Agreements with DOI: The Dixie Valley Training Area land management MOU is being worked on with BLM. A dual withdrawal management MOU with BOR primarily related to B-16 and B-20 is being worked on.
  - Hunt MOA: The Final MOA with Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) is in legal review.

- Sage Grouse Noise Study: The purpose of the study is to assess potential effects on sage grouse in response to military aircraft overflight noise. Year three field work is in progress. The lek monitoring is complete, and Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC) has coordinated planned overflights to support data collection. Habitat utilization and nest success monitoring is ongoing. Next steps include continuing to work with USGS and NDOW for year four data collection and pursuing FY27 funding through Navy programs.
- Cultural Resource Surveys: Archaeological crews completed archeological surveys on available withdrawn lands for B-17 and B-20. The Navy received additional approvals from part of the 18,000 acres of private land as part of B-20 expansion, so the Navy will initiate those surveys. The Tribal survey phase is next. Far Western (contractor) is working with Tribes to hire surveyors and initiate surveys. Tribal points of contact are needed to lead the coordination, and the surveys need to start immediately to meet the current timeline. A monthly working group meeting was established where the Navy will present findings from archeological surveys, discuss priority areas, and facilitate progress to complete surveys and address emergent concerns. The first meeting was last week with Tribes who chose to participate. The Navy also briefed the Yomba Shoshone Tribe at their reservation and would do that again if requested.
- INRMP EA: The Draft EA is in development.
- B-17 and B-20 Infrastructure Development EAs: The Navy is working with operational users to identify infrastructure requirements. Natural and cultural resource surveys and consultations are in progress. The EAs are planned to start in 2027.
- Lone Tree Road Improvements EA: 60% design has been submitted. Navy cultural resources staff went with NDOT to look at some of the initial issues.
- Mr. Dyer asked if there was a website to manage the transfer of data to Tribes. Mr. Baskerville responded that the way the data is transferred is dependent on the technology accessible to the Tribes, with some receiving data electronically while others are sent physical copies of maps and site forms.
- **Mining Claims Update:** Mr. Gene Beale, NAS Fallon Realty Specialist, updated the IEC on the status of the Navy's mining claims.
  - The Navy will notify holders of mining claims impacted by the modernization and make payments to the claim holders. In coordination with BLM and Nevada Division of Minerals (NDOM), the Navy has identified 28 claim holders with 181 total mining claims.
  - The Navy sent notification letters on Aug. 19, 2025, to claim holders impacted by FRTC modernization and offered a one-time payment in addition to the notice of impact. Holders had 30 days to provide the amounts they believed had been paid in annual maintenance and small mining waiver fees over the length of their claims.
  - Holders can accept the Navy's proposed payment and can continue to pay their annual maintenance fees to the BLM regardless of accepting the proposed payment or not but will not be able to access their claims once the bombing ranges are fenced for the duration of the withdrawal of the land. The Navy will provide a list of holders who have accepted the proposed payment to the BLM and NDOM.
  - The status of payments is as follows:
    - Dixie Valley Training Area: five holders for five claims
    - B-16: two holders for three claims
    - B-17: eight holders for 69 claims
  - Fourteen payments were made; one is in process.

- There are 13 remaining holders and 104 claims for B-17 that have not accepted the Navy's payment offer. Four holders provided additional information, two have not yet provided additional information requested, two stated they will not accept the payment offer, and five have not responded to the initial notification letters. Holders who have not responded to the initial notification received additional letters on May 4, 2026, and will continue to be contacted until a response is received.
- FAQs about mining claims can be found on the FRTC Modernization website.
- Mr. Ghiglieri asked when the Navy determines it has been too long to provide additional information for a claim adjustment. Mr. Beale responded that he made calls last week to the holder with missing additional information and that he will provide it shortly.
- Mr. Ghiglieri asked if the two holders who are not accepting the offers are planning on maintaining the claims, which Mr. Beale confirmed to be true.
- Mr. Ghiglieri asked if there is a "drop-dead date" to move on from those who have not established contact. Mr. Beale responded that they are making every effort to establish contact and if they respond later, the Navy would still provide payment. The IEC discussed methods of locating these individuals such as looking at the form of payment to maintain the claims with BLM.

#### **Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting**

- No additional agenda items were mentioned to discuss at the next IEC meeting.

#### **Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting**

- The next IEC meeting will be held during the weeks of Sept. 21-25 or Sept. 28-Oct. 2.

#### **Public Question and Comment**

- Mr. Doug Busselman, Executive Vice President of the Nevada Farm Bureau, a group representing and advocating for farmers and ranchers. In cases where livestock grazing allotments must be closed, the military should compensate allotment owners and account for the value of the feed for that allotment. Water rights and range improvements should also be compensated to ensure the long-term economic viability and sustainability of agricultural operations in Nevada. He noted that the Bureau is in support of the comments made by Ms. Snow.

#### **Adjourn**

- Chair Goicoechea adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.