

## Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group – First Annual Newsletter 2005 – 2006

*Thanks to everyone who supported NNSG's initial membership campaign in 2005!*

### The Annual Meeting was held April 27, 2006.

Look for the minutes and financial report posted at the web page soon.

The 2006-2007 Board members are:

President: Gerry Miller

Vice President: (vacant)

Secretary: Kent Mc Adoo

Treasurer: Delynn Jones

Directors:

Ranching – Agee Smith

Mining – Dick Moorhead (Brian Iverson)

Recreation – Duane Jones

Conservation – Norv Dallin

SWEATCo - Doug Clarke

### We have wonderful volunteers!

Stewart Wilson, Wilson and Barrows, has assisted with our organizational responsibilities since 1998. Our sincere thanks go out to Stewart.

Lora Minter gave great writing support in gaining our 501c3 status, and help with other documents.

Patti Glass of the Newmont town office has provided copying for many NNSG documents.

Each person who participates in NNSG meetings and activities is a volunteer; community strength and integrity is built through volunteerism. We thank you all!

### A Note from Leta Collord:

My thanks to the Stewardship board who have supported me over my three-year term. I have gained more than I can express. Jim and I were enthusiastic about helping to establish NNSG, and will continue with pod work, and activities. We encourage each of you to lend your hand in community-based conservation.

### Gerald Miller incoming President:

I am excited with the prospects of NNSG's plans for the year ahead: educational activities, summer SWEATCo projects, and watershed planning, to name a few.

### News Items

Nevada's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sage-Grouse Workshop reported on the many interesting studies underway that will aid in understanding conservation of the greater sage-grouse. Through the watershed planning process, NNSG will add to the database of information specific to sage-grouse in northeastern Nevada.

June of 2005 - NNSG joined with Agriculture Research Services, Cheyenne, WY to acquire very large-scale aerial (VLSA) imagery on a 25,000 acre plot. Rangeland assessment on western landscapes is challenging. VLSA offers a vegetation data collection that is low in cost, repeatable, and can be studied by all interests. NNSG believes this technology will assist in the watershed assessment process. N-1 Grazing Board, Bureau of Land Management, Cortez Mines, supported this project.

Range Management School (RMS) has come to Nevada. In 2004, NNSG initiated a RMS presentation by Robbi LeValle, coordinator for RMS CO. Colorado has a ten-year history of engaging ranchers, agency members and publics in the science of "how grass grows," and how livestock and grass grow best together. After an introductory presentation in December of 2005, the 2006 season will begin Nevada RMS Team's work with Nevada livestock communities. Kent McAdoo played a significant role in establishing RMS in Nevada.

NNSG pilots the BLM Partnership Series course, Science in Service of Stewardship. In February 2006, thirty participants engaged with trainers over a two-day period to discuss how science is utilized within the collaborative forum. Engaging in scientific discussions requires that good relationships exist, and that the important scientific questions be framed together by the group, such as, "How can we conserve species...while retaining our livestock industry?" As simple as it sounds, speaking from a common vision is essential to securing "best science", and to avoiding potential conflicts. USFS, BLM, and Elko County Conservation Districts supported the training.

### Summer 2006

**There will be no scheduled monthly meetings June – August.** NNSG pods will be meeting; scheduled monthly meetings will resume in September.

**Sage-grouse Pod** meets the second Wednesday of each month 5:30 – 7:00pm at BLM Field Office;  
**Recreation Pod** will meet periodically. Please contact Duane Jones to help with trails: [duanejones@ctnis.com](mailto:duanejones@ctnis.com).  
**Mining and the Community – A Partnership**  
Contact: Jim Collord: [collord@citlink.net](mailto:collord@citlink.net)

Watch the web page for upcoming activities. Check the local papers for announcements, and flyers posted around town.

### **Become a Member in 2006!**

The Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group is dedicated to local conservation and natural resource education.

Consider becoming a supporting member and download a membership form at [www.nnsg.org](http://www.nnsg.org).