

Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group
Working Together For Healthy Landscapes and Quality Lifestyles

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Program Highlights

Mining & the Community – A Partnership

Since 2003, NNP-E (Northern Nevada Partnership – Elko), has been advocating for capacity building in northern Nevada communities for after mining diversity and sustainability. NNP-E will assist the Winnemucca area plan for an information meeting, such as have been held in Lander County in the past.

As mines close, communities look, for ways cooperative planning to leverage diverse interests, abilities, facilities and funding to further cultural and economic stability. Each community and mine site, calls for different solutions. We thank mining pod members Mary Korpi, Jim Collord, and Bill Upton for their leadership in this important work.

Recreation Pod Trails Workshop

Attendees at the November Trails Workshop were inspired by presentations from representatives of existing trails systems from the Paiute Trail, UT, Trails in White Pine County, and the developing Elko California Trails Center. The message from the presenters: bring area trails interests together early in the planning process, and include all resource values in the plan. Keep the larger picture in mind.

Good trail ideas emerged; many focused on the importance of connecting with the Elko California Trails Center system. The necessary energy was present to move trails' planning forward. Good work by Duane Jones chairman and pod members.



B LM Partnership Series, February, 2006, *Science in Service of Stewardship* instructors from left: Todd Bryan, Herman Karl, Gary McVicker, and Charles Pregler.

Sage-grouse Pod/Watershed Planning

We've entered the implementation phase of the Elko County Sagebrush Ecosystem Conservation Strategy. In 2004, Barrick Gold Squaw Valley Ranch hosted a summer tour where area ranchers and NNSG members participated to hear the ranch's conservation plan. The Midas Potluck in August 2005 (held at the community center) served to introduce the Strategy principles, and to get acquainted with area residents.

NNSG will assemble the Tuscarora Watershed/Population Management Unit (PMU) Watershed Working Group (WWG) comprised of interested livestock practitioners, public and private professionals, and the public. Through coordinated assessment, resource issues will be identified, and appropriate actions decided upon. Healthy watersheds support species and practitioners alike.