Sharing in a Sustainable Recreation Future for Nevada National Forests

National Forests in this State:

- Humboldt-Toiyabe (R4)
- Inyo (R5)
- Lake Tahoe Basin (R5)



- **6.3 million** acres of Nevada's land is Forest Service managed
- 1.8 million visits to Nevada's national forests in 2018
- 122 Developed recreation sites on FS land
- 3,591 miles of trails
- 40 campgrounds
- 7 Ranger Districts in Nevada

Nevada's Outdoor Economy

\$12.6 billion in consumer spending

87K direct jobs

\$4 billion in wages and salaries

\$1.1 million in state and local tax revenue

In addition to 3 National Forests Nevada has....

- 2 National Parks
- 1 National Monument
- 23 State Parks

"The sheer physical scope of Nevada's landscape and diversity, combined with a high proportion of land under public control, results in tremendous outdoor recreation potential."—NCORP 2016

Nevadans Know How to Get Involved

On the Humbolt- Toiyabe in 2018 there were...

848 Volunteers

1541 Partnership & Organization Agreements

157 Youth Conservation Corps

131,057 Total Hours



Challenges and Opportunities

The number of visitors to our National Forests increase every year.

The Humboldt-Toiyabe currently has \$3 million worth of deferred maintenance— and that number is only getting larger.

While the population and recreation demands are increasing, the ability to maintain trails and facilities to an acceptable standard is decreasing.

In a recent survey asking visitor's priorities, the #1 response was "Maintenance of Existing Facilities"





Surveyed Citizen Priorities



1. Maintenance of Existing Facilities



2. Safety



3. Design for Conservation



Potential Challenges to the Future of Recreation in Nevada

- Population Growth
 - Increase in urban cities
 - Decrease in rural communities
- Increase in demand for outdoor opportunities
- Low capacity by agencies, and recreation professionals to facilitate rising demands
- Developments in new technologies
 - Online resources/social media
 - Increased popularity in E-bikes, UTVs, and drones

Activities are Constantly Evolving

New activities like geocaching, disc golf, fat biking, E-biking have the potential to bring in new recreation users, and add economic value to outdoor recreation. However, if growing activities are not appropriately considered and integrated into recreation plans, it could create challenges to trail and facility maintenance, user conflicts, and agency staffing issues.