

# I. AGENDA



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**COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES**  
Nevada Division of Minerals

**Meeting Location:**

**Physical Location:** Nevada State Legislature  
401 S. Carson St. Room 3137  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

**Video conferenced to:**  
Nevada State Legislative Hearing Rooms  
7120 Amigo St  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

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Phone number: 888-475-4499  
Meeting ID: 860 3734 0784

Thursday May 14, 2026 at 10:00 am PDT

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The agenda for this meeting of the Commission on Mineral Resources has been properly posted for this date and time in accordance with the relevant Nevada Revised Statutes (“N.R.S.”) and Nevada Administrative Code (“N.A.C.”) requirements.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

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**I. AGENDA**

A. Approval of the Agenda

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**II. MINUTES**

- A. Approval of the February 19, 2026 meeting minutes **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**III. AGENCY BUSINESS**

- A. Nevada Battery Coalition Update **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
  - Caleb Cage
- B. NBMG/NDOM Project Scopes of Work and Project Description **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - Garrett Wake
- C. Agency Budget Update and FY27-29 Budget Process **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
  - Garrett Wake
- D. AML Update **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
  - Sean Derby
- E. Administrator Report **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
  - Rob Ghigleri

**IV. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Correspondence from the Commission **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
- B. Review of staff monthly activity reports **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
- C. Future Meeting Agenda Items, location, and date **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

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## II. MINUTES



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Thursday, February 19, 2026

10:00 A.M.

### MINUTES

Commission	Staff	Public
Josh Nordquist	Robert Ghiglieri	Robert Carrington
Bob Potts	Garrett Wake	Tobias Konzmann
Arthur Henderson	Lorraine Belt-Dolan	Sage Maddox
Bob Felder	Carol Shelton	Allison Anderson
Nigel Bain	Peter Engh	Joel Donalson
Randy Griffin	Sean Derby	
Stephanie Hallinan	Dustin Holcomb	

#### CALL TO ORDER

10:00 AM by Chairman Josh Nordquist

#### Roll Call

All commissioners were present.

#### COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- No Public Comment

#### I. Agenda

A. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion to approve the agenda made by:** Bob Potts

**Seconded by:** Randy Griffin

**Unanimously approved**

#### II. Minutes

A. Approval of August 26, 2025, public workshop minutes  
(NACs 513, 519A, 522, and 534A)

- Administrator Ghiglieri noted that we need to add Nikki Baily Lindel to the attendance of the workshop minutes.

**Motion to approve the minutes made by:** Bob Felder with the correction

**Seconded by:** Stephanie Hallinan

**Unanimously approved**

B. Approval of the meeting minutes from the November 13, 2025, meeting

**Motion to approve the minutes made by:** Bob Felder

**Seconded by:** Stephanie Hallinan

**Unanimously Approved**

### III. Intent to Act Upon Regulations

A. NAC 513

- Administrator Ghiglieri provided an overview of the regulation changes.
- **Commissioner Potts** asked if there were any substantive changes to the regulation. **Administrator Ghiglieri** said that the change is to advance the deadline for submission next calendar year. **Chairman Nordquist** asked Administrator Ghiglieri if this was workshopped and **Administrator Ghiglieri** affirmed and noted that the regulations would still need to be codified by the legislation in the Spring or later. **Chairman Nordquist** asked if these regulations are temporary. **Administrator Ghiglieri** said they would be implemented in 2027.
- Public Comment: None.

**Motion to approve:** Bob Felder

**Seconded by:** Randy Griffin

**Unanimously approved**

B. NAC 522

- Administrator Ghiglieri provided an overview of the regulation changes.
- Public Comment: **Robert Carrington** gave Public Comment on behalf of the Nevada Association of Land Surveyors about the NAC 522 proposed amendments.
- **Administrator Ghiglieri** proposed that the Division meet with Mr. Carrington regarding his public comment prior to approving the regulation changes. **Commissioner Potts** agreed with this. **Commissioner Bain** commented that a certified land surveyor is required with location issues; however, the data is usually collected by someone else and signed off by a certified surveyor in another state or location and that surveying technology has changed significantly.
- **Chairman Nordquist** stated that the Division will work with Mr. Carrington on his response to the proposed regulation changes and that the Commission will hold off on making changes to see if there are adjustments needed.

**No action taken**

### IV. Agency Business

A. Lhoist Company Update

- Tobias Konzmann and Sage Maddox gave an update on Lhoist which can be found on the Division of Minerals website, commission meeting materials, E-packet: IV Agency Business – Exhibit A.
- **Commissioner Griffin** asked if the rollback of federal regulations on the use of coal will impact Lhoist's product sales. **Tobias Konzmann** said that it's too early to tell. **Commissioner Potts** asked how the development of the Apex Industrial Park is impacting Lhoist as a long-term tenant. **Tobias Konzmann**

said that the company operates very close to other tenants and residential areas in other areas of the world and they are used to this as a company. He further said that they have an approved permit that encompasses the resource, so they are not worried about the life of the mine. **Administrator Ghiglieri** asked what their estimated life of mine is. **Tobias Konzmann** said the exact number is not publicly available, but it will be around for generations to come. **Administrator Ghiglieri** asked about the use of the company's specialty clay for enhanced geothermal drilling which is a high temperature application. **Sage Maddox** said this is something they would be interested in. **Commissioner Griffin** asked about the company's water right situation. **Tobias Konzmann** said that the company has a secure water supply and uses it mindfully.

#### B. AngloGold Ashanti Company Update

- Joel Donalson and Allison Anderson gave an update on AngloGold Ashanti which can be found on the Division of Minerals website, commission meeting materials, E-packet: IV Agency Business – Exhibit B.
- **Commissioner Felder** asked how much drilling at the project is focused on recourse to reserve conversion versus resource growth. **Joel Donalson** said much of the drilling is focused on hydrology and condemnation. **Commissioner Felder** asked about a timeline to production on the Arthur project. **Joel Donalson** said they're expecting around 2032 to 2035. **Commissioner Felder** asked about the acquisition of Augusta. **Joel Donalson** said they had water rights, a good land position and claims, and that they had the old Bullfrog mine and the Reward project. **Commissioner Griffin** asked why gold prices are increasing so quickly. **Joel Donalson** didn't know but said grades are generally going down and costs of production are going up. **Commissioner Potts** asked about housing the workforce. **Allison Anderson** said that this is a benefit with starting smaller and phasing up; their socioeconomic study looked at the region and found that employees may have to live in different nearby cities in the region. **Commissioner Hallinan** asked if this is open pit and what recovery method is used. **Joel Donalson** said Arthur and North Bullfrog are open pit heap leaching and a small oxide mill. **Administrator Ghiglieri** said that gold production was at its lowest in the state in 2024 and asked if AngloGold has an estimate of gold production by the mid-2030s. **Joel Donalson** said their average over a ten-year period at the Merlin-Arthur project will be around half a million ounces annually and about a fifth of that at the North Bullfrog project. **Administrator Ghiglieri** asked if they are publishing a new reserve amount this year. **Joel Donalson** said he expects this within the next year possibly next quarter.

#### C. Division of Minerals Education & Outreach Update

- Garrett Wake gave an update on the Division's education and outreach activities which can be found on the Division of Minerals website, commission meeting materials, E-packet: IV Agency Business – Exhibit C.
- **Commissioner Griffin** asked if we offer tours with the teacher workshops. **Garrett Wake** affirmed this and recognized Lhoist for their support with tours. **Commissioner Felder** asked how we get our registrants for the course. **Garrett Wake** said we spread by word of mouth during our classroom

opportunities as well as sending emails. **Commissioner Felder** asked about attendance pre-pandemic and post-pandemic and why northern Nevada attendance has not recovered. **Garrett Wake** said there is a larger community in the south but wasn't sure why there was a drop off. **Administrator Ghiglieri** commended Carol Shelton, Division Education and Outreach Specialist, on reaching more than 8,000 people last year. He also noted a project she completed working with an elementary school on the need for mining in the state. **Commissioner Potts** asked if we're here to teach the teachers or the kids. **Garrett Wake** said both the teachers and students are interested and engaged in our presentations. **Commissioner Potts** asked if we were working with the UNR Cooperative Extension or 4H. **Garrett Wake** said we are not currently but will investigate it. **Commissioner Hallinan** asked if we track how many times we've been to schools and said that the Reno area could use more outreach activities. **Garrett Wake** agreed. **Commissioner Hallinan** asked about the Nevada Mining Association's outreach efforts. **Garrett Wake** said he was aware of their efforts but not the extent.

#### D. Agency Budget Update

- Garrett Wake gave an update on the Divisions budget which can be found on the Division of Minerals website, commission meeting materials, E-packet: IV Agency Business – Exhibit D.
- **Chairman Nordquist** asked about the missing fee payment from Esmeralda County. **Garrett Wake** said they are usually a bit later to pay and should pay soon. **Chairman Potts** asked if this was because staff concerns. **Garrett Wake** said he believed this may be the case. **Administrator Ghiglieri** noted that the additional funds held by the Division's bond pool for Kingston area may be soon used to clean up the Victorine Mine area.

#### E. NBMG/CREG Update and Project Proposals

- Simon Jowitt gave an update on NBMG/CREG and project proposals which can be found on the Division of Minerals website, commission meeting materials, E-packet: IV Agency Business – Exhibit E.
- **Commissioner Bain** made a motion to fund two NBMG project proposals: (1) Nevada Mineral Statistics parts A and B, and (2) Nevada Metallogenic Map. **Chairman Nordquist** asked to have a detailed scope of work with milestones for the projects that the commission can follow available at the May meeting. **Commissioner Felder** seconded the motion. The total funding ask is \$120,000 for the two projects. All present commissioners approved the vote. Commissioner Hallinan was not present for the vote due to technical difficulties.

**Motion to approve:** Nigel Bain

**Seconded by:** Bob Felder

**Unanimously approved** (Commissioner Hallinan was not present)

#### F. Geothermal and NAC 534A Update

- Dustin Holcomb gave a Geothermal and NAC 534A update which can be found on the Division of Minerals website, commission meeting materials, E-packet: IV Agency Business – Exhibit F.
- **Administrator Ghiglieri** commented that the Division's submission of regulation changes for NAC 534A are still with the Legislative Counsel Bureau and that he hopes to have them back for a hearing at the May Commission meeting. **Commissioner Griffin** asked about recent federal oil lease sales in Nevada. **Administrator Ghiglieri** said there are additional leases being purchased in eastern Nevada. **Dustin Holcomb** noted that while there were lease sales in 2025, we didn't have a single application to drill an oil well. He said we did receive our first application in two years to drill a well in the past week. **Commissioner Henderson** said that the price of oil was too low to produce in Nevada right now. **Dustin Holcomb** said most of the oil in Railroad Valley isn't the best for creating fuel and is used mostly for asphalt or tar.

#### G. AML Program Update

- Sean Derby gave an update on the AML program which can be found on the Division of Minerals website, commission meeting materials, E-packet: IV Agency Business – Exhibit G.
- **Administrator Ghiglieri** commented on the recent mine rescue training that the Division of Minerals conducted with the Washoe County Search and Rescue Team. He applauded Sean Derby's effort to reestablish that connection. **Commissioner Hallinan** said that there are several teams that show up to the annual mine rescue competition and may be able to assist in making connections. **Commissioner Bain** commented that the mine rescue community has grown and train with Washoe County; he recommended communicating with the Nevada Mining Association. He noted that there is a liability aspect with this training that needs to be addressed. **Chairman Nordquist** asked if we could use an existing abandoned mine as a training facility. **Sean Derby** said that this was a good opportunity to reach out to a private landowner to assist with this effort and that we may reach out to Comstock Mining or the Tonopah Historic Mining Park for future training opportunities. **Commissioner Nordquist** suggested that we work to make an inherently unsafe area safer for this training. **Commissioner Potts** asked if the delay in approvals for abandoned mine closures is due to shortages at the BLM-DOI. **Sean Derby affirmed**. **Administrator Ghiglieri** also said that priorities are an issue, that abandoned mine projects keep getting deprioritized against other needs.

#### H. 2027 Agency BDR Concepts

- Administrator Ghiglieri gave an update on the Divisions 2027 BDR Concepts which can be found on the Division of Minerals website, commission meeting materials, E-packet: IV Agency Business – Exhibit H. BDR concepts include:
- Adding a new full-time position to act as a liaison between state and federal natural resources agencies to advance mining project permitting in Nevada; funding would come from use fees paid by companies that opt in to using the position.

- **Commissioner Potts** asked about a fiscal note on this. **Administrator Ghiglieri** said we don't have this yet. This would begin using an existing FTE that's already funded, but in the future this would be funded by proponent funding. **Commissioner Hallinan** asked if this would be help completing permitting applications. **Administrator Ghiglieri** said this would be a collaborative effort between permitting agencies to meet and advance projects. FAST-41 projects may be included if we enter into an MOU with the permitting council. He further said this is conceptual and only initial conversations with the Governor's office have occurred. He also noted that this will not change any timelines at the federal level, this is more to ensure permits don't get lost and get the attention they need to move along. **Commissioner Hallinan** asked what the forum would look like between Minerals and the DCNR permitting bureaus. **Administrator Ghiglieri** said it would start at the director level to identify agency liaisons to work with directly throughout this process and hold regular meetings.
- Moving the Department of Business and Industry's Mine Safety and Training Section under the Nevada Division of Minerals due to the similar nature of both agencies duties and responsibilities.
  - **Commissioner Potts** supported the idea.
- Expanding NRS 534B to include dissolved mineral production, not just exploration, if using a de minimis amount of water. He noted that this BDR is at the early conceptual stage.
  - **Chairman Nordquist** recognized that there is a company trying to tread this path. **Administrator Ghiglieri** affirmed this. He further said that NRS 534B was created to address exploration but at some point we may need to address production as well.
- Two budget priorities: (1) address Division staff unclassified pay scales due to changes in job duties over the years at the same rate as similar jobs across the state, and (2) to add a management analyst position and discontinue use of services from the Administrative Services Division.
  - **Commissioner Potts** agreed with the Division hiring its own management analyst. **Administrator Ghiglieri** noted that the Division has had eight different budget analysts in the past budget cycle and the costs have increased significantly above initial estimates.
- Review agency funding mechanisms: review mining claim fees and NRS 519A for funding for the Abandoned Mine Lands program.
- **Chairman Nordquist** asked when the Commission would see draft BDRs. **Administrator Ghiglieri** said he would begin drafting after Commission approval. The Governor's office requires conceptual review next month. He said that August may be when they will be available.

I. Administrator Report

- **Administrator Ghiglieri** gave an agency administrator report that we have a new website and stated that if anyone sees things that needs to be changed or updated, please let the agency know.
- **Peter Engh** gave an update on the Good Samaritan Act and communication with the EPA regarding the Division's efforts to fund closure of an abandoned mine through the act's funding. Administrator Ghiglieri believes the law may be interpreted in a way which may provide funding for this closure project.
- **Administrator Ghiglieri** stated he was appointed to the Governor's Fuel Resiliency Committee with a focus on the impact on the minerals industry. He is also on the executive director's search committee for Interstate Mining Compact Commission.
- **Administrator Ghiglieri** and **Dustin Holcomb** recently attended the Groundwater Protection Council's Underground Injection Control training and Division staff presented. He also presented at a workshop hosted by a company trying to repurpose mine waste.
- Division staff attended the American Mineral Exploration Roundup conference and will be attending the Society of Mining and Metallurgy and Engineering conference, the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada conference, and will be meeting with lawmakers in Washington, DC.
- The Division is hosting the National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Program (NAAML) winter business meeting at Lake Tahoe and has close to 20 different states and tribes attending.

## **V. Commission Business**

### **A. Correspondence from the Commission**

There was no correspondence for the commission.

### **B. Review of Staff Monthly Reports**

There were no comments.

### **C. Future Meeting Agenda Items, Location, and Date**

- Scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the Reno/Carson area.

## **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

- No Public Comment

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

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### **III. AGENCY BUSINESS**

**A.**



NEVADA

**BATTERY**

COALITION

# **Presentation on the Current Lithium Landscape in Nevada**

**Commission on Mineral Resource**  
*Nevada Division of Minerals*

*May 14, 2026*

# Overview

*Nevada is emerging as a leading battery center in North America. Every stage of the energy storage supply chain, from exploration to recycling, is present and developing in Nevada, and it is poised to grow. The current investment in this industry has produced profoundly positive environmental, economic, and national security advantages, all of which are strengthened by uniting the industry through the Nevada Battery Coalition.*

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# Nevada Battery Coalition

- Incorporated on March 27, 2023
  - Board Elected in December 2024:
    - Chair: Nicole Cook, Panasonic Energy of North America
    - Vice Chair: Tim Crowley, Lithium Americas
    - Secretary: Ted O'Connor, Comstock Metals
    - Treasurer: Sara Sadrolsadat, Dragonfly Energy
  - Purpose: Public Awareness, Industry Promotion, and Workforce & Economic Development
  - Last presented November 7, 2024
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# Nevada Battery Coalition Membership

- Each supply chain phase represented: Upstream, Midstream, and Downstream
- Different levels of development represented: startups, mid-sized, and major producers

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# NEVADA

## Lithium Capital of North America

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**1**

Exploration,  
Extraction and  
Processing



**COMPANIES**

- Albemarle
- American Battery Technology Company
- Cypress Development Corporation (Exploration)
- HeliosX/Dajin US Corp.
- Luna Lithium (Exploration)
- Ioneer
- Lilac Solutions
- Lithium Americas/Thacker Pass
- Redwood Materials (Processing)
- Schumberger/NeoLith Energy (SLB)
- Surge Battery Metals (Exploration)
- Tonopah Lithium Corp.

**2**

Refined  
Chemical  
Manufacturing



**COMPANIES**

- Albemarle
- American Battery Technology Company
- Ioneer
- Lilac Solutions
- Lithium Americas/Thacker Pass
- Redwood Materials
- Tesla
- Western Ceramics Company 1, LLC

**3**

Cathode/  
Anode



**COMPANIES**

- Altairnano
- DragonFly Energy
- Lithion Battery
- NexTech Batteries
- Redwood Materials
- Tesla
- Ultion Technologies Inc.

**4**

Battery Cells



**COMPANIES**

- Altairnano
- DragonFly Energy
- K2 Energy Solutions
- Lithion Battery
- NexTech Batteries
- Panasonic
- Quantum Copper
- Tesla
- Ultion Technologies Inc.

**5**

Battery Packs



**COMPANIES**

- Altairnano
- DragonFly Energy
- K2 Energy Solutions
- Lithion Battery
- NexTech Batteries
- Quantum Copper
- Tesla
- Ultion Technologies Inc.

**6**

EV Application



**COMPANIES**

- NexTech Batteries
- Nuro
- Quantum Copper
- Tesla
- Ultion Technologies Inc.

**7**

Recycling



**COMPANIES**

- American Battery Technology Company
- Aqua Metals
- LiNiCO Corporation
- Redwood Materials
- Tesla
- Ultion Technologies Inc.

# A National Opportunity

- National Security
- Energy Independence
- Decarbonization
- Economic Diversification
- Economic Opportunity

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# An Opportunity for Nevada

- Only operational lithium mine in the U.S., with next two in the works
  - Only state in the U.S. with companies in all seven stages of the lithium supply chain
  - Largest federal loan for a single natural resources project
  - UNR Federal Tech Hub Designation
  - Nevada is home to a large percentage of the national workforce
  - Forecasts predict a fivefold increase in the global lithium-ion battery market through 2030
  - Major Economic Development Focus for the State of Nevada
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# National and State Interests Align

- Critical Onshoring/Friendshoring Efforts
  - Generational Investment
  - Bipartisan Support
  - Incredible Private Sector Innovation
  - Nevada Governor's Leadership | Governor's Critical Minerals Summit in August
  - State Lawmaker Support
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# Impact

- Nevada's battery supply chain promises incredible outcomes
    - National Security
    - Addressing Climate Change
    - Economic Stability & Growth.
  - Nevada is uniquely positioned in this space
  - Our opportunity:
    - Diversify our economy
    - Better jobs for Nevada families
    - Lead in a critical area of the energy transition
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**B.**

# **NDOM-NBMG Funding Proposal: Nevada Metallogenic Map**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

**Simon M. Jowitt, Director, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology and Nevada State Geologist – PI**

## **Introduction**

To date there has been no comprehensive compilation of spatial data for mineral deposits within the state of Nevada beyond maps that are perhaps 20-30+ years old and focus on specific commodities. This project aims to develop three metallogenic maps focused on mineral systems, commodities, and co- and by-product potential and linking the spatial distribution of mineral deposits to their geological and tectonic environments.

## **Scope of Work**

The scope of work for this project is the development of three metallogenic maps for Nevada that include broad-scale geology and infrastructure (e.g. highways and railroads), the location of major deposits, prospects, past producers split by mineral system/deposit type and commodities, major mining districts, and the co- and by-product potential of the mineral systems present within the state, in addition to the location of major mining districts and so on. Data availability may constrain the amount of information that could be put on this map but once established these maps could be updated on a regular basis. The data compiled during this project could also form the basis for further projects focused on the development of a series of critical mineral potential maps, identifying areas of known critical mineral production (e.g., silver, copper), past production, and potential. The maps will be accompanied by a report summarizing the three maps and including a digital spatially registered database of mineral deposits and prospects. The maps produced by this project will provide the minerals industry with key spatial and geological information to inform early-stage mineral exploration within the state.

## **Deliverables**

Deliverables for this project are three main metallogenic maps for the state as follows:

Metallogenic Map 1: A map showing the main mineral systems in the state, including current and past producers and prospects

Metallogenic Map 2: A map showing mineral deposits by commodity within the state, including current and past producers and prospects

Metallogenic Map 3: A map showing the main mineral systems in the state focusing on an assessment of co- and by-product mineral production potential

Report: A report summarizing the three maps outlined above including a database of mineral deposits and prospects.

## **Project Milestones**

**Kickoff meeting:** NBMG project staff will schedule a meeting with the Division of Minerals contract manager to discuss anticipated timelines for the project within 30 days of contract execution.

**Quarterly Meetings:** NBMG project staff will schedule quarterly meetings with Division of Minerals contract manager to discuss progress. The first quarterly meeting should be

conducted within 120 days of the kickoff meeting. Subsequent quarterly meetings should be held on or around every 90 days thereafter.

**Complete Data Compilation:** Compilation of data required for the development of the three deliverable maps as outlined above will be completed within 12 months of contract execution.

**Publication:** Publication of final maps and report including database of mineral deposits and prospects will be completed within 18 months of contract execution.

### **Timeline**

The timeline for this proposal is expected to be 18 months from the date of contract signing.

### **Budget**

Total budget request for this project is \$45,000, including an 8% overhead rate. This funding will be used to support NBMG staff time on the project. This funding will be supplemented by in-kind support in the form of staff time from UNR-funded staff (e.g. PI Jowitt).

# **NDOM-NBMG Funding Proposal: Nevada Mineral Statistics Database and Report**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

**Simon M. Jowitt, Director, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology and Nevada State Geologist – PI**

## **Introduction**

To date there is no comprehensive compilation of mineral production data for Nevada despite the production of annual reports covering some aspects of this as far back as 1979. This project consists of two parts as follows:

1. The comprehensive compilation, due diligence and analysis of Nevada's mineral production data for all commodities where data are available (including oil and gas, industrial minerals, and geothermal).
2. The scanning and digitization of US Bureau of Mines production ledgers held by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology and the incorporation of these data into item 1 above.

## **Scope of Work**

The scope of work for this project is the compilation of publicly available mineral, oil and gas and geothermal production data for the state of Nevada. The database to be developed during this study will not just include production data but will include data for individual deposits, classification of individual deposits by type (e.g. Carlin-type oxide vs sulfide, epithermal, porphyry, and so on). This database will enable the development of a comprehensive report analyzing trends in mineral production. The report will complement the mineral production database which can be used from the completion of the project onwards to ensure that everyone has the same, robust data to use going forward.

The second part of the project involves the scanning and digitization of a map chest full of US Bureau of Mines ledgers of production of a variety of different commodities for the state that are not currently available elsewhere. Digitization of these and incorporation into the report outlined above would increase the impact of the publication, would provide the state and other stakeholders with a large increase in the production data that is currently available and indeed would be available after the compilation and QA/QC work to be undertaken during this project, and would also extend knowledge of the mineral potential of the state and past production records. These ledgers are not typical paper sizes, so will have to be scanned, digitized, and collated at the UNR Knowledge Center – the Bureau already does this routinely for data preservation work.

## **Deliverables**

Deliverables for this project are as follows:

- A comprehensive, QA/QC checked digital database of mineral, oil and gas, and geothermal production for the state of Nevada for as far back as records allow (~1900).
- Scanned and digitized US Bureau of Mines records for mineral production in the state; these will be provided in digital format as well as being incorporated into the digital database.

A report outlining the mineral, oil and gas, and geothermal production history of the state on a mineral system by mineral system and commodity by commodity basis.

### **Project Milestones**

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**Quarterly Meetings:** NBMG project staff will schedule quarterly meetings with Division of Minerals contract manager to discuss progress. The first quarterly meeting should be conducted within 120 days of the kickoff meeting. Subsequent quarterly meetings should be held on or around every 90 days thereafter.

**6 months:** Delivery of initial database based on publicly available records.

**12 months:** Delivery of scanned and digitized US Bureau of Mines records and incorporation of these records into the project database

**18 months:** Delivery of final report and database

### **Timeline**

The timetable for this proposal is expected to be 18 months from the date of contract signing.

### **Budget**

Total budget request for this project is \$75,000, including an 8% overhead rate. Of the \$75,000 proposed, \$35,000 will be budgeted toward scanning of the US Bureau of Mines ledgers and the remaining \$40,000 will be used to support NBMG staff time on the project. This funding will be supplemented by in-kind support in the form of staff time from UNR-funded staff (e.g. PI Jowitt).

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# MINERALS



# Agency Budget Update and FY27-29 Budget Process

Commission on Mineral Resources Meeting

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

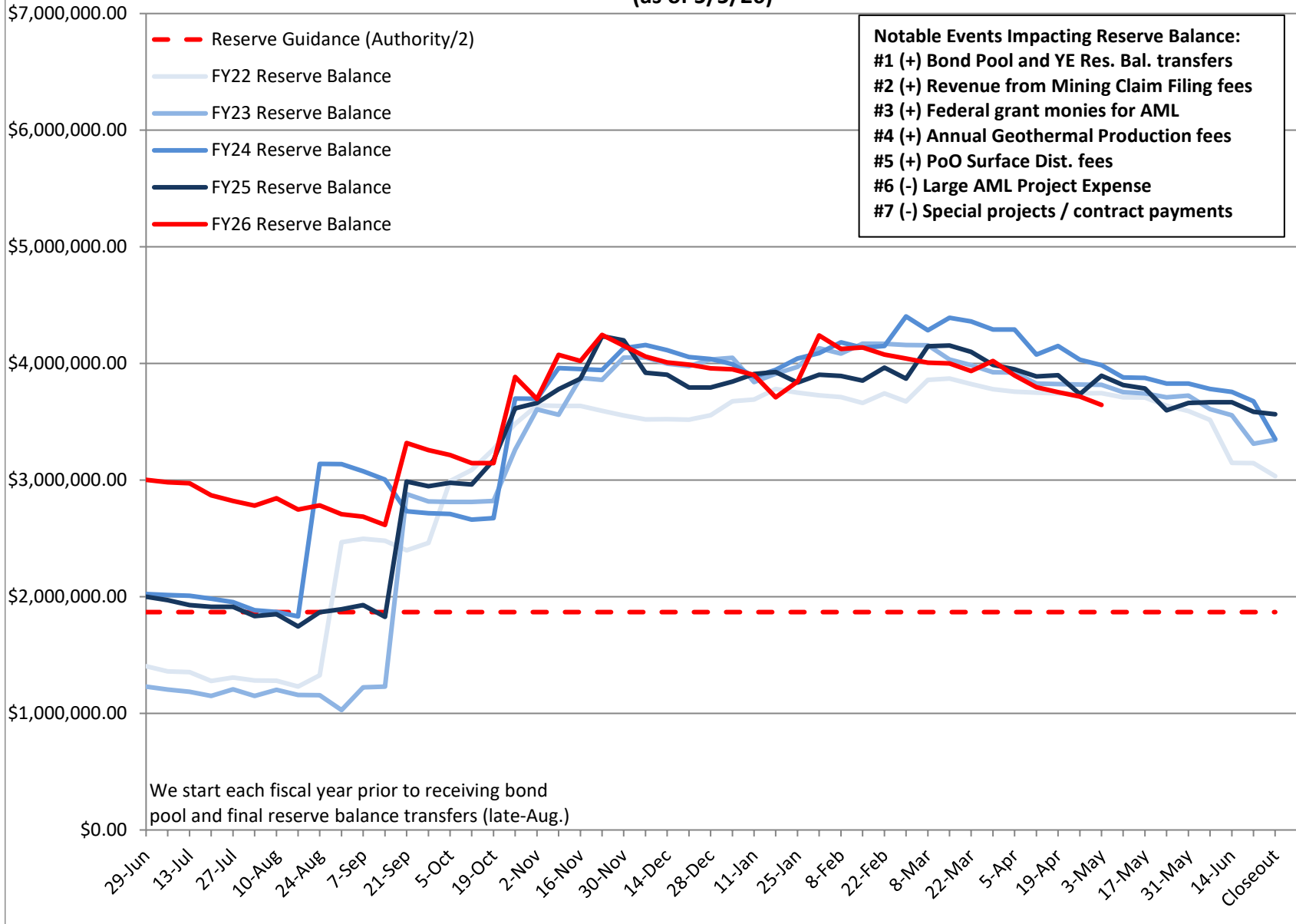
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# NDOM Reserve Balance by Week for FY19 - FY26

(as of 5/5/26)



**FY26 Mining Claim Fees by County (thru 05/05/2026)**

Counties	Monthly or Quarterly	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Carson	Quarterly			\$ 1,380			\$ 1,000			\$ -				\$ 2,380
Churchill	Quarterly			\$ 22,100			\$ 15,020			\$ 1,580				\$ 38,700
Clark	Monthly	\$ 1,860	\$ 7,470	\$ 6,050	\$ 2,790	\$ 3,750	\$ 130	\$ 770	\$ 740	\$ 190				\$ 23,750
Douglas	Quarterly			\$ 5,570			\$ 3,290			\$ 1,000				\$ 9,860
Elko	Monthly	\$ 54,710	\$ 91,480	\$ 63,030	\$ 121,320	\$ 5,770	\$ 5,170	\$ 3,020		\$ 2,910				\$ 347,410
Esmeralda	Quarterly			\$ 126,820			\$ 105,200			\$ 9,870				\$ 241,890
Eureka	Monthly	\$ 64,580	\$ 117,100	\$ 20,490	\$ 53,620	\$ 1,280	\$ 150	\$ 160	\$ 50	\$ 1,810				\$ 259,240
Humboldt	Quarterly			\$ 198,120			\$ 71,340			\$ 10,350				\$ 279,810
Lander	Quarterly			\$ 154,010			\$ 77,290			\$ 8,650				\$ 239,950
Lincoln	Quarterly			\$ 18,720			\$ 38,400			\$ 3,400				\$ 60,520
Lyon	Quarterly			\$ 46,690			\$ 22,620			\$ 1,260				\$ 70,570
Mineral	Monthly	\$ 8,160	\$ 51,580	\$ 16,050	\$ 59,880	\$ 14,660	\$ 1,720	\$ 2,100	\$ 240	\$ 3,030				\$ 157,420
Nye	Quarterly			\$ 275,140			\$ 98,710			\$ 5,090				\$ 378,940
Pershing	Quarterly			\$ 60,260			\$ 72,920			\$ 7,160				\$ 140,340
Storey	Quarterly			\$ 1,350			\$ 3,690			\$ 990				\$ 6,030
Washoe	Monthly	\$ 340	\$ 760	\$ 19,240	\$ 9,480	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ -				\$ 29,870
White Pine	Quarterly			\$ 193,200			\$ 29,180			\$ 7,460				\$ 229,840
	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>\$ 129,650</b>	<b>\$ 268,390</b>	<b>\$ 1,228,220</b>	<b>\$ 247,090</b>	<b>\$ 25,470</b>	<b>\$ 545,830</b>	<b>\$ 6,070</b>	<b>\$ 1,050</b>	<b>\$ 64,750</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,516,520</b>
	FY 25	\$ 104,510	\$ 79,170	\$ 1,226,770	\$ 376,500	\$ 12,400	\$ 684,250	\$ 10,190	\$ 1,600	\$ 54,190	\$ 1,020	\$ 10,450	\$ 166,610	\$ 2,727,660
	FY 24	\$ 54,900	\$ 133,015	\$ 1,473,860	\$ 245,810	\$ 28,010	\$ 685,460	\$ 13,210	\$ 3,010	\$ 74,270	\$ 4,060	\$ 2,340	\$ 50,780	\$ 2,768,725

<b>FY 26 CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>\$ 129,650</b>	<b>\$ 398,040</b>	<b>\$ 1,626,260</b>	<b>\$ 1,873,350</b>	<b>\$ 1,898,820</b>	<b>\$ 2,444,650</b>	<b>\$ 2,450,720</b>	<b>\$ 2,451,770</b>	<b>\$ 2,516,520</b>
<b>FY 25 CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>\$ 104,510</b>	<b>\$ 183,680</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,450</b>	<b>\$ 1,786,950</b>	<b>\$ 1,799,350</b>	<b>\$ 2,483,600</b>	<b>\$ 2,493,790</b>	<b>\$ 2,495,390</b>	<b>\$ 2,549,580</b>
<b>FY 24 CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>\$ 54,900</b>	<b>\$ 187,915</b>	<b>\$ 1,661,775</b>	<b>\$ 1,907,585</b>	<b>\$ 1,935,595</b>	<b>\$ 2,621,055</b>	<b>\$ 2,634,265</b>	<b>\$ 2,637,275</b>	<b>\$ 2,711,545</b>

Thru Mar. FY26	\$ 2,516,520			
Thru Mar. FY25	\$ 2,549,580			
Thru Mar. FY24	\$ 2,711,545			
		<b>Full FY Proj.</b>	<b>Difference</b>	
Difference 25 to 26	\$ (33,060)	-1.3%	\$ 2,691,826	\$ (35,834)
Difference 24 to 26	\$ (195,025)	-7.6%	\$ 2,556,937	\$ (170,723)

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**STATE OF NEVADA  
Office of the State Controller**

**Budget Status Report - Receipts/Funding**

**Fiscal Year:** 2026

**Fund:** 101 GENERAL FUND **Department:** 500 COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCE

**Unit:** 4219 MINERALS

**Activity:** 4219 HR-DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS

	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
<b>Total Receipts/Funding</b>	6,626,165.26	7,786,349.00	-1,160,183.74

Code	Description	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
<a href="#">47</a>	BEGINNING CASH	3,563,567.00	3,563,567.00	.00
<a href="#">3578</a>	FED BLM GRANT	219,887.21	680,000.00	-460,112.79
<a href="#">3580</a>	FED GRANT	.00	114,120.00	-114,120.00
<a href="#">3581</a>	FED GRANT-A	.00	250,000.00	-250,000.00
<a href="#">3584</a>	FED GRANT-D	.00	77,787.00	-77,787.00
<a href="#">3654</a>	OIL AND GAS PERMITS AND FEES	17,636.22	25,355.00	-7,718.78
<a href="#">3717</a>	APPLICATION FEES	1,800.00	4,400.00	-2,600.00
<a href="#">3718</a>	MINING CLAIM FEES	1,440,252.00	1,540,377.00	-100,125.00
<a href="#">3727</a>	MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL FEES	960,168.00	1,019,573.00	-59,405.00
<a href="#">3736</a>	GEO THERMAL FEES	204,350.00	156,550.00	47,800.00
<a href="#">3740</a>	BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROG FEE	8,300.00	8,000.00	300.00
<a href="#">3770</a>	A.M.L. SECURING FEE	123,160.00	92,080.00	31,080.00
<a href="#">4011</a>	PRINTING SALES	.00	27.00	-27.00
<a href="#">4027</a>	PUBLICATION SALES	652.00	2,937.00	-2,285.00
<a href="#">4252</a>	EXCESS PROPERTY SALES	4,635.50	4,636.00	-.50
<a href="#">4311</a>	ROYALTY INCOME	.00	253.00	-253.00
<a href="#">4326</a>	TREASURER'S INTEREST DISTRIB	81,757.33	168,985.00	-87,227.67
<a href="#">4620</a>	TRANSFER IN FEDERAL GRANT REV	.00	77,702.00	-77,702.00

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**Office of the State Controller**  
**Budget Status Report - Obligations**

**Fiscal Year: 2026**

**Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND Department: 500 COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCE**

**Unit: 4219 MINERALS**

**Activity: 4219 HR-DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS**

	YTD Actual	Work Program	Difference
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	2,983,270.18		
<b>Total Encumbrances</b>	12,748.82		
<b>Total Pre-encumbrances</b>	.00		
<b>Total Obligations</b>	2,996,019.00	7,786,349.00	4,790,330.00

Category	Description	Expended	Encumbered	Pre-encumbered	Obligated	Work Program	Difference
<a href="#">01</a>	PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,401,564.99	.00	.00	1,401,564.99	1,911,060.00	509,495.01
<a href="#">02</a>	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	45,156.39	.00	.00	45,156.39	57,361.00	12,204.61
<a href="#">03</a>	IN STATE TRAVEL	14,419.01	.00	.00	14,419.01	21,423.00	7,003.99
<a href="#">04</a>	OPERATING	187,472.88	.00	.00	187,472.88	214,131.00	26,658.12
<a href="#">05</a>	EQUIPMENT	1,286.83	.00	.00	1,286.83	17,558.00	16,271.17
<a href="#">08</a>	BOARD TRAVEL	1,405.46	.00	.00	1,405.46	9,907.00	8,501.54
<a href="#">09</a>	SPECIAL PROJECT	162,267.04	.00	.00	162,267.04	295,110.00	132,842.96
<a href="#">17</a>	FLUID MINERALS	64,061.50	.00	.00	64,061.50	82,922.00	18,860.50
<a href="#">18</a>	AML SUPPORT	99,129.72	.00	.00	99,129.72	146,473.00	47,343.28
<a href="#">26</a>	INFORMATION SERVICES	49,345.97	12,748.82	.00	62,094.79	69,677.00	7,582.21
<a href="#">30</a>	TRAINING	10,569.00	.00	.00	10,569.00	25,663.00	15,094.00
<a href="#">39</a>	ABANDONED MINE LAND ENHANCEMNT	754,336.89	.00	.00	754,336.89	1,753,126.00	998,789.11
<a href="#">82</a>	EITS COST ALLOCATION	173,356.75	.00	.00	173,356.75	226,547.00	53,190.25
<a href="#">86</a>	RESERVE	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,930,194.00	2,930,194.00
<a href="#">88</a>	ST COST PLAN RECOVERY	18,897.75	.00	.00	18,897.75	25,197.00	6,299.25

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## Bond Pool Status

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Reclamation Bond Pool Status Report		Current to: 05/13/2026				
Plan-level Bonds Company	Project	Entry Date	Bond Amount	% of Pool	Deposit + Premiums	% Bond Whole
Allegiant Gold (US) Ltd.	Castle Exploration Project	04/08/2026	\$82,662.00	3.20%	\$43,818.06	53%
Allegiant Gold (US) Ltd.	Eastside Project	11/19/2021	\$253,687.00	9.82%	\$206,034.23	81.21%
Quartz Lake Mining	Red Rock Mill Project	08/16/2023	\$712,867.00	27.59%	\$571,926.57	80.22%
Sunrise Minerals LLC	Section 17 Project	05/31/2025	\$783,246.00	30.31%	\$526,459.04	67.21%
TNT Ventures c/o Western Mine and Mineral LLC	Big Canyon Project	05/11/2015	\$81,956.00	3.17%	\$101,172.68	123.44%
Western Mine Development - Terminated	Kingston Mill	01/28/2002	\$100,450.00	3.89%	\$0.00	0%
Western Mine Development - Terminated	Manhattan Millsite	01/28/2002	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	0%
Western Mine Development - Terminated	Victorine Mine	01/28/2002	\$45,875.39	1.78%	\$0.00	0%
<b>Subtotal:</b>			\$2,060,743.39	79.75%	\$1,449,410.58	
Statewide Notice-Level - 37 bonds	Various	Various	\$523,398.00	7.28%	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Total:</b>			\$2,584,141.39	100%		
Total Bond Obligations			\$2,584,141.39			
Cash in Pool's Account (From DAWN - 05/01/2026)			\$3,512,908.59			
Funding Surplus			\$928,767.20			
Percent Funded			135.94%			

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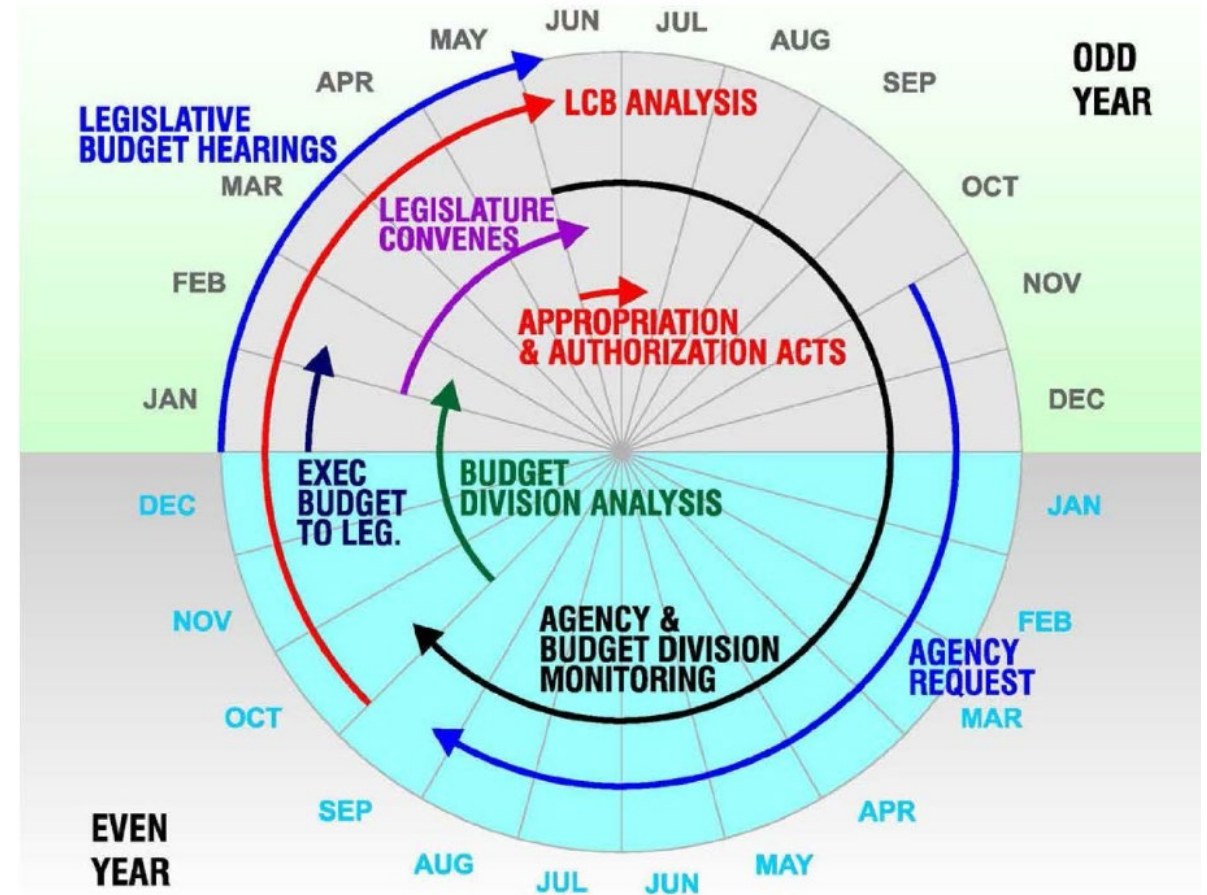
Build the upcoming biennial budget (FY28-29)

- Start with base year actuals (FY26, ending June 30, 2026)
- Adjust base: remove one-time expenses; revise operating expenditures, contracts, etc.; revise revenue
- Enhancements: new vehicles, computer hardware, FTEs, etc.
- Submit agency request (A01)
- Governor recommends (G01)
- Legislatively approved budget (L01)
- Governor's Policy Priorities: Education & Workforce, Economic Growth & Business Development, Health & Wellness, Public Safety & Infrastructure, Government Support Services, Rural and Natural Resources



# Budget Timeline / Deadlines

- 2/25/26: Budget kickoff
- 3/15/26: Bill Draft Requests (BDR) for policy bills due
- 4/1/26: Technology Investment Evaluations (TIE) due
- 6/3/26: Class series compensation plan requests due
- 7/26/26: Governor approves policy BDRs
- 8/14/26: Budgetary BDRs due
- 9/1/26: Agency request (A01) due
- 11/13/2026: Economic Forum report sent to Governor
- 12/30/26: Budget enhancements due
- 1/19/27: Governor recommended budget (G01) due
- 6/1/27: Final day of legislative session



# Major Budget Priorities

- 1. Decouple from Administrative Services Division (ASD)**

The cost to use ASD's services has increased seven-fold since making this transition. The agency plans to decouple from ASD and hire an MA-3 or similar to perform these tasks, representing a significant cost savings.
- 2. Add one MA-3 or similar FTE position**

This position will handle most of the duties ASD is currently providing to the Division.
- 3. Replace one Fleet Service (FS) truck with agency-owned**

The Division currently leases two AML trucks from FS and maintains five others internally. One is scheduled for replacement this biennium. Reverting to a fleet of agency-owned vehicles represents a cost savings and would allow the Division to complete vehicle maintenance and repairs in a timely manner.



# Major Budget Priorities

## 4. **Salary increases for unclassified positions**

The Division will conduct an analysis of comparable salaries between its current unclassified positions, where pay scales were determined in 1999 or earlier, with similar positions across federal, states, and local governments.

## 5. **Routine computer hardware replacement**

The Division will replace computer hardware in accordance with its hardware replacement schedule.

## 6. **Fluid minerals and bond pool database**

The Division will continue to fund the ongoing development and maintenance of its fluid minerals and bond pool database.



# Questions

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# SUMMER 2026 INTERN PROGRAM



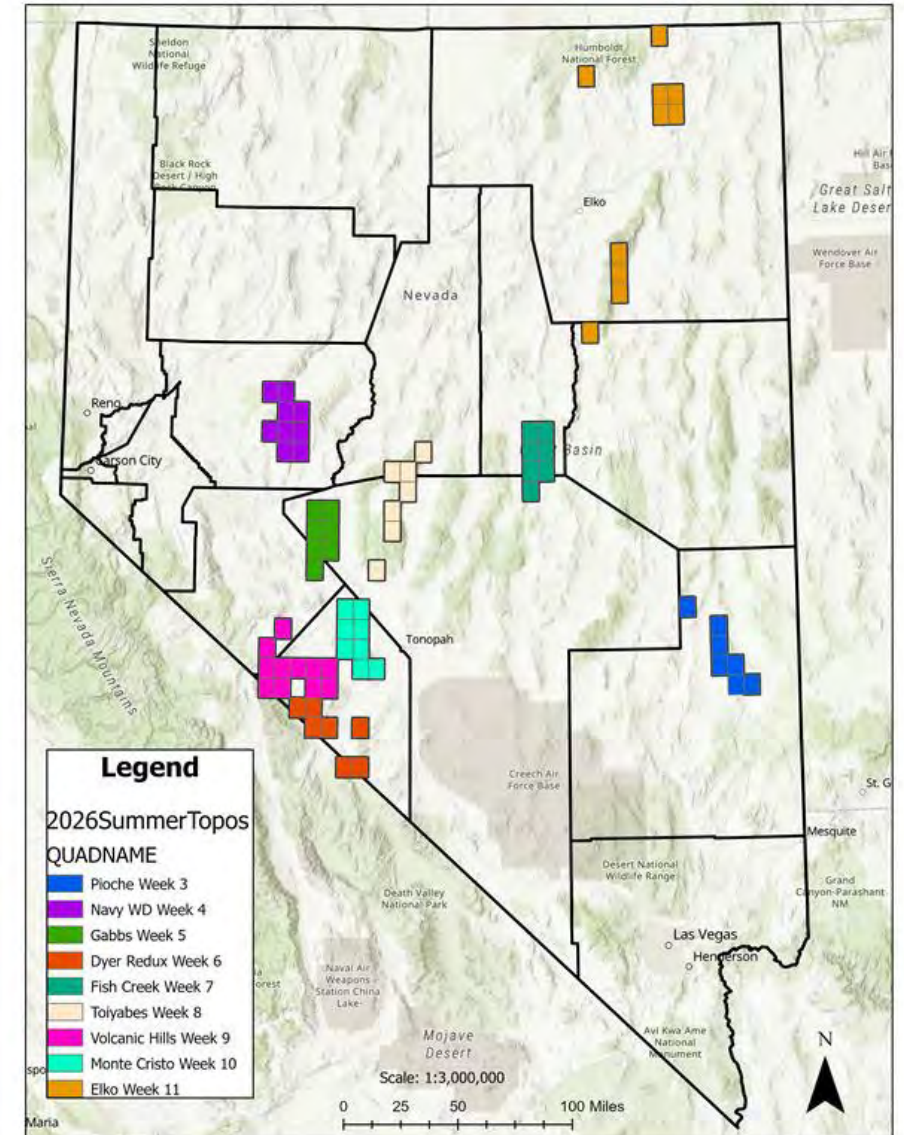
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# SUMMER INTERN TARGETS

Dates	Field days	Field areas
May 18 - 22	0	Training Week in Office
May 26 - 29	3	Training in Field; VC
June 1 - 5	5	Pioche
June 8 - 12	5	FRTC NAVY
June 15 - 19	5	Gabbs
June 22 - 26	5	Dyer
June 29 - July 3	4	Fish Creek
July 6 - 10	5	Toiyabe
July 13 - 17	5	Volcanic Hills
July 20 - 24	5	Monte Cristo
July 27 - 31	5	Eastern Elko Co.
Aug 3 - 7	0	Office Work/Clean Up Week



# CHANGES FOR SUMMMER 2026



Returning to revisits, securing,  
and HRC validation-based targets

New logistics and scenario-based  
training

Increased Drone Support

Increase Off Road Driver Training

Designated Safety Lead Intern

# 2026 INTERNS



## *Parker Banta*

University of Nevada, Reno  
Sophomore – Hydrogeology  
Relevant Background – 5<sup>th</sup> Generation  
Nevadan, extensive backcountry  
backpacking, and construction experience

## *Rowan Feldman*

University of Nevada, Reno  
Sophomore – Material Engineering  
Relevant Background – Great Basin  
wildlife surveyor, field data collection  
experience, and logistics management

## *Jackson Boniface*

University of Nevada, Reno  
Sophomore – Mine Engineering  
Relevant Background – Off roading / vehicle  
maintenance, field communications, and  
field safety experience

## *Evan Frossard*

University of Nevada, Reno  
Junior – Geology  
Relevant Background – 2x Returning intern  
with extensive ranch work and off roading /  
vehicles maintenance

# INTERNS (CONTINUED)



## **Garrett Lyon**

University of Nevada, Reno  
Junior – Geology  
Relevant Background – 2x Returning intern, orienteering, off roading, and field data collection

## **Alexis Shaul**

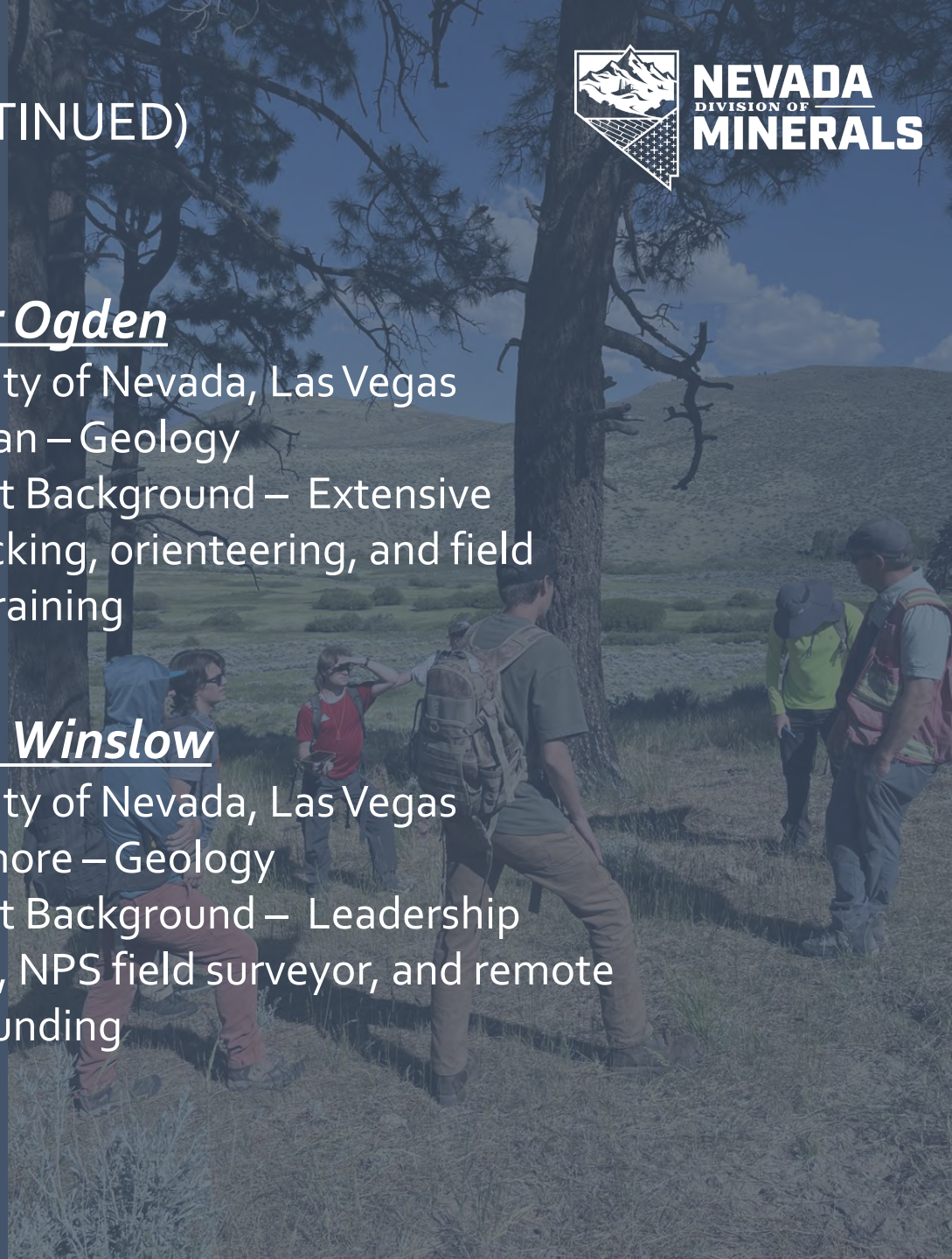
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Freshman – Env. Management  
Relevant Background – Avid NV hunting / backpacking, and ranch hand experience

## **Amber Ogden**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Freshman – Geology  
Relevant Background – Extensive backpacking, orienteering, and field safety training

## **Alyssa Winslow**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Sophomore – Geology  
Relevant Background – Leadership training, NPS field surveyor, and remote rock hounding



Thank You!



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## **IV. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

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**ROBERT GHIGLIERI**  
 Administrator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORTS**  
 January 2026

**Legislation, Industry, and Public Relations:** The agency attended the American Mineral Exploration Roundup conference and represented the Division of Minerals and State of Nevada; Division staff interacted with more than 200 individuals interested in Nevada mining and geothermal industries. The administrator provided an update on Nevada’s mining, geothermal, and dissolved minerals industry to the Nevada Legislative Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources. The administrator also represented Nevada and U.S. from a NAAMLP prospective for a Regeneration Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Policy Workshop. Representatives from B.C. and Australia also presented during the workshop.

**Abandoned Mine Lands (AML):** AML staff continued recruiting and planning for Summer 2026 Field Intern program and received 32 applicants during the month. Completed annual reporting requirement to Nevada’s County Commissioners regarding unsecured abandoned mines with their respective jurisdictions. AML staffed contractors with moderate to highly ranked hazards in Norther Pershing and Humboldt County.

	SITES INVENTORIED	SITES SECURED	% Secured
Since 1987	26,612	21,729	81%
2024 To Date	2	5	100%

**Fluid Minerals:** Thirteen geothermal well permit applications were reviewed. A total of six sundries were processed for geothermal well activity and seven geothermal resource development well permits were issued along with one geothermal project area permit issued.

FY 2026 Well Inspections					
	Total # of Wells	# Wells Needed for FY26 (1/3 of total)	Wells Inspected this month	# of Wells Inspected in FY26	Wells Remaining
Geothermal	503	167	1	42	125
Oil	121	40	0	4	36
Totals	624	207	1	46	161

**Bond Pool:** Two notice-level bonds were increased in the month of January, and one notice-level release is pending for February. The bond pool is currently funded at 133.78%.

**Bond Pool Status**

Run Date: 02/03/2026      DAWN: 02/03/2026      Cash in Bond Pool: 3313568.18

Plan-level Bonds		Project	Entry Date	Bond Amount	% of Pool	Deposit + Premiums	% Bond Whole
Allegiant Gold (US) Ltd		Eastside Project	11/19/2021	\$163,064.00	6.87%	\$152,715.79	93.65%
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Statewide Notice-Level - 36 bonds		Various	Various	\$483,098.00	20.37%	\$0.00	0%
Total:				\$2,370,556.39	100%		

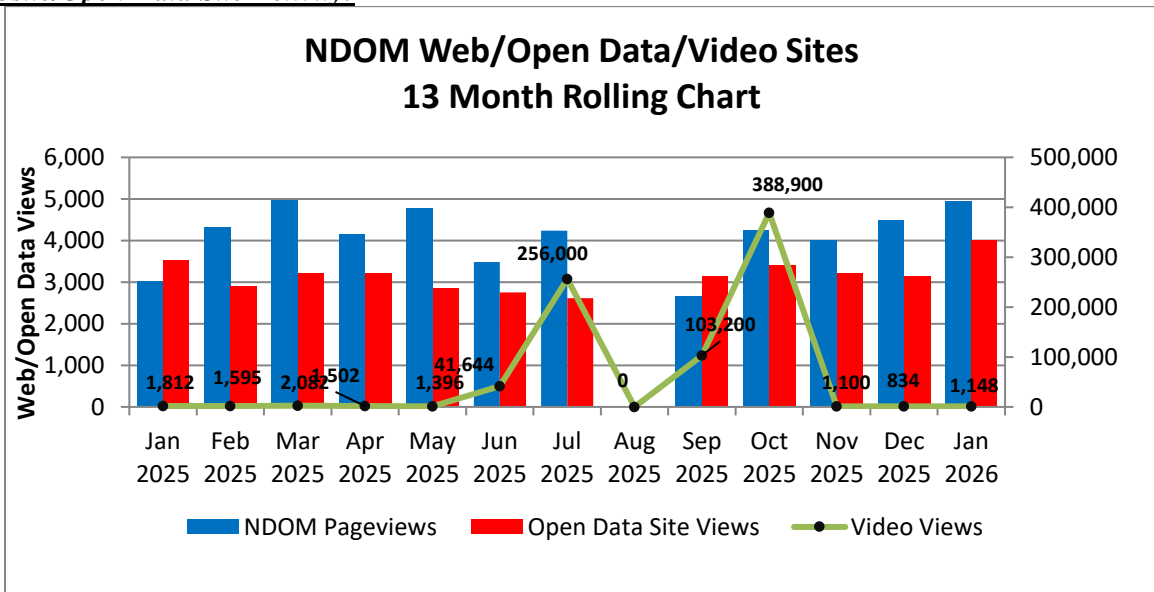
  

Total Bond Obligations	\$2,370,556.39
Cash in Pool's Account (From DAWN - 02/03/2026)	\$3,313,568.18
Funding Surplus	\$943,011.79
Percent Funded	139.78%

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**Minerals Education and Outreach:** Carol Shelton read 109 letters from Gehring ES Academy of Science and Technology on Coeur Rochester mine and began preparing a presentation to address their pros and cons. Lucia Patterson gave presentation at Fritsch ES. Carol Shelton and Keith Hayes participated in the 2026 NSSTA Science Conference in Las Vegas on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Website/Open Data Site Activity:**



**Financial, Personnel, and Safety:** The agency realized funding available at the end of January was \$3,894,686.79. There were no work safety incidents in January.

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS

January 2026

### **Administrator (Rob Ghiglieri):**

1. Attended and provided an update on Nevada's mining, geothermal, and dissolved minerals industry to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources.
2. Represented Nevada and U.S. from a NAAMLPP prospective for a Regeneration Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Policy Workshop. Representatives from B.C. and Australia also presented during the workshop.
3. Attended the quarterly State Environmental Commission meeting.
4. Started working on the Agency 2027 BDR concepts.
5. Met with the University and various state agencies to discuss the concept of a Critical Mineral Center for Excellence.
6. Attended the first Governor's Office of Fuel Resilience Committee meeting.
7. Participated in other various meetings and committees not mentioned above including geothermal and minerals industry members, EPA, Governor's Office of Energy, NvMA, IMCC, AEMA, TopCorps, NDEP, BLM, GOED Governor's Office, and various members of the public.

### **Deputy Administrator (Garrett Wake):**

1. Attended the American Mineral Exploration Roundup conference and represented the Division of Minerals and State of Nevada; Division staff interacted with more than 200 individuals interested in Nevada mining and geothermal industries.
2. Prepared and published hearing notices for regulation changes to NAC 513 and 522 to be held during the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, CMR meeting.
3. Assisted Administrator Ghiglieri in redesigning the Division's exhibit at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada mining conference held in March, 2026.
4. Attended a full day mandatory training for state agency grant managers hosted by the OFA.
5. Participated in the final rounds of RFP evaluation meetings for a Department of Administration contract relating to executive coaching.
6. Prepared and transmitted two agency work programs to the ASD for review and approval; submitted NAC 519A revisions to LCB for adoption.
7. Managed and monitored the agency's finances, travel, bond pool, and contracts throughout the period.
8. Participated in the following: ASD fiscal meeting, USFS/NDOM AML meeting, webinar on the Salton Sea geothermal resource, McCaw bimonthly board meeting, NAC 534A language review meeting and a PDAC planning meeting.

#### **Bond Pool Activity:**

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## Bond Pool Status

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Statewide Notice-Level - 36 bonds		Various	Various	\$483,098.00	20.37%	\$0.00	0%
Total:			\$2,370,556.39	100%			
Total Bond Obligations			\$2,370,556.39				
Cash in Pool's Account (From DAWN - 02/03/2026)			\$3,313,568.18				
Funding Surplus			\$943,011.79				
Percent Funded			139.78%				
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### Chief, Abandoned Mine Lands Program (Sean Derby)

1. NDOM AML Chief completed annual reporting requirement to Nevada's County Commissioners regarding unsecured abandoned mines with their respective jurisdictions.
2. AML Chief completed annual reporting grant obligations and invoicing to USFS.
3. AML Chief provided feedback and edits contributing to NPS Leake Mead task agreement.
4. AML Chief arranged tribal consultation for OEPC grants funded hard closure projects for State of Nevada Lands.
5. AML Chief assisted Mono County sheriff's office with geospatial data confirmation, site details, and local expertise in AML entry options in support of an ongoing criminal investigation.
6. AML staff continued recruiting and planning for Summer 2026 Field Intern program and received 32 applicants during the month.
7. AML Chief corresponded with SOSA users and AML contractor Broadbent to troubleshoot functionality and user permissions on the Next Gen SOSA app.
8. AML staffed contractors with moderate to highly ranked hazards in Norther Pershing and Humboldt County.
9. AML Chief conducted final project meeting for Frieberg Preliminary Site Assessment between BLM Caliente and contractor UES to discuss next steps toward final site remediation.

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2024 To Date	2	5	100%

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		Mt. Irish, Lincoln, 6 harzards	361 NDOT, Mineral & Nye, 100 Hazards		ST-0050

		Kingston; Nye & Lander , 49 hazards	Jumping Jack, Nye, 5 hazards		Annual BCC Repairs
		Delamar, Lincoln County, 45 Hazards	State Lands OEPC 27 Sites (Pending EA)		

**GIS/ Field Specialist (Lucia Patterson):**

1. AME preparation and attendance.
2. Updated mining claims, plan, notice, and ROW data on the open data site.
3. Posted all case recordation for western U.S. and made an app for the latter <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/357001ff0b934b48a5a18c1114454437>
4. Made maps for PDAC display.
5. Compiled AML web app for museum exhibit URL to come.
6. Completed web app for mining claim staking <https://data-ndom.opendata.arcgis.com/apps/348dfec030e445db9e3b4250443e4614>
7. Attended AME, made points to plot Alaska data and went through all other states in preparation for plotting status records.
8. Updated the AML Topo Ranking script.
9. Worked with Broadbent to streamline AML field data collection prep following deployment of the new database.
10. Gave presentations at Fritch Elementary

**Field Specialist (Rick Kauffman)**

1. 2026 NAAMLPL Hard Rock Database and Inventory training organization. Tasks included compiling a speaker and trainee list. Organizing field day, training schedules and meals.
2. BCC Data organization for Jason Williams for bat study reports.
3. Annual county report maps and data.
4. Several proximity maps for Geothermal wells and project areas.
5. Assisting Lucia with updates to the field maps collection forms and updating and troubleshooting the Topo selection script for AML intern field selections.

**AML/Fluid Minerals Field Specialist (Peter Engh):**

1. Continued developing the Good Samaritan Application for the Union Mine, refining eligibility sections and incorporating stakeholder input and contractor work
2. Coordinated with NDEP, SRK, and Broadbent to finalize engineering design narratives, site characterization details, and access considerations.
3. Worked with EPA on site eligibility
4. Processed data requests for contractors regarding bat closures
5. Input HRC data on new AML SOSA website and worked with Broadbent to address bugs in the website
6. Completed HAZWOPER 40HR certification
7. Met with UES to discuss PA/SI work at Freiberg
8. Worked with Richard Kauffman on NAAMLPL Tahoe
9. Altered interview questionnaire for summer interns to create more effective interview process
10. Picked summer AML target maps
11. Processed travel requests for upcoming events and conferences

**Fluid Minerals Program Manager (Dustin Holcomb):**

1. Meet with DCNR staff to discuss Geothermal and Lithium Brine regulations.
2. Continue to delegate duties to the compliance officer.
3. Work on compiling logs and reports for exchange with NBMG.
4. Follow up on Annual Invoice corrections.
5. Respond to Clayton Valley FOIA request.
6. Inspect drill rig at NNIC, well ARG1-TG
7. Attend the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources regarding a bill proposing a non-consumptive water right.
8. Represent Nevada at the Quarterly IOGCC Regulatory Forum on Geothermal.
9. Meet with Zanskar’s State Affairs representative to discuss geothermal regulatory framework.
10. Meet with Cyrq Energy to help them with permitting requirements for a new drilling campaign.
11. Comment on LCB review of NAC 534A additions and revisions.
12. Review 13 geothermal well permit applications.
13. Process 6 Sundries for geothermal well activity.
14. Issue 7 Geothermal Resource Development Well Permits.
15. Issue 1 Geothermal Project Area Permit.
16. Respond to 237 emails.

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Geothermal	503	167	1	42	125
Oil	121	40	0	4	36
Totals	624	207	1	46	161

Well Drilling Operations					
Permit	Well	Operator	Field	Type	Status
1673	82A-27	Ormat	MGE	Ind-Pro	Completed
1690	62B-25	Ormat	LMT	Ind-Inj	Completed
1701	ARG1-TG	Opus 7 Geothermal	NNID	Obs	Completed
W0039	31(41)-18	Ormat	EXC	DMRE	Drilling
1668	52-15	Ormat	DXVW	Ind-Pro	Drilling
1414	24-22	Ormat	TMT	Ind-Inj	Workover
1507	88-11	Fish Lake Geothermal	FLV	Ind-Pro	Workover

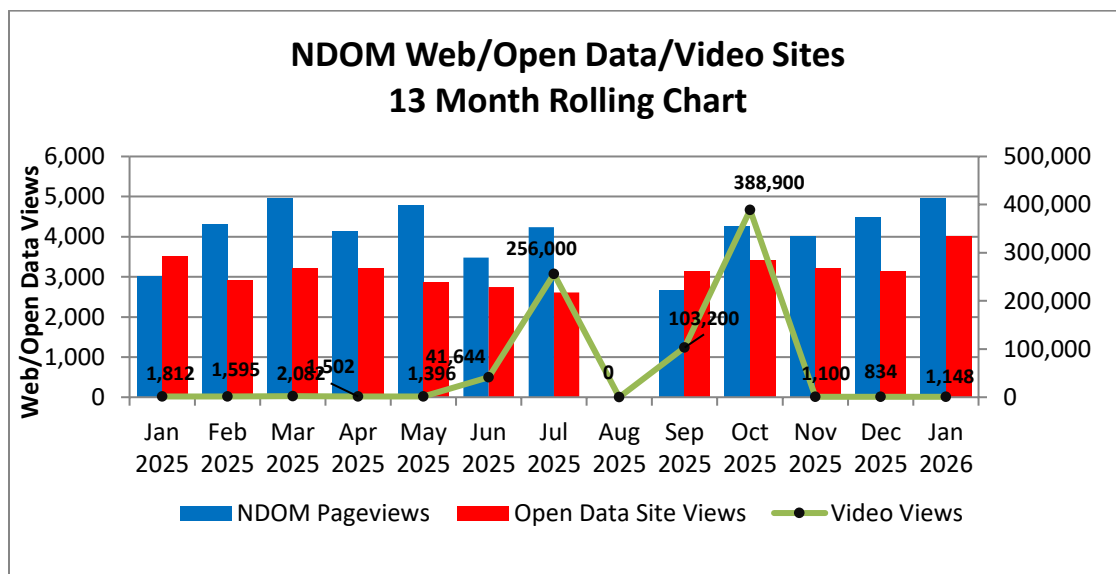
**Project Manager (Keith Hayes):**

1. Sent Monthly Trip Reports to Fleet Services
2. Inspected drill rig NNIC, well ARG1-TG w/Dustin H.
3. Attended internal meeting to establish roles and responsibilities for Workshops going forward
4. Attended an EAP Webinar entitled *Setting Healthy Boundaries*
5. Picked up new vehicle for Fluid Minerals Program and scheduled appointment for registration
6. Assisted Fluid Minerals Program with database entries and compliance issues
7. Attended meeting with Geothermal Rising’s Nevada Geothermal Focus Group
8. Coordinated NDOM’s participation in the three Reno Aces Education Days at Greater Nevada Field
9. Secured a new lock and keys for NDOM storage unit from Buildings & Grounds
10. Coordinated NDOM’s participation in the Fourth Ward School’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fair
11. Inventoried and ordered supplies for the upcoming Education Workshops
12. Virtually attended the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources meeting

13. Coordinated NDOM's participation in the Galena Creek Visitors Center Summer Camp program
14. Maintained a running spreadsheet of upcoming outreach events for Northern Nevada
15. Participated in 2026 NSSTA Science Conference in Las Vegas on January 31<sup>st</sup> w/Carol S.

**AML/Public Outreach and Education – Southern Nevada Field Specialist (Carol Shelton):**

1. Attended CHOLLA virtual monthly meeting
2. Rescheduled All About Mining start date and updated course description on website to allow for sign-ups
3. Attended CCSD PLE Office Spring instructor update
4. Drafted Outreach nomination for the IMCC award
5. Health and safety documents updated as necessary to include in annual Written Safety Plan
6. Compiled and completed annual update to NDOM Written Safety Plan for submittal to Risk Management
7. Continued work on Canvas course update to ensure ADA compliant
8. Attended WorkSmart webinar
9. Attended NSSTA workshop and spoke to many teachers about NDOM outreach services
10. Read 109 letters from Gehring ES Academy of Science and Technology on Coeur Rochester Mine and began preparing a presentation to address their pros and cons.





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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORTS**  
 February 2026

**Legislation, Industry, and Public Relations:** Administrator Ghiglieri presented on Nevada’s geothermal permitting environment at the Ground Water Protection Council Underground Injection Control training in Texas. Ghiglieri also held an introductory meeting with the Governor’s Office on the agencies 2027 BDR concepts. The Legislative Commission recently approved regulation changes to NAC 519A (bond pool). The CMR held a hearing to adopt proposed regulation changes to NAC 513 (mining production reporting) and NAC 522 (oil and gas); NAC 513 was adopted by the CMR and NAC 522 was not voted on to further develop regulation changes with a proponent. The Division is developing proposed regulation changes to NAC 534A (geothermal stimulation) and plans to hold a hearing at the May meeting.

**Abandoned Mine Lands (AML):** AML staff continued recruiting and planning for the Summer 2026 Field Intern program and received 59 applicants during the month. Staff attended multiple-in-person recruiting events. AML staff received closure data from contractors from moderate to highly ranked hazards in Northern Pershing and Humboldt County. AML Chief coordinated site and compliance survey work with Elko County. AML Chief submitted a final application to OEPC for the Berlin/Cave Lake Hard Closure project.

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**Fluid Minerals:** Dustin Holcomb reviewed 34 Permit Applications to Drill a Geothermal Well, processed 3 sundries for geothermal well activity, issued 1 Permit to Drill an Oil or Gas Well

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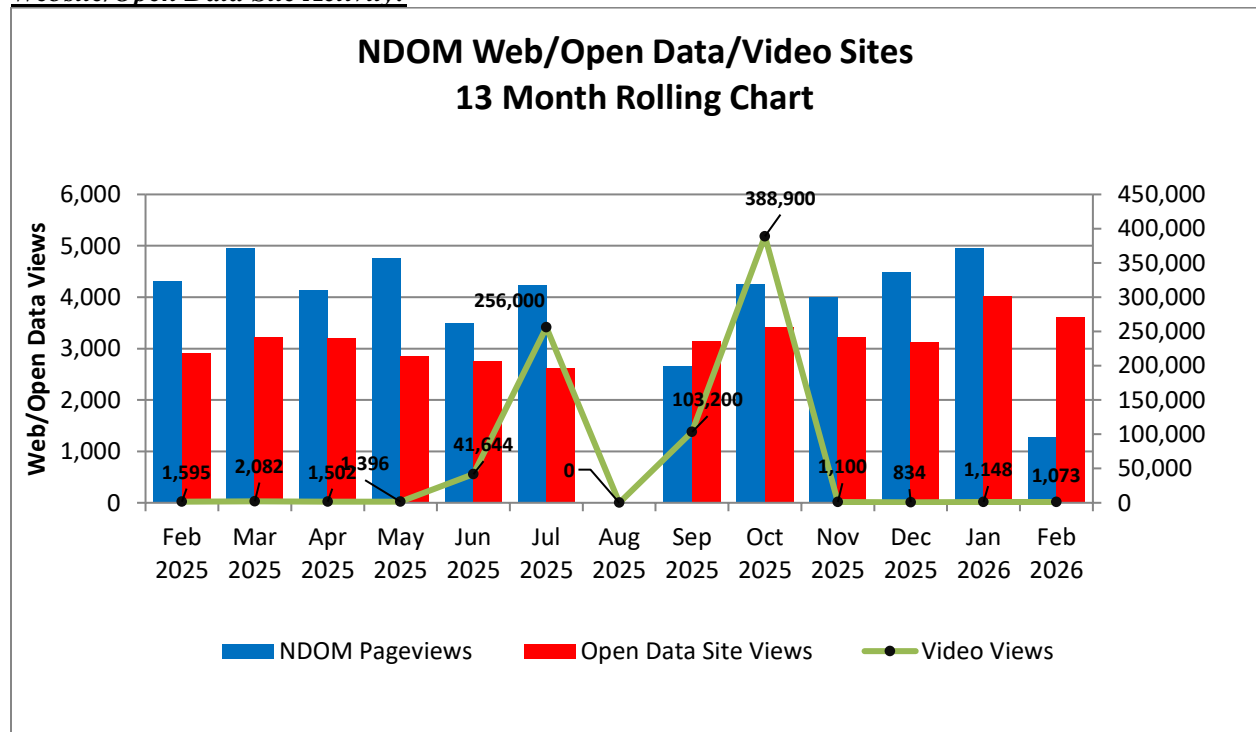
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**Website/Open Data Site Activity:**



**Financial, Personnel, and Safety:** The agency realized funding available at the end of February was \$4,054,973.42. There were no work safety incidents in February.

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS

February 2026

### Administrator (Rob Ghiglieri):

1. Attended and presented Nevada's geothermal permitting environment at the Ground Water Protection Council Underground Injection Control training in Texas.
2. Led screening calls for the replacement of the IMCC Executive Director position. The current Director has announced his retirement.
3. Continued to work with the EPA, TU, NAAMLPL, and IMCC on the eligibility requirements for Good Samaritan AML Pilot Projects.
4. Continued to plan and coordinate the NAAMLPL winter business meeting and first ever hardrock AML inventory training during the second week of March in Lake Tahoe.
5. Held a quarterly Commission on Mineral Resource Meeting
6. Attended a geothermal company update with all relevant natural resource agencies involved with permitting.
7. Held an introductory meeting with the Governor's Office on the agencies 2027 BDR concepts.
8. Attended the FY27-29 budget kickoff meeting.
9. Had NAC 519A regulations change to meet E.O. 2023-003 streamlining requirements codified by the Legislative Council Commission.
10. Attended a Mackay School of Mines at the University of Nevada advisory board meeting.
11. Participated in other various meetings and committees not mentioned above including geothermal and minerals industry members, EPA, NvMA, IMCC, AEMA, NDEP, BLM, GOED, Governor's Office, and various members of the public.

### Deputy Administrator (Garrett Wake):

1. Travelled to Goldfield to attend a water-use meeting hosted by Centerra Gold on the Gemfield mining project.
2. Presented on the agency's finances and CY25 education and outreach efforts at the February Commission on Mineral Resources meeting.
3. Completed the Nevada Water Resources Association's Advanced Water Rights workshop.
4. Represented the Division at a state Cost Accounting development workshop; the state is overhauling its financial and grant monitoring software and has sought assistance from agency subject matter experts.
5. Assisted Administrator Ghiglieri in representing the Division at the NAC 513 Legislative Committee Regulation Adoption hearing; no questions were asked on NAC 513.
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11. Participated in the following: NDOM staff meeting, RAMS database meeting, PDAC committee meeting, Board of Examiners meeting, Teachers Workshop meetings, Burkholder Magnet Advisory Board meeting, Veteran's Peer Mentor quarterly meeting, NDOM-DOI Malaysia REE engagement meeting, State of NV Budget Kickoff meeting, and an ASD fiscal meeting.

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3. Updated all scripts for all MLRS data to streamline data processing and consolidate data for storage savings.
4. Set up simplified workflow and modified scripts to process any state Status Records from the BLM case recordation as well as appending aliquot part descriptions.
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10. Compiled addresses and materials for ASP mail out.
11. Entered some 2025 ASP data.

**Field Specialist (Rick Kauffman)**

1. Final preparations for the 2026 NAAML P Hard Rock Inventory Training. Tasks included finalizing hotels, food and beverage funding and reservations. Organizing with speakers on topics at hand. Organizing the field portion with Comstock Mining and the Donovan Mill. Creating presentations for the training.
2. Assisted in preparing for PDAC conference in Toronto Canada.
3. Prepared proximity and area maps for Geothermal permitting needs.
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5. Finalized the AML bat survey data and sent off to West Environmental.

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7. Attended the NDOM commissioners meeting
8. Attended the SME conference in Salt Lake City to represent NDOM
9. Helped Rick prepare for the NAAML P Winter meeting/training
10. Performed a drill pad inspection in Buffalo Valley

**Fluid Minerals Program Manager (Dustin Holcomb):**

1. Attend the GWPC UIC Conference.
2. Permit Coordination meeting with the BLM.
3. Meet with Hawthorne Army Depot to establish a permitting MOU.
4. Meet with Zanskar to discuss 2026 geothermal drilling projects.
5. Attend CMR meeting, in Las Vegas.
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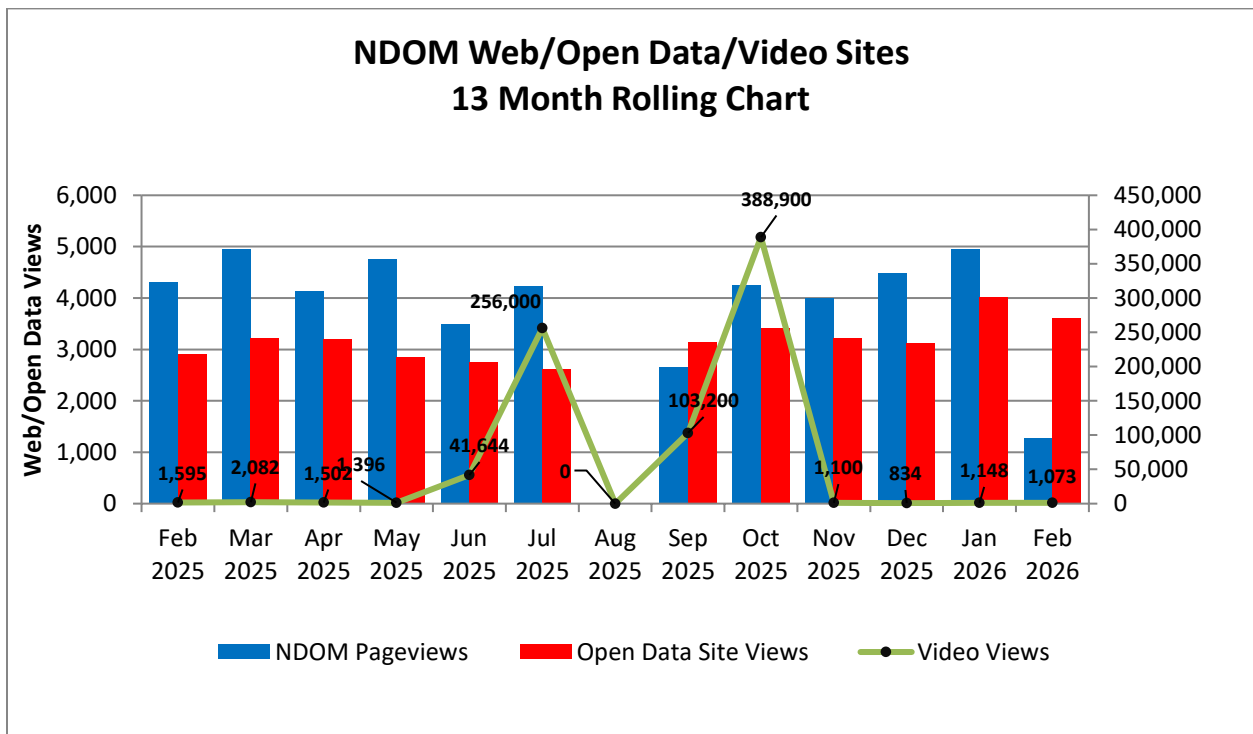
**Project Manager (Keith Hayes):**

1. Sent Monthly Trip Reports to Fleet Services
2. Attended an EAP Webinar entitled *The Secondary Effects of Helping Others: A Training on Vicarious Trauma*
3. Registered new vehicle for Fluid Minerals Program
4. Assisted Fluid Minerals Program with database entries, preliminary permitting actions, inspections, and compliance issues
5. Attended NVMA Education Committee meeting to discuss the upcoming Education Workshop
6. Inventoried rocks and minerals for the upcoming Education Workshops
7. Collected garnet for mineral kits at Gunmetal Mine outside of Mina
8. Performed a site visit on DMRE well 26-18 (W0038) near Mina
9. Arranged the pickup of barite from Greystone Mine for mineral kits in Battle Mountain
10. Performed a site visit on geothermal well 37-04 (Permit No. 1674) in Buffalo Valley
11. Oversaw intern assembly of rock kits
12. Created Attendee Packet for PDAC 2026
13. Maintained a running spreadsheet of upcoming outreach events for Northern Nevada

**AML/Public Outreach and Education – Southern Nevada Field Specialist (Carol Shelton):**

1. Attended CHOLLA virtual monthly meeting

2. Hosted two All About Mining opening meetings for 42 K-12 teachers. Updated defective videos. Responded to inquiries and scored required submissions.
3. Drafted a comprehensive k-12 professional development workshop including identifying transportation needs, alignment with NGSS standards, hands-on curriculum, session scheduling, budgeting, identifying partners and/or sponsors, develop session formats for consideration, and many more aspects required to make this proposed workshop and reality.
4. Attended CCSD PLE Office book study on how to create a transformative professional learning class
5. Prepared IMCC Reclamation Application and submitted both the Application and the Nomination into the awards website.
6. I wrote and submitted the IMCC Outreach Nomination onto the awards website.
7. Supported Gehring Academy of Science and Technology by reviewing the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students' persuasive essays on either keeping open or closing the Coeur Rochester mine. Developed a very comprehensive presentation titled "Everything Mining" which touched on students concerns as well as the good attributes of mining. Prior to my visit, the classes were split nearly 50-50 for and against mining. After my presentation, all but four students were in favor of mining!





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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORTS**  
 March 2026

**Legislation, Industry, and Public Relations:** Administrator Ghiglieri participated in meetings with staff from the Department of War, Department of Energy, Department of Commerce, and Nevada’s federal legislative delegation, relating to critical mineral production in Washington D.C. The Division opened the hiring process for a Natural Resource Liaison position to assist companies navigating the mining permitting process. Deputy Administrator Wake participated in a mining-focused panel discussion at the Western Nevada Development District’s (WNDD) annual summit in Lovelock with approximately 50 people in attendance. The Division presented an “Excellence in Earth Science” award to a high-school student at the annual Beal Bank Science Fair in Las Vegas. The agency hosted the Nevada Booth at the annual Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada conference in Toronto Canada. This is considered to be the world’s largest mining investment conference with a reported 37,000 people in attendance for 2026.

**Abandoned Mine Lands (AML):** The agency hosted nearly 100 representatives from over 33 states, tribes, and federal agencies, at the National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Programs (NAAML) winter business meeting; this meeting was planned and facilitated by Division staff. AML staff selected eight interns for Summer 2026 field intern program and received acceptance confirmation from all candidates. AML staff completed spring claimant mail out notifications for unsecured mine hazards statewide per NRS 513.094. Contractor EPS was tasked with safeguarding of moderate to highly ranked hazards in Northern Nye County. AML Chief corresponded with Hecla Mining and received closure confirmation on hazards within the Aurora mining district.

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**Fluid Minerals:** 47 permit applications to drill geothermal wells were reviewed, four sundries for geothermal well activity were processed, 16 permits to drill geothermal wells were issued. Dustin Holcomb and Deputy Administrator Wake reviewed and responded to LCB’s edits of proposed regulation changes to NAC 534A.

FY 2026 Well Inspections					
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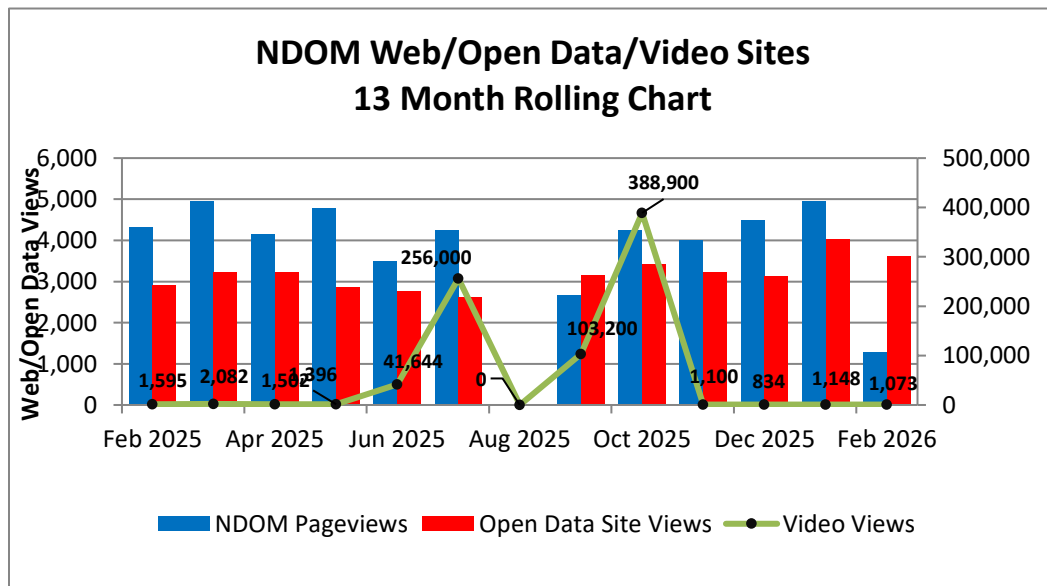
**Bond Pool Status**

Run Date       DAWN       Cash in Bond Pool

Reclamation Bond Pool Status Report		Current to: 04/15/2026				
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Quartz Lake Mining	Red Rock Mill Project	08/16/2023	\$712,867.00	26.82%	\$571,926.57	80.22%
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TNT Ventures c/o Western Mine and Mineral LLC	Big Canyon Project	05/11/2015	\$81,956.00	3.08%	\$101,172.68	123.44%
Western Mine Development - Terminated	Kingston Mill	01/28/2002	\$100,450.00	3.78%	\$0.00	0%
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Subtotal:			\$2,060,743.39	77.52%	\$1,449,410.58	
Statewide Notice-Level - 38 bonds	Various	Various	\$597,626.00	8.32%	\$0.00	0.00%
Total:			\$2,658,369.39	100%		
Total Bond Obligations			\$2,658,369.39			
Cash in Pool's Account (From DAWN - 04/15/2026)			\$3,512,908.59			
Funding Surplus			\$854,539.20			
Percent Funded			132.15%			

**Minerals Education and Outreach:** Division staff hosted the “Nevada” exhibit at the Prospector’s and Developer’s Association of Canada (PDAC) annual convention in Toronto, Canada; over 37,000 people were reported to have attended the conference. Carol Shelton provided an update on the All About Mining virtual course; there are 43 educators enrolled in the course. Garrett Wake and Keith Hayes instructed at the 2026 Southern Nevada Teachers’ Workshop at Faith Lutheran Middle & High School.

**Website/Open Data Site Activity:** The Division’s website was migrated to the State’s new platform in March. Google Analytics was not integrated until early April; visitation data is not available for March.



**Financial, Personnel, and Safety:** The agency's realized funding available at the end of March was \$3,991,880.43. There were no work safety incidents in March.

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS

March 2026

### **Administrator (Rob Ghiglieri):**

1. Attended and hosted the Nevada Booth at the annual Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada conference in Toronto Canada. Over 37,000 people were reported to have attended the conference.
2. Participated in various meetings in Washington D.C. with GOED. The meetings covered the critical mineral opportunities in Nevada and were held with the DOW, DOE, Commerce, and most of Nevada's Delegation.
3. Led virtual interviews for the replacement of the IMCC Executive Director position. The committee narrowed the candidate pool to 3 people for the May Annual IMCC meeting and final interviews.
4. Worked with the Governor's Office to identify the best location for a Permitting Council MOU with the State of Nevada to reside. The Division has posted a new Natural Resource Liaison position to help facilitate permitting within the state.
5. Continued to work with the EPA on the eligibility requirements for Good Samaritan AML Pilot Projects.
6. Hosted nearly 100 representatives from over 33 state, tribe, or federal agency for the annual National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Programs (NAAML) winter business meeting and created and executed the first ever Hardrock AML inventory training.
7. Participated in a Federal Mining Dialogue meeting with IMCC to identify a path forward for state involvement and perspective on critical mineral projects.
8. Presented NDOM to a Nevada Tribal Leaders group coordinated by the Nevada Department of Native American Affairs.
9. Participated in other various meetings and committees not mentioned above including geothermal and minerals industry members, EPA, NvMA, IMCC, AEMA, NDEP, BLM, GOED, Governor's Office, and various members of the public.

### **Deputy Administrator (Garrett Wake):**

1. Participated in a panel discussion with NvMA, Coeur Rochester, and Lithium Americas, at the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) annual summit in Lovelock, NV; approximately 50 people were in attendance.
2. Instructed one class and co-instructed a second class with K. Hayes at the 2026 Southern Nevada Teachers' Workshop at Faith Lutheran Middle and High School; approximately 60 people were in attendance.
3. Presented on the dangers of abandoned mines at the Southern Nevada Teachers Workshop; approximately 105 people were in attendance.
4. Provided a presentation to the Nevada Division of Water Resources, southern Nevada office, on Nevada mining and the duties of the Division of Minerals; six people were in attendance.
5. Presented an Excellence in Earth Science award to a high school science project on behalf of the Division of Minerals and McCaw School of Mines at the annual Beal Bank Science Fair at UNLV.
6. Toured the Coeur Rochester mine and processing facilities as part of the WNDD summit.
7. Continue to assist in the development of the Bond Pool and Fluid Minerals database.
8. Represented the Division at weekly State cost accounting development workshops; the state is overhauling its financial and grant monitoring software and has sought assistance from agency subject matter experts.
9. Managed and monitored the agency's finances, travel, bond pool, and contracts throughout the period.
10. Participated in the following: NDOM staff meeting, ASD fiscal meeting, State Museum mining exhibit development meeting, McCaw School of Mines board meeting.

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**Chief, Abandoned Mine Lands Program (Sean Derby)**

1. NDOM AML Chief tasked securing crews to counties requesting assistance with unsecured hazard sites associated annual reporting to Nevada’s County Commissioners including Elko, Lyon, and Carson City.
2. AML Chief corresponded and held virtual meetings with Montana AML to provide information and guidance on Nevada’s summer intern program to explore the feasibility of State of Montana.
3. AML Chief took part in the NAAML P winter business meeting as the Nevada delegate and as a subcommittee member to the associate.
4. AML staff selected 8 interns for Summer 2026 Field Intern program and received acceptance confirmation from all candidates.
5. AML Chief corresponded with Hecla Mining and received closure confirmation on hazards within the Aurora mining district.
6. AML staff tasked contractor EPS safeguarding of moderate to highly ranked hazards in Northern Nye County.
7. AML Chief provided tribal representatives with information and cultural consultation requests for the OEPC grant funded State Lands hard closure project.
8. AML staff held annual tasking and program update meetings with NDOW to address future targeting for bat surveys and increased collaboration with habitat driven hard closure project concepts.
9. AML staff completed spring claimant mail out notifications for unsecured mine hazards statewide per NRS 513.094

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AML Hard Closure Project Pipeline					
Planning Phase	Wildlife/Cultural Surveys in Progress	Pending CX	CX District Approval Pending	In Progress	Recently Completed
	Potosi, Clark, 5 Sites	WFO ; Elko, 49 hazards	Jarbidge, Elko, 9 Hazards		Caselton; Lincoln, 39 hazards
FRTC EXP 387 Sites		Mt. Irish, Lincoln, 14 hazards	361 NDOT, Mineral & Nye, 100 Hazards		ST-0050
		Kingston; Nye & Lander , 49 hazards	Jumping Jack, Nye, 5 hazards	Boulder Peak, NPS 2 Sites	Annual BCC Repairs
			Delamar, Lincoln County, 45 Hazards	State Lands OEPC 27 Sites	

**GIS/ Field Specialist (Lucia Patterson):**

1. Created/digitized the design for modern mining exhibit ore deposit wall.
2. Compiled two presentations and presented at the NAAML P winter training meeting in Tahoe.
3. Worked on getting content and contacts for modern museum exhibit.
4. Started digitizing the Permitting timeline put together by Sheldon Mudd.
5. Updated mining claims, plan, notice, case recordation, and ROW data on the open data site.
6. Virtually attended the ESRI dev summit.
7. Updated the BLM disposal map with BLM edits and a dashboard for quick data summary.
8. Entered some 2025 ASP data.
9. Conducted research on an odd patenting issue for a parcel in Virginia city.
10. Created a map of mineral projects surrounding Yucca Mountain.
11. Attended a tribal meeting in Reno.
12. Worked on the presentation for MALRI.
13. Finished posting Status Records for western U.S. following discussions in December at AEMA.
14. Answered several questions regarding mining claims that came in this month.

**Field Specialist (Rick Kauffman)**

1. Attended annual PDAC meeting in Toronto Canada to help promote mining in Nevada.
2. Organized and ran the 1<sup>st</sup> NAAML P Hard Rock training on “Hard Rock Inventory and Database Development”. The training was a big success with a lot of positive feedback and follow-ups.
3. Created several proximity maps for geothermal permitting.
4. Assisted in the Summer Intern interviews and intern selection.
5. Began summer intern site selection and remote sensing reviews of areas.

**AML/Fluid Minerals Field Specialist (Peter Engh):**

1. Continued developing the Good Samaritan Application for the Union Mine, refining eligibility sections and incorporating stakeholder input and contractor work
2. Coordinated with NDEP, SRK, and Broadbent to finalize engineering design narratives, site characterization details, and access considerations.
3. Worked with EPA on site eligibility
4. Worked with Broadbent to schedule a cultural survey of the Union Mine

5. Processed data requests for contractors regarding bat closures
6. Participated in interviews at UNR for summer intern applicants
  - a. Decided on AML summer internship hires
7. Participated in Winter NAAMLTP at Lake Tahoe
  - a. Gave a presentation on identifying hazards
  - b. Led a tour and drove a van for the field portion
8. Investigated other potential Good Samaritan Projects and organized stakeholder meetings to determine eligibility
9. Acquired quotes for AML field signs

**Fluid Minerals Program Manager (Dustin Holcomb):**

1. Permit Coordination meeting with the BLM.
2. Coordinate a rig inspection with NDOM field specialist.
3. Inspected geothermal drill rigs at Buffalo Valley and Beowawe.
4. Meet with Zanskar to discuss permitting.
5. Be present at a meeting with Cosmo E&P.
6. Dispose of 2015 GMC 2500.
7. Review and edit LCB edits of NAC534A new rules.
8. Work with NDEP on a list of chemicals for use in well stimulation and clean out.
9. Provide operational input on SQL Database.
10. Attend the Battle Mountain Geothermal Forum organized by GRC and TLS Geothermics.
11. Review 47 Permit Application to Drill a Geothermal Well.
12. Process 4 sundries for geothermal well activity.
13. Issue 16 Permits to Drill a Geothermal Well.
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15. Respond to 225 emails.

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Well Drilling Operations					
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1674	37-04	TLS Geothermic	BUF	Obs	Complete
W0033	CEPUSA-DV-001	Cosmo E&P USA	DXV	DMRE	Complete
W0038	26(36)-18	Ormat Mineral	EXC	DMRE	Complete
1710	77A-13	Beowawe Geothermal	BEO	Pro	Drilling
1725	88B-11	Fish Lake Geothermal	FLV	Pro	Drilling

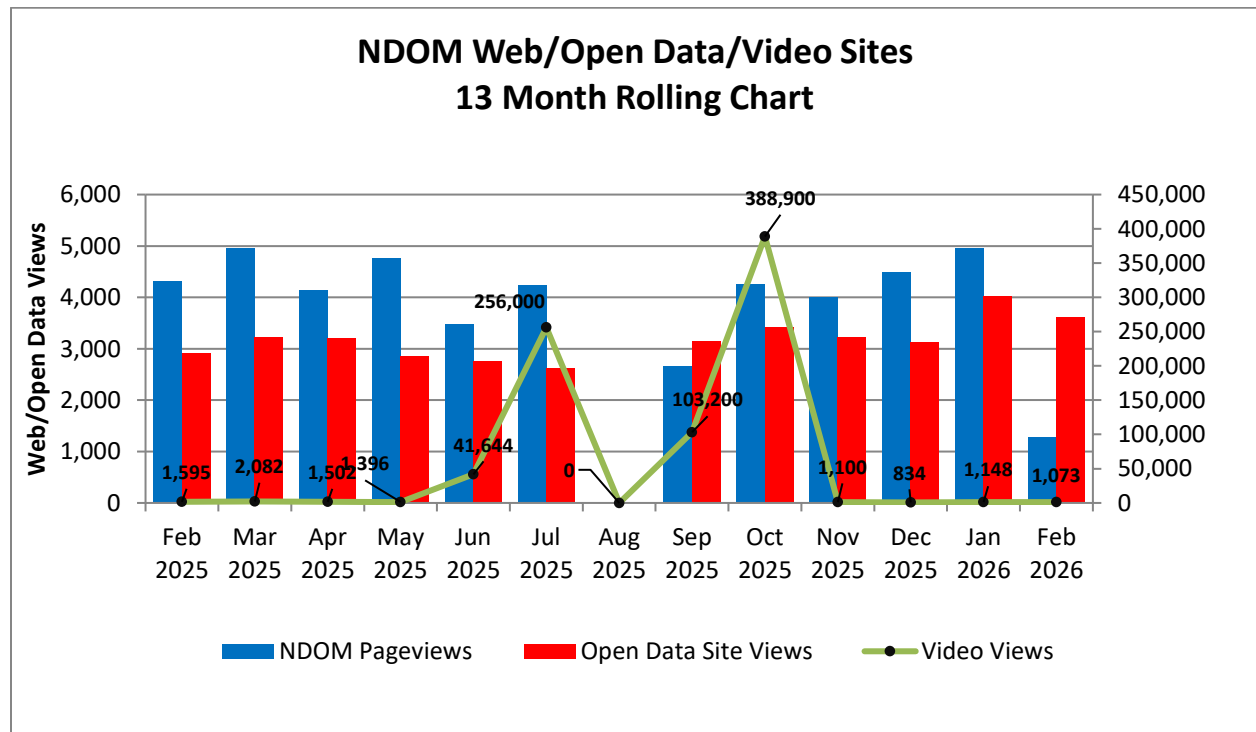
**Project Manager (Keith Hayes):**

1. Sent Monthly Trip Reports to Fleet Services
2. Picked up barite from Greystone Mine in Battle Mountain for mineral kits
3. Inspected geothermal well 37-04 (Permit 1674) in Buffalo Valley
4. Met with Rachel M. (NBMG) at UNR to secure minerals for Workshop mineral kits
5. Delivered 2015 GMC (Fluid Minerals truck) to Purchasing for excess

6. Assisted Fluid Minerals Program with database entries/management, preliminary permitting actions, inspections, and compliance issues
7. Participated as a driver for the field portion of the NAAMLN Winter Business Meeting in South Lake Tahoe
8. Participated in Southern Nevada Earth Science Education Workshop in Las Vegas which included packing and transporting all materials, Workshop set-up, and teaching three (3) courses
9. Performed a site visit on geothermal well 37-04 (Permit No. 1674) in Buffalo Valley
10. Oversaw intern assembly of rock and mineral kits
11. Maintained a running spreadsheet of upcoming outreach events for Northern Nevada

**AML/Public Outreach and Education – Southern Nevada Field Specialist (Carol Shelton):**

1. Reviewed high school science fair projects to identify the winner for the Division’s “Excellent Earth Science Project” award.
2. Attended CCSD PLE Office “how to develop adult learning” class.
3. Attended virtual CHOLLA meeting which focused on data visualization and preparing graphic material that is easy to use and make sense.
4. Attended the Pacific Coast Safety Fest webinars covering approximately 15 different Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) training topics including heat illness protection, fall prevention, and an update on the state of Nevada incorporating OSHA in its entirety by reference. A couple of Nevada specific standards have also been adopted.
5. All About Mining Virtual Course. There are 43 educators enrolled in the course. E-mails were responded to; defective videos were identified and replaced and required submittals were graded.
6. Extensive thought, brainstorming, and research went into the development of a potential new teacher’s workshop. Many new tools were used to develop a draft outline that focused on transformational training based on adult learning principles.



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