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MEMORANDUM

June 7, 2018

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Brian Wakeling, Administrator, Game Division 

Title: **Amendment to the Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 – For Possible Action**

Description: The Commission will review and may take action to amend the Department's biennial upland game release plan for fiscal year 2019.

Presenter: Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme

Summary:

As directed by Commission Policy 22: Introduction, Transplanting and Exportation of Wildlife, the Department prepares a Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for consideration by the Commission. When changes to that plan are needed, the Department may bring an amendment to the Commission's attention for action.

The current plan does not address beaver translocations or introductions. The Department has had several requests over the past 18 months expressing interest in conducting introductions into suitable beaver habitat. Although no specific translocation is currently in planning, the Department wanted to identify the conditions within the planning document so that if an opportunity presented itself, a translocation could be conducted.

Specifically, beavers will be obtained from areas with identified conflict issues. Beavers will be released only into suitable, unoccupied areas where beaver previously existed (reintroduction per Commission Policy 22). Releases will be conducted at the request of landowners and land management agencies. Finally, releases will only occur if all water users are in agreement and

no long-term detrimental effects to water flows are anticipated. The parties that request the release will be asked to accept responsibility for any future challenges that may develop.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 AS PRESENTED.**



Small Game Release Site Planning and Approval Summary

Date: 5/10/18

Region: HQ

Name: Russell Woolstenhulme

Office: HQ

Species or Subspecies: American Beaver

Introduction: or Augmentation: Fiscal Year of Planned Release: 2019

Release Site Site Name: Statewide

County:

Legal Description:

Transplant Stock: Beaver will be trapped from locations where conflict exist.

Cooperating Land Management Agencies:

Bureau of Land Management (as necessary)
Forest Service (as necessary)

Land Management Agency Approval Document:

As needed

Other Documents and their Status:

Nevada Policy for the Management of American Beaver (2007)
Translocation protocols fashioned after: The Utah Beaver Restoration Assessment Tool: A Decision Support and Planning Tool (McFarlane et.al 2014)

Notification of User Groups (include methods and dates):

Cooperators will be notified prior to each release and will be provided with a post-release narrative.

Habitat Evaluation:

Releases will be used to re-populate unoccupied suitable habitat (reintroduction).

Predator Evaluation:

No predator control is recommended

Comments:

Beaver releases will be used to address riparian habitat issues. Transplanting will be considered when requested by land-owners and management agencies. Releases will only occur if all water users are in agreement and no long-term detrimental impacts to flows occur. Recipients must agree that they take responsibility of future problems.