



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 3, 2022

**DATE:** April 26, 2022  
**TO:** Open Space and Regional Park Commission  
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**SUBJECT:** Possible recommendation to staff to approve a sub-lease agreement with Silver Arrow Bowmen Archery Club, a local non-profit 501-c3 organization, for continued operation of the Regional Archery Facility in Lemmon Valley, as authorized under NRS 244.284, to be taken to the Board of County Commissioners for possible approval.

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### SUMMARY

Washoe County's existing sublease agreement for operations of Washoe County's Regional Archery Facility with Silver Arrow Bowmen Archery Club, a local non-profit 501-c3 organization, expires in June of 2022. This item is requesting authorization to execute a new sub lease agreement for continued operations. The lease term is five (5) years with an option to renew for an additional five (5) year period upon mutual agreement.

### BACKGROUND

Silver Arrow Bowmen Archery Club, a local 501-c3 non-profit organization, originally leased a 7.5 acre site in Lemmon Valley from BLM for 22 years. Due to the increasing popularity of archery, their facility could no longer contain the number of users interested in participating in this growing sport.

In an effort to establish a permanent range, the club approached Washoe County requesting withdrawal of 110-acres in Lemmon Valley from the BLM through the R&PP Act to establish a public Regional Archery Facility. Concurrently, Washoe County staff pursued the option of adding this activity to the existing Regional Shooting Facility in Palomino Valley, but determined that this would not be a compatible use and would introduce notable safety concerns. Washoe County staff concurred with the archery club's recommendation and identified the Lemmon Valley location as a viable alternative due to its undulating topography and remote location.

The Bureau of Land Management conducted the required Environmental Assessments on the property including a Mineral Potentials Report, Environmental Initial Assessment,

Phase I Environmental and a Cultural Site Assessment. The Record of Decision determined that the proposed action would be of no significant impact and an environmental impact statement would not be required for the identified use. Washoe County, through its Community Services Department, has held a Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act lease for the Regional Archery Facility since 2007. The facility is operated and managed by the Silver Arrow Bowmen Archery Club, a local non-profit organization, under a sub-lease.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this agreement allows for the Silver Arrow Bowmen to continue to operate the Regional Archery Facility, collecting participant fees for club sponsored archery events. Revenue earned from these events averages \$2,000 annually. The collected fees would be put back into the operation and maintenance of the Regional Archery Facility.

The total Regional Parks general fund expenditure to support this function is approximately \$3,076, as follows:

Cost center 140630-North Maintenance District: Total anticipated annual expense of \$1176 per year.

Under the terms of the agreement, Silver Arrow Bowmen will provide one (1) temporary restroom facility during the sixteen (16) week operating season. Washoe County will provide the temporary restroom facility for general public use the remaining 36-weeks of the year (\$676) and supplies such as trash cans, trash liners, and signs (\$500).

Cost center 140305-Peavine Ranger District: Weekly Ranger patrol during 16-week season, 4-special event patrols and bi-monthly patrol during the off-season (\$1,900).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Open Space and Regional Park Commission recommend approval of a sub-lease agreement with Silver Arrow Bowmen Archery Club, a local non-profit 501-c3 organization, for continued operation of the Regional Archery Facility in Lemmon Valley, as authorized under NRS 244.284, to be taken to the Board of County Commissioners for possible approval.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Commission agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to recommend approval of a sub-lease agreement with Silver Arrow Bowmen Archery Club, a local non-profit 501-c3 organization, for continued operation of the Regional Archery Facility in Lemmon Valley, as authorized under NRS 244.284, to be taken to the Board of County Commissioners for possible approval."