

City of Carson City
Agenda Report

Item # 7A

Date Submitted: March 2, 2007

Agenda Date Requested: March 15, 2007

Time Requested: 15 Minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division

Subject Title: Discussion and presentation regarding the sheep and fuels reduction project along the Carson City west wild land interface area planned for Spring 2007.

Staff Summary: The Open Space program is the lead agency in the planning and coordination of the sheep and fuels reduction project for Spring 2007. Partners include the U.S. Forest Service, Nevada Division of Forestry, and Nevada Department of Agriculture.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: No action, this item is for discussion only.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The 2006 sheep and fuels reduction project generated a positive response from agencies, officials, and the public. Following guidance from Resource Concepts, Inc., who led the project last year (see attached report), the Open Space Advisory Committee approved staff to continue with the project this year. The project start date is April 2007; however, this is subject to climatic conditions. The sheep will be based at the List Ranch in Washoe County. When proper conditions have been determined, the sheep will be trailered south to State Lands west of WNCC. The fuels reduction project will be implemented between State Lands and the C-Hill area.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: The Waterfall Fire BAER Report

Fiscal Impact: None

Explanation of Impact: The operational costs for the planning of this project are absorbed by the Open Space Program. Transportation costs will be paid by Nevada Division of Forestry.

Funding Source: Not Applicable

Alternatives: 1) Instruct staff to place the item on the Board of Supervisors agenda for action.

Supporting Material:

- Staff report from the November 20, 2006, Open Space Advisory Committee meeting
- Minutes from the November 20, 2006, Open Space Advisory Committee meeting
- C-Hill and West Carson City Fuels Reduction Project, Treatment Implementation and Monitoring Report, dated August 11, 2006.
- 2007 Proposed Sheep / Fuels Reduction Project Area Map