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Subject: Re: EPA hearing

Greg
Hello from hot and humid WashDC. Thanks for your note. I was unaware of the Sierra Club event and thus can affirm we would not be present.
Tomorrow I have a breakfast meeting with BP's Bob Miner, before three days of meetings in EPA HQ. In the next day or so, we plan to sign the ROD for Anaconda OU8 .
Hope all is well with you,
Alexis

On Jul 17, 2017, at 3:07 PM, Greg Lovato <glovato@ndep.nv.gov> wrote:

Alexis,

Please find below an invitation from the Sierra Club for NDEP to attend a hearing on July 24 in Reno related to a March 28, 2017 Presidential Executive Order.

We have not made a determination on whether to attend, but at this point I am not inclined to send anyone from NDEP as our established practice for receiving public input is through routine public hearings we hold before the State Environmental Commission, other Boards and Commissions, legislative hearings, and public workshops on NDEP rulemakings.

Can you tell me if EPA is aware of this effort and if you plan to participate?

Thanks,

Greg

From: Brian Beffort [mailto:brian.beffort@sierraclub.org]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 8:47 AM
To: Birgit Henson <bhenson@ndep.nv.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA hearing

Hi Birgit, happy Monday.

Thanks for your time on the phone last week. Here is info on the EPA People's Hearing next Monday, July 24. Here is more information on the event. I hope someone from NDEP can come to help educate the public about the EPA's role in safeguarding Nevada's air, water, and soil.

EPA PEOPLE'S HEARING

Please join the Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters, and the National Wildlife Federation for a EPA People's Hearing on Monday, July 24th at 6pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reno.

At the event, an expert panel will explain the role of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the state of Nevada, and the public will be invited to give testimony as to the importance of the EPA in their lives.

A Trump executive order directs the EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to submit a plan for recommendations that "could alleviate or eliminate aspects of agency actions that burden domestic energy production." Pruitt's deadline is July 26.

The EPA has not scheduled a public hearing in Nevada on this proposed rule change. Organizers of this event believe that the public should be informed and their input taken into account if any changes of a significant magnitude are to be considered.

At the People's Hearing, a panel of scientists and policy experts will inform the public about the role of the EPA in Nevada by calling attention to current protections for clean air, clean water, human health and the environment. The public will also invite the public to offer testimony regarding their experience with the EPA and their thoughts on what its regulatory role should be in the future.

Local nonprofits will also be present to engage citizens in opportunity to get involved in local issues in their communities.

The Reno EPA People's Hearing will be open to the public, and invitations will be distributed broadly. Panelists will include an air quality expert, a water quality expert and a member of the Yerington Paiute tribe. Members of the press and Nevada's Congressional delegation (or their staff) will also be present.

Organizers of the People's Hearing intend to present a balanced overview of the work of the EPA, increase the level of knowledge of concerned citizens, and encourage federal officials to defend protections for air, water and soil. Transcripts of the public comments heard during the event will be submitted to the EPA Region 9 office, the EPA headquarters in DC, as well as the offices of Congressman Amodei, Senator Cortez Masto and Senator Heller.

Please contact me with any questions or comments.

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