

CUMULATIVE IMPACTS TO NYE COUNTY



U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) PUBLIC LANDS - 6,500,000 acres:
Public access lands include Areas of Critical Environmental Concern containing archaeological resources, and stands of aging mesquite trees that provide habitat to migratory birds. These lands, intertwined with Nye County communities, compete with citizen's private and business needs for water, land, and property access. Nye County ranching and mining sectors have been severely reduced because of federal agency land management decisions. Nye County may be compensated up to \$1,294,580 annually in Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) by the BLM.



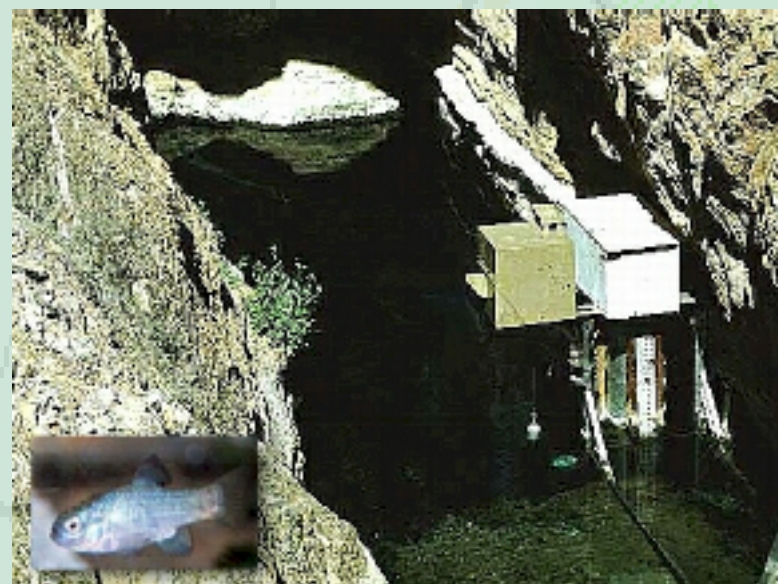
U.S. AIR FORCE (USAF) NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE (NTTR) - 1,900,000 acres:
Lands withdrawn for NTTR military training and bombing practice (live ordnance) are closed to all public uses. Air space over most of the range is restricted from 100 to 50,000 feet above mean sea level due to military operations. Because of the potential for interference with high-tech equipment used on NTTR, proposed uses of public lands for wind and solar energy applications is also restricted. Nye County does not receive PILT, possessory use tax, nor any other form of compensation for the lost opportunities from NTTR. The USAF has not acknowledged the impacts of their activities in Nye County.



U.S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS) - 1,900,000 acres:
The USFS manages vast tracts of public forest, dotted with private ranches and homes. In the past, the Forest Service Roadless Plan has forced the closure of Nye County roads that access private property. Current plans proposed by the USFS have the potential to further reduce lands otherwise available for mining, ranching, recreational, grazing, and other uses. The Department of Justice sued Nye County when local officials tried to reopen County roads after federal permission to do so had been refused. Annual USFS PILT to Nye County totaled approximately \$388,977 in 2007.



U.S. NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION NEVADA TEST SITE (NTS) - 880,000 acres:
A total of 880,000 acres remain withdrawn from public use for testing nuclear and conventional weapons, and other stockpile activities to support our nation's defense. Over 300,000,000 curies of radioactive contamination remain in soils, geologic media, and groundwater potentially threatening drinking water resources in Nye County. Although Nye County is entitled to collect possessory use taxes owed by NTS contractors, such taxes generally can be collected only through litigation.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS) - 107,000 acres:
A natural desert wonder, the endangered Devil's Hole pupfish occupies a spring pool in a rock outcrop in Nye County. The NPS, which manages the land, is engaged in administrative and legal proceedings against the County, its residents, and businesses to prevent their use of Nevada water resources. The NPS has not acknowledged the impacts of their actions on Nye County. The NPS pays up to \$21,394 in PILT annually.



U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE - 23,000 acres:
The Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge, a beautiful desert oasis, is home to hundreds of endemic and rare animal species. The land is closed to all forms of public entry under federal land and mineral laws, and a large quantity of groundwater is dedicated to wildlife use. Nye County does not receive PILT for this federal land use.



NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL LANDS - 8,700 acres:
Conveyance of federal lands to Native American Tribes fulfills the United States obligations to these sovereign nations. Removal of these lands from the public domain relieves the BLM obligations for PILT to Nye County. Because the Tribal lands are sovereign, Nye County may not tax the properties or operations that occur there.



OTHER FEDERAL LANDS - 21,500 acres:
U.S. Post Offices, small, former military and DOE sites, as well as relatively small Forest Service facilities dot the Nye County landscape. Cumulatively, the acreage of these assorted federal lands uses is significant. Except for the National Nuclear Security Administration's site (northern Nye County), sites are too small to show on the land status map.



PRIVATE LANDS - 223,000 acres:
Nye County's total private land base, exclusive of approximately 500 acres comprising patented mining claims, accounts for less than 2 percent of the land area in Nye County. The revenues generated by taxes are not adequate to provide necessary funds for basic infrastructure and services, such as roads, water, law enforcement, medical services, and sanitation, to Nye County's widely separated communities.



OTHER PRIVATE LANDS - 8,900 acres:
Schools (429 acres), churches (106 acres), non-profit and charitable organizations (50 acres), and utilities (890 acres) account for a very small segment of the land use in Nye County. Most of these sectors are exempt from taxes or pay at a reduced rate. Similarly, State-owned land (1,128 acres), County-owned land (4,662 acres), and land owned by towns (1,672 acres) are not subject to taxation.

Total Acreage of Nye County:	11,560,960 acres
Total Federal Land*:	11,331,500 acres
Land Withdrawn from Public Entry (all forms):	2,780,000 acres
Taxable Land Base:	223,000 acres

**98% of the land in Nye County is under Federal government control.*