

### RECORD OF CONVERSATION

<b>Conversation With:</b>	Jack Tribble	<b>Date:</b>	5-24-05
<b>Company/Agency:</b>	BLM	<b>Time:</b>	2 pm
<b>Address:</b>	Ely District	<b>T-DCC Number:</b>	G009E-C03-AES-T-018
		<b>Reference No:</b>	
<b>Personnel Present:</b>	Polly Quick, ICF	<b>Phone Number:</b>	775-289-1846

**SUBJECT: Availability of mapping of visual resource management classifications; availability of Record Of Decision for Caliente Management Framework Plan; upcoming Resource Management Plan for Garden Valley area**

### *SUMMARY*

Polly Quick requested access to visual resource management overlays from the 1984 Caliente and Schell Management Framework Plans. Tribble says that stuff is so old and hard to use, better to wait for new plan – it will be district wide (not separated into Schell and Caliente resource areas); plan to be issued this summer.

Says the district did a complete visual resource management inventory, that is, they had a consultant do scenic unit classifications so they know the values of multiple parameters for all their units; if policy changes regarding a parameter, they can make the change in classification without having to return to the field. Says those data and current visual resource management classifications are in GIS now, DOE should be able to request access to the classifications in GIS.

Polly Quick asked about record of decision for Caliente Management Framework Plan in order to use specific management objectives for that district in evaluating project consistency with objectives. Jack Tribble said do NOT use district-specific language, but should take language from the manual – that is what he would expect to see. Polly Quick mentioned prior direction to use district-specific language, Jack Tribble said, "that person is retiring this week," and named the person who had provided the direction. Jack Tribble said that the objectives are national policy, a district cannot change policy. On a project-specific basis, a district may change the visual resource management class for an area and manage to that changed class. However, they cannot change the objective of a management class.

Given the timing of the DOE EIS and the timing of the forthcoming Ely District Record Management Plan, it appears that BLM's record of decision will beat DOE's. Jack Tribble agrees it makes sense to use the newer data (over the 1984 information). If DOE can wait, and still meet its deadlines, he says there is a lot of wilderness now that was not in the 1984 documents.

Jack Tribble says Garden Valley will be proposed as Class II in the forthcoming Resource Management Plan, on the basis that it is surrounded by wilderness on all sides. The proposed action will include a Special Recreation Management District for Garden Valley.

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**Completed by: Polly Quick**