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Executive Summary

- Post-doctoral scholar to commence work in next quarter
- Preliminary discussions with BLM personnel initiated

Hiring

As noted in our last quarterly report, the university has hired a highly qualified post-doctoral scholar to direct the dust emissions research under this task agreement. Dr. Dirk Goossens has extensive and specific experience in dust emissions research and will begin work on January 29, 2007. Under a previously approved extension to the task agreement, Dr. Goossens will have approximately two years to complete the deliverables once his employment commences.

Preliminary Project Planning

Preliminary discussions (via e-mail) about the scope and timing of the project took place in mid-December 2006 between Dr. Brenda Buck (UNLV Principal Investigator) and Lisa Christianson (Air Quality Specialist, BLM). Dr. Buck, Dr. Goossens, and Ms. Christianson are tentatively scheduled to meet in early February 2007 to formulate a research plan to meet the land management needs for BLM. Preliminary discussions between Dr. Buck and Dr. Goossens have also been on-going to assess the current state of knowledge and techniques available that might be useful for this project.

Submitted by:

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