

Item available for public inspection in the Clerk's office during regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM)

November 8, 2022

Regular Meeting

**Item #7B - Humboldt-
Toiyabe National Forest**

Update

(Regular Agenda)

Board of Supervisors

**Power Point Presentation by Ranger
Megan Mallowney**

Bridgeport Ranger District

Housing Challenges and Opportunities

November 2022



Existing Condition



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- **3 single family residences on compound**
- **3 shared housing units**
- **No potable water**
- **Local housing inventory—rentals and real estate—is extremely limited and costs far outpace Forest Service salaries.**



Existing Condition



PERSONNEL

- **39 permanent positions**
- **10 vacancies (and growing)**
- **Most salaries range from \$29,000 to \$64,000**
- **Increasing pressure to fill positions off District (remote duty stations).**
- **Bridgeport is considered an “undesirable” or hard-to-fill location in the agency.**



PERSONNEL

- **Currently 12 of the 39 positions reside in Bridgeport: 6 of those live here year-round (4 on the compound); an additional 6 reside here on a seasonal basis.**
- **Bulk of our permanent year-round workforce lives in Carson City, Gardnerville, Dayton, and Reno.**
- **100% of our Fuels staff are assigned to the Carson City office.**



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CONSEQUENCES

- **Lack of Forest Service presence on the District**
- **Poor customer service**
- **Loss of connection with local community**
- **Lack of support and investment into local community businesses and services**



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DEVELOPMENTS (FS)

- 1. New septic system capable of supporting additional residents.**
- 2. District Ranger eliminated time limits in FS housing**
- 3. We are looking into expanding our administrative compound boundary to across the highway.**
- 4. Successful examples in Region 4 we can replicate here.**
- 5. Regional Office support for constructing additional employee housing.**



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DEVELOPMENTS (EXTERNALS)

- 6. Bridgeport PUD's Water Treatment Plant**
- 7. Community partners with shared interests**
- 8. New funding sources (BIL, IRA, etc.)**



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- 1. Current target: Construct 3-5 single family residences on existing compound in the next 2-3 years.**
- 2. Aggressively chase funding opportunities in cooperation with partners for new water line connection.**
- 3. Complete environmental analysis (CE) and required archaeological surveys for construction of new homes on compound.**
- 4. Officially expand administrative boundary to west side of Highway 395 and develop plans for additional housing above new warehouse.**
- 5. Explore legal instruments for authorizing shared occupancy and maintenance of new housing facilities.**



Questions?