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**Elko County and
Te-Moak Tribe of Western
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Press Release

SAGE GROUSE PILOT PROJECT TOURS

Elko County and the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, South Fork Band Reservation, Announce Sage Grouse Pilot Project Tours and Informational Presentation

Elko, Nevada, May 9, 2013: The Elko County Board of Commissioners and the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, South Fork Band Council will be hosting tours and a presentation on their Sage Grouse Pilot Projects on Friday, May 17, 2013 and Saturday, May 18, 2013. Anyone interested in learning about the projects and touring the sites are invited to attend. Also on hand will be Todd Black, Wildlife Manager of Deseret Land and Livestock, who will be making a presentation on Friday May 17, 2013 at the Nannini Administration Building, Suite 102 on the northeastern Utah project in which he has worked on for 16 years and which has seen a 400% increase in sage grouse. Mr. Black is now serving as the primary biologist for the Box Elder County, Utah Sage Grouse Pilot Project.

The event will begin on Friday, May 17, 2013 with a 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) tour of the South Fork Reservation site. The tour participants will meet at the South Fork Band Community Building. Following the tour, participants will return to the Elko County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room at 540 Court Street, Suite 102, in Elko for an informational presentation, including a presentation from Mr. Todd Black at 6:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). The presentations will be followed by a BBQ Potluck at the Elko County Complex at 7:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). The meat and drinks will be provided and participants are asked to bring a side dish or desert.

On Saturday, May 18, 2013, a tour of the Devil's Gate Ranch Project will start at 9:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) at 6.5 miles North of the Devil's Gate Ranch Interchange off of I-80 (just past second cattle guard, signage will guide you) . A "bring your own lunch" will take place at 12:00 noon (Pacific Time) with a possible photo opportunity to catch the birds in action at the edge of the alfalfa fields. At 1:30 p.m. (Pacific Time) a tour of the areas burned by wildfire on BLM land near the ranch will take place.

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Some transportation will be available for a limited number of people, otherwise vehicles will caravan for the tours. High clearance vehicles are recommended for these tours. Signs will help show the tour path.

Further details and maps of the tour sites will be available on the Elko County website at www.elkocountynv.net on the Sage Grouse page. For questions, contact the Elko County Natural Resources Office at (775) 738-6816.

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