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Statement from Bradley Crowell Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources *The Little Valley Escaped Prescribed Fire Review* February 15, 2017

“Today, February 15, 2017, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources received the report it had requested from an independent Escaped Prescribed Fire Review Team regarding the October 14, 2016, Little Valley Fire. The report, titled *The Little Valley Escaped Prescribed Fire Review*, is posted for public review on the Department’s homepage at <http://dcnr.nv.gov>. While unable to provide further comment due to pending litigation, we express our continued concern for the tragic impacts to the residents of west Washoe Valley, as well as our gratitude to all the firefighting agencies and emergency responders who worked to contain the fire. As the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) moves forward in fulfilling its critical mission of providing statewide wildfire protection services, I have asked the State Forester/Firewarden to conduct a comprehensive review of NDF policies and procedures, and to provide me with a plan for updating and improving the NDF prescribed fire program. Meanwhile, the current NDF prescribed fire moratorium will remain in place until further notice.”