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Statement from Bradley Crowell Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources *Interim Nevada State Forester/Firewarden Announcement* April 3, 2017

“Today, April 3, 2017, I have accepted the resignation of the Nevada State Forester/Firewarden, Joe Freeland, effective immediately. I would like to acknowledge Joe for his distinguished service as a fire expert at the state and federal level, and thank him for his dedication to the State of Nevada in supporting and advancing the important mission of the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF).

Moving forward, I am pleased that Kacey KC, NDF Deputy Administrator, will serve as the interim State Forester/Firewarden until a permanent replacement is named. Additionally, as the NDF continues the comprehensive review of its policies and procedures as requested on February 15, 2017, I have convened an external group of experts to assist in the review and implementation of actions to update and improve the NDF’s operations. This external review team will include former Nevada State Foresters as well as other fire and resource experts. Additional details will be made available as this process moves forward.”