Nevada Executive Branch Agencies

Nevada State Parks

Administrative History

The evolution of the Nevada state park system began at least as early as 1923, when the Legislature

By an act approved on March 26, 1935, the first four State Parks came into being: Cathedral Gorge,

In 1941 the Legislature passed the Baker Act, a measure that authorized the Governor to transfer to

Meager state appropriations, the demise of the CCC, and the coming of World War II caused the parl

Section 4 of the 1957 statute gave the Governor the power to designate, by proclamation and upon t

Based on the power granted in Section 4, Governor Russell issued a proclamation later in 1957 settir

Another legislative measure of 1957 enabled the governor "to accept...any conveyance by the U

An act of 1961 officially designated the state parks collectively as the State Park System and spelled

The 1965 Legislature gave the Division of State Parks added responsibilities to: prepare and maintai

In 1967 the Division was organized into two units, Planning and Operations, headed respectively by a

Beginning in 1971 the Division had charge of the state's historic preservation program. This activity w

Originally, the state's general fund provided the financial base of the parks. Later, bond issues and us

Over the years the Legislature passed several acts permitting and encouraging the State Park Comm

Nevada has taken advantage of federal legislation to expand its system of parks. For example, the R

In addition to land donations, leases, and exchanges, the federal government has aided the developr

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