Update for March 24, 2016 Nevada Indian Commission Board Meeting
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- The location of the 8th Annual Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference has been changed from Ely to Carson City. The theme of this year’s Conference is “Building Tourism Capacity, Building the Future” and the save-the-date for the Conference has been sent out to possible attendees.

- The Territory has received the following FY16, 2nd Cycle NCOT Marketing Grants: Indian Territory website maintenance $4,800, 2016 Stewart Father’s Day Powwow $2,000, 2016 Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference $7,200 and Indian Territory promotional items $4,800. The grant submission for the Stewart Indian School Marketing Portfolio was denied due to limited availability of funding.

- The Territory continues to update its Flickr page and is currently working on uploading photos from the Indian Territory photo project.

- Territory members will be attending the 2016 Rural Roundup April 13-15, 2016 in Laughlin, Nevada. At the Roundup, Territory members network with other tourism entities and engage in educational opportunities that help guide the Territory to strengthen tribal tourism in Nevada.

- The Territory will be working with the Carson City Visitors Bureau to revise existing American Indian content on the Visit Carson City Website.

- The Territory will be working a one page (front and back) profile sheet that will include colorful photos and information on Nevada’s Indian Territory. The profile sheet will be shared both domestic and international at meetings and tradeshows.

- The Territory submitted a letter of support to The Indian Arts and Crafts Board to help them enforce the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. The letter was in response to an artist in Santa Fe who claimed to be Western Shoshone, but was not. The case is going to court.

- The Territory helped recruit Paiute Elder Ralph Burns for the Travel Nevada winter marketing campaign.

- The Territory applied for and was awarded a FY16 Projects Related to Tourism Grant in the amount of $4,000 for Stewart Indian School Trail Maintenance. The Trail was completed in 2007 and the entry sign and kiosk were completed in 2009. Now routine maintenance is needed which includes new plexi-glass on the Trail kiosk, repair on the Trail signs and a replacement entry sign.

- The next Nevada’s Indian Territory meeting will be held April 20th from 10am-12pm at the Nevada Indian Commission Office.