

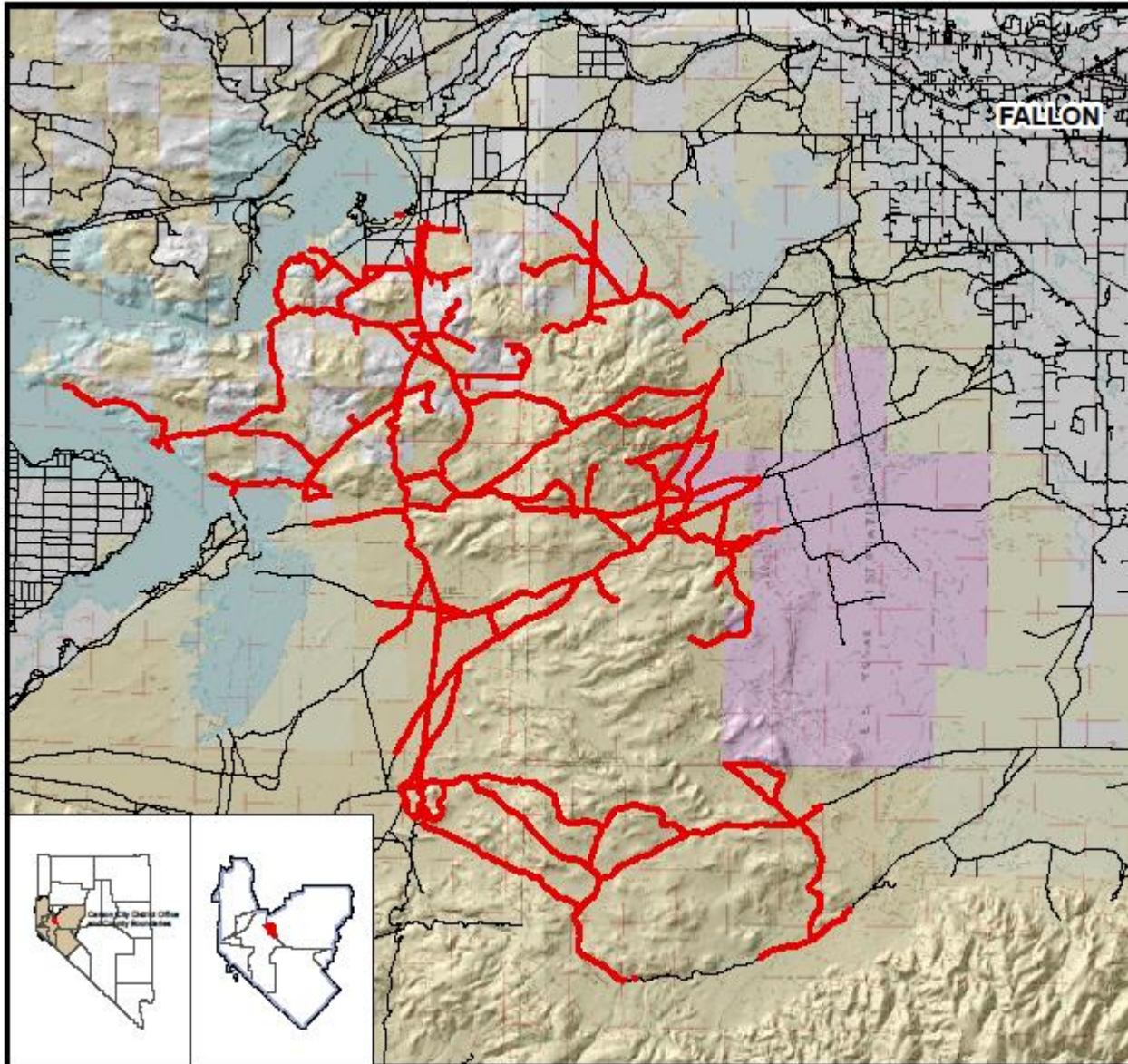
# Partnerships for Recreation



**A Network Initiative  
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## BLM and United Trails Association

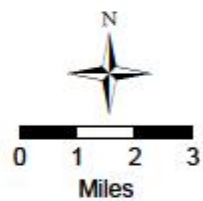
- The Dead Camel Mountains are located near Fallon Nevada and provide a place for competitive off-road motorcycle racing.
- Currently, proponents must submit a Special Recreation Permit application and have their event route evaluated on an annual basis.
- Attempts have been made to authorize multi year permits, but the proponents want a new course each year, necessitating a new review of the proposed event course.
- In order to reduce expensive and redundant environmental review and to streamline the permit process, a means was conceived to develop a modular route system where the proponent could combine several different route modules on different years to create a new course each year.



# Dead Camel Mountains

BLM

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# Managing by Network

## Network Goal / Vision

The purpose of this agreement is to foster cooperation between the BLM and motorized recreational trail users and identify competitive OHV and recreational trails that can be designated on public lands managed by the BLM

Provide recreational opportunities that are environmentally responsible, educational and support community objectives that contribute to local and regional economies and improve the local quality of life

## Network Objectives

Provide technical assistance to BLM staff regarding the identification and evaluation of quality single and two track trails.

GPS high quality and user desirable sections of trails that can be utilized in various combinations to create OHV competitive race events as well as recreational riding for OHV enthusiast.

Complete an Environmental Assessment for the inventoried modular trail system so multi-year Special Recreation Permits can be issued.

Establish a partnership between BLM and UTA to work cooperatively at the local level to promote projects and activities that will complement BLM recreation management and further BLM's recreation and natural and cultural resource stewardship goals

# Formal and Informal Network Partnerships

## ➤ Formal Partners With MOU

Partnership between United Trails Association and BLM ( the organizations)

## ➤ Informal Partners With MOU

BLM staff and members of United Trails Association and other motorcycle enthusiasts.

Yamaha Corporation

# What type of Management Agreement to use ?

- **Memoranda of Understanding (MOU):**
- Memoranda of Understanding are useful when partnership arrangements do not involve the transfer of funding, property, services, or human resources by either party, but is instead based on **mutual agreement on processes, products, or outcomes** accomplished by working cooperatively with other Federal or **non-Federal partners** on issues of mutual interest. **MOU are applicable to agreements that are simple in nature and do not involve complicated tasks or orders.**

# Stage of Network Development

## Visioning:

Met with proponent to discuss the need to develop a better system to reduce the workload and expense of the environmental review

## Conceptual:

Conceived the idea of using a modular system of trails that can be combined to create a “new “ course each year.

## Research and Development:

Researched the best mechanism to form a partnership for UTA and the BLM to work together on project

## Implementation Planning:

Developed the MOU, defined who would be responsible for what tasks, timelines etc.

## Active:

Currently researching old race files for information and beginning to collecting field data

## ✓Evaluating

# Network Geography

## Communities of Place, Identity and Interest

Where does your network operate?

In the local community of Fallon, Nevada, but the sphere of influence includes all of northern Nevada and central California.

Who benefits from the development of your network?

Everyone involved gets something out of the process!

BLM as providers of recreational opportunities on public lands

UTA as event sponsors

Single track motorcycle enthusiasts with increased places to ride or race

Local Community of Fallon – races are tied into local economic sustainability



# Benefits of the Network

## Present

1. Current benefits of the network initiative
  - a. The end user is in the field making decisions on what is a desirable trail and what would not be acceptable for their use while collecting the data.
  - b. By participating in the process, the users are developing ownership of the end result.
  - c. BLM staff does not have the time and possibly the expertise to collect the required field data.
  - d. Increases trust and understanding between parties involved.

## Future

1. Future benefits of the network initiative
  - a. By being involved in the process, the users will feel more empowered.
  - b. Users will be more willing to step up and work with the BLM on future projects rather than complain about them after the decision has been made by someone else.
  - c. Long term Special Recreation Permits can be issued since the required environmental assessments will be complete.

# Evaluating Network Potential and Performance

	Evaluation Criteria	Comments
1	Advance strategic priorities of the agency	Yes, it furthers BLM's recreational stewardship goals and facilitates public access to public lands.
2	Leverages funding	UTA was able to obtain a grant from Yamaha Corporation for completing trail survey and maps. BLM is able to provide equipment and software.
3	Demonstrates big-picture thinking	Can accomplish more in partnership than either party could alone due to staff, time, expertise or funding.
4	Demonstrates entrepreneurship	Uses vision and creativity to solve a problem—creating new tools for trail mapping associated with permits
5	Management of formal agreements and contracts	Partnership through MOU
6	Demonstrates effective external and internal communication	Yes, requires internal communication within each partner and BLM colleagues and then externally between partners.
7	Demonstrates accountability	Yes, if either partner fails to perform, then the goal will not be realized.
8	Potential as a network management model	Maybe, I'm sure others have formed similar types of partnerships to accomplish their recreation and resource management objectives.

# Lessons Learned About Network Management

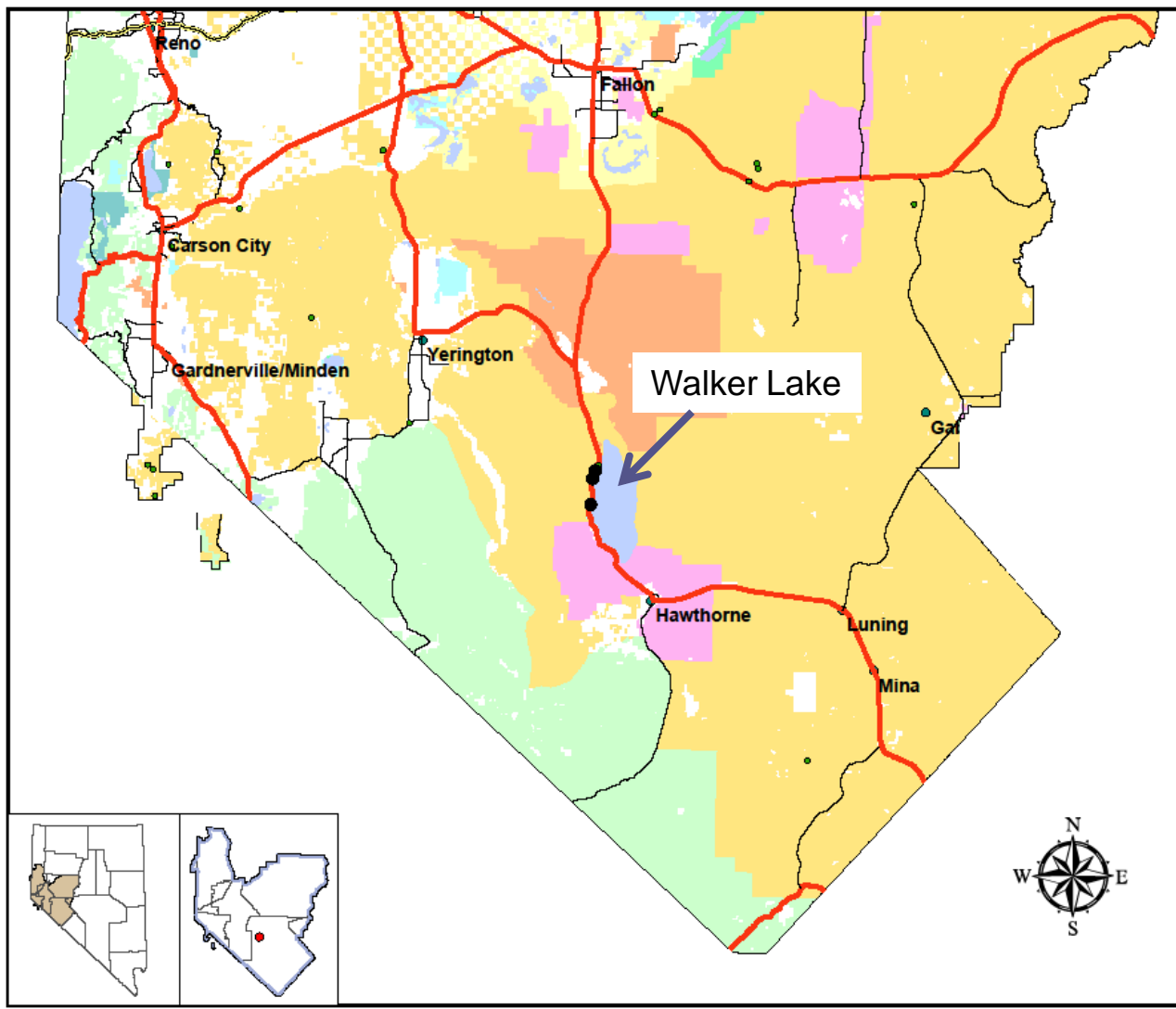
- Lessons learned about network management to share:
  1. Process can take time due to outside demands of all parties
  2. Someone usually needs to take the lead to keep things moving
  3. It is important to clearly identify mutual Goals, Objectives and Tasks and to assign responsibilities prior to signing agreements.
  
- Lessons learned about network management that changed the way you interact with partners
  - I don't require partners to accomplish tasks using the same method, sequence or timeline that I would use if I were approaching the same task. Partners are not coworkers or staff.
  - I try and keep everyone actively participating, not just the lead person in case there are internal conflicts or disagreements that might cause people to drop out or lose interest.

# Take Two

Exploring A New Partnership and  
Community Collaboration  
Opportunity

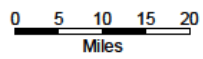
## BLM and Mineral County, Nevada

- The Stillwater Field Office manages a public campground that is located two hours from the office.
- The site has 34 campsites with cabanas, fire rings, picnic tables, and vault toilets. There is also a boat ramp and two dispersed camp areas.
- Due to logistics of available staff, funding, and priorities, the campground has been in neglect. Maintenance consists of a weekly visit to collect fees and clean restrooms.
- Issues are:
  - Inadequate maintenance
  - Lack of oversight
  - Minimal fee compliance



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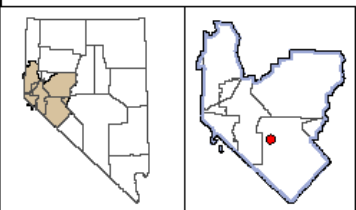


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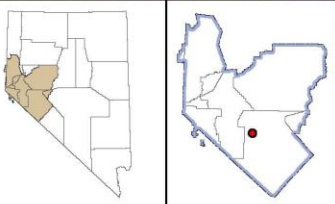
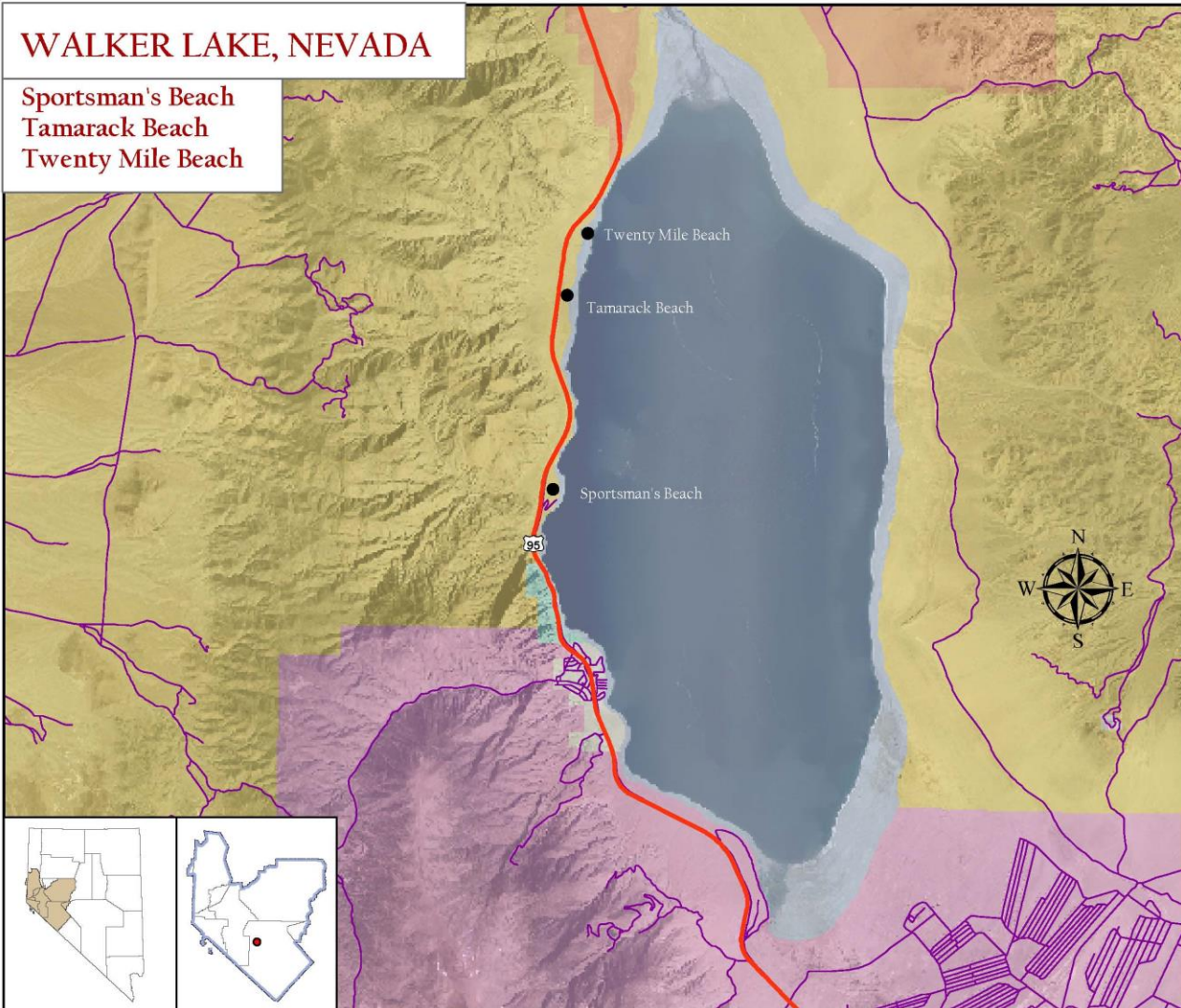
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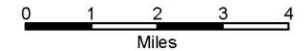


# WALKER LAKE, NEVADA

Sportsman's Beach  
Tamarack Beach  
Twenty Mile Beach



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# Fee Station Kiosk in Disrepair

## INFORMATION



**Welcome To Sportsman's Beach**

Available for use by all registered users. This fee station is for the purpose of collecting fees for overnight camping. It is not to be used for any other purpose.

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**Fee Required For Overnight Camping**

Overnight camping is permitted in this area. A fee is required for overnight camping. The fee is \$10.00 per person per night. The fee is collected at this fee station. The fee is used to maintain the area and to provide information to users of the area.

**CAMPING**

For more information on camping, please contact the BLM office. The office is located at the BLM office. The office is located at the BLM office. The office is located at the BLM office.

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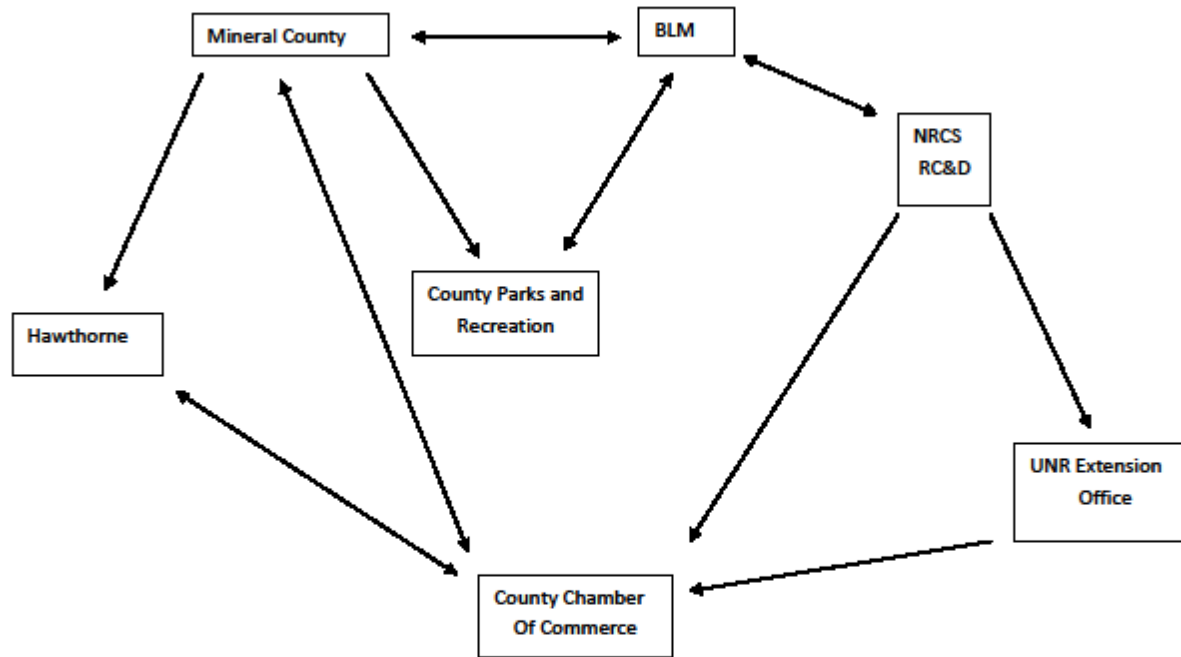
## BLM and Mineral County, Nevada

- Mineral County is a low income rural county of 3,800 square miles that has been in economic decline for years. County population is 4,600 people, with 3,300 living near the town of Hawthorne. Median household income is \$37,600
- Neither the county or the town of Hawthorne have access or property along Walker Lake even though the town is only 15 minutes from the lake.

## BLM and Mineral County, Nevada

- We are currently looking at forming a partnership between the County and BLM to have the County take over management of the site. The agreement to use would be a Cooperative Management Agreement.
- County could run the campground more efficiently through their parks and recreation division.
- County could market the campground as a tourist destination and host events such as motorcycle rallies, OHV events, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations.
- Economic stimulus for the County
- BLM would remain as an active partner, but proceeds raised would go to the County for management of the site.

## Initial chain of contacts



# Result of Initial Meetings

The County, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and area Military Post are interested in further discussion and partnership possibilities. Stay tuned . . .