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**MINERAL LEASING ROYALTIES
ON NAVAL OIL SHALE RESERVE LANDS,
INCREASING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS’ SHARE**

WHEREAS both federal and state mineral leasing distribution laws set forth a priority for distribution of these funds to local governments socially or economically impacted by development of the mineral leased, and

WHEREAS Club 20 is concerned that the 50% State share of the mineral leasing revenues from the Naval Oil Shale Reserve (NOSR) lands are being held up until such time as the federal government accumulates sufficient funds to reimburse the U.S. Departments of Interior and Energy for investment and reclamation activities related to these NOSR lands, and

WHEREAS Club 20 is encouraged by recent reports from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Colorado that it appears sufficient funds have now been accumulated for the priority reclamation activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Club 20 supports efforts to have the State of Colorado start receiving its 50% share of the Naval Oil Shale Reserve (NOSR) lands mineral leasing revenues since local governments are already being impacted by development of the minerals leased, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Club 20 supports efforts to increase the share of these mineral leasing funds that are distributed directly to the local governments which are directly impacted by these development activities.

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