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ATF AGENTS RECOVER EXPLOSIVES

NEVADA- Special Agent In Charge John A. Torres, San Francisco Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced today that ATF special agents recovered a large cache of explosives in Humboldt County, Nevada. The explosives were found in a mineshaft on land belonging to the Bureau of Land Management. ATF special agents, acting on a tip, and with the assistance of Humboldt and Pershing County Sheriff's Offices, located the explosives. The Consolidated Bomb Squad out of Washoe County was also called in to help. Examination of the cache of explosives revealed that some items were deteriorating and may be unstable. With the assistance of the Bomb Squad, the explosives were destroyed in place.

“The visual examination and the witness information leads us to believe these may be the same explosives taken in a theft near Winnemucca, Nevada, in May, 2001” said SAC Torres. “We are very pleased to have located the missing explosives and have them rendered safe without loss of life or property.” ATF, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and Pershing County Sheriff's Office are continuing to investigate.