James Hulse will sign & discuss Nevada's Environmental Legacy: Progress or Plunder published by the University of Nevada Press , from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at the Nevada State Museum, Carson City. Hulse is University of Nevada, Reno professor emeritus of history whose textbook

The Silver State
became a classic in Nevada college history courses.

His latest work
examines the role of rapid development on the state's fragile resources.

Hulse said the book makes an effort to see both sides of the issues, offering an unbiased perspective on the effects of mining, grazing, urban sprawl, water use, atomic testing and population growth in his home state. He dedicated the book to "our grandchildren, who will harvest what we planted."

A native Nevadan from Pioche, Hulse has been writing about history for 40 years and taught at UNR for 35. After retirement, Hulse chose to focus on environmental issues, a topic few historians address, he said. "I'm an optimistic person, but I am not optimistic that the land and resources of Nevada can keep up with the growth."

Early arrival is recommended. Doors open at 6 p.m. for book signing; the lecture runs from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission is free for museum members and children 17 and under; non-member adults are \$8. For more information, call (775) 687-4810, ext. 237. The Nevada State Museum is located at 600 N. Carson Street and open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.