

Resolution

of the Nevada Association of Counties

RESOLUTION Regarding the Permanent Retirement of Grazing Allotments

Whereas, Nevada has the highest percentage of federally managed public lands of any state, and in some Nevada counties over ninety-five percent of the land is federally managed, and

Whereas, the economies of Nevada's counties, particularly the rural counties, depend on the multiple use of these public lands including mineral harvesting, energy production and transmission, recreation, and livestock grazing, and

Whereas, Nevada's counties are eager to partner with the federal and state governments, neighboring states and counties, private businesses and interest groups in developing sustainable uses of these lands, and

Whereas, several of Nevada's counties worked collaboratively with the El Paso Corporation in planning for the company's Ruby Pipeline project to traverse northern Nevada, and

Whereas, subsequent to the granting of right-of-ways across these counties, El Paso entered into an agreement with advocacy groups whose stated goal is the eradication of livestock grazing on the public lands in the west, and

Whereas, these advocacy groups plan to use funds provided by El Paso to purchase and permanently retire grazing allotments from "willing sellers", and

Whereas, the Taylor Grazing Act, as currently enacted, does not allow for the permanent retirement of allotments by allotment holders, now

Therefore be it Resolved that the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) reiterates its support of the multiple use of the federally managed public lands within the state, and

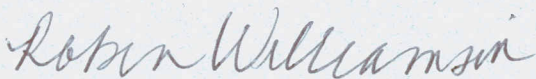
Therefore be it Further Resolved, that NACO opposes any changes to federal law that would allow holders of grazing allotments to permanently retire such allotments, and

Therefore be it Further Resolved, that NACO is opposed to any permanent retirement of grazing allotments unless the governing body of an affected county has determined that such retirement is in the best interest of the county, and

Therefore be it Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Nevada's Congressional delegation, the Governor of Nevada, the Majority Leader of the Nevada Senate, the Speaker of the Nevada Assembly, the Minority Leaders of the Nevada Senate and Assembly, and the Chairman of the Nevada Legislative Committee on Public Lands.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 18th day of November, 2010 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attest:



Robin Williamson
President



Jeffrey Fontaine
Executive Director

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