

COMMENTS BY JIM FALK, SECRETARY OF THE FALLON TEA PARTY,
DURING THE NEVADA LANDS TRANSFER TASK FORCE MEETING IN
CARSON CITY ON MARCH 28, 2014.

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During a regular meeting of the Churchill County Commissioners on March 20, 2014, I asked that a Consent Item on the agenda be pulled for discussion. It dealt with a BLM declaration of intent to impound stray cattle.

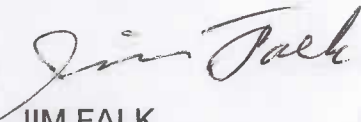
During the discussion I learned that this would happen in the Winnemucca District and that a small portion of that district lay in Churchill County. The intended action by the BLM brought to mind the famous 30-year vendetta by federal agents against the Hage family in Nye County, which, I believe was put rest last summer when the chief district judge for the U.S. district of Nevada ruled in favor of the Hage family and called the agents' actions a conspiracy. I'm sure you all are familiar with the case.

I asked the commissioners if the federal agents in the Winnemucca District had their sights on some particular rancher or would they be looking for targets of opportunity. I suggested that they keep an eye on the impending BLM actions; that it was yet another case of a federal camel getting its nose under another portion of Churchill County's tent.

Then late last night a friend drew my attention to the ^{LAS VEGAS} ~~Reno~~ newspaper story about the BLM closing off 600,000 acres northeast of Las Vegas to round up stray cattle. It sounded like the Hage case all over again, with the Bundy family this time being pushed off land their ancestors had used since 1877.

This is not right, it is unfair, it is un-American and it must be stopped; this high-handed manner of federal agents pushing people around and leaving the agents to mismanage the land. It should give this task force ample reason to fight for the control of Nevada public land to be transferred to state and county authorities.

One might wonder how long will it be before there are more federal agents grazing, so to speak, on Nevada land than there are livestock.



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