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Michael Courtney, Acting Nevada State Director Bureau of Land Management United States Department of the Interior 1340 Financial Boulevard Reno, Nevada 89502

Re: Implementation of Ely District Watershed Restoration Plans

Dear Acting State Director Courtney:

As you are aware, the Nevada Legislative Committee on Public Lands spends the 18 months between legislative sessions studying policies and issues related to the management of public lands in Nevada. The Committee travels throughout the state and hears from citizens, local elected officials, agency personnel, interest groups, and private organizations about their concerns and priorities regarding federal land management.

This interim, the Committee received testimony regarding the need for the Ely District Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to implement completed watershed restoration plans. In response, the Legislative Committee on Public Lands voted unanimously to send this letter urging the BLM to seek additional resources and staffing to implement these completed plans as necessary to restore vegetative health, improve wildlife habitat, and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire in various locations within the Ely District.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Alysa Keller, Committee Policy Analyst (775/684-6825, email: <u>Alysa.Keller@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Heidi Swank, Chair

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