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State of Nevada Assembly

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Nevada Collaborative Conservation Network
Attn: Sheila Anderson
3585 Cherokee Drive
Carson City, NV 89705

Re: Community-Based Conservation of Public Lands

Dear Nevada Collaborative Conservation Network:

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. This interim, at several of its meetings, the Committee received compelling testimony from various members of the Nevada Collaborative Conservation Network (NCCN) regarding their community-based conservation efforts throughout Nevada.

The Legislative Committee on Public Lands overwhelmingly supports the efforts of the NCCN and voted unanimously to send this letter to encourage a Nevada policy prioritizing community-based conservation of public lands that integrates local knowledge of natural resources. The purpose of this letter is to underscore that the Committee recognizes the importance of creating and maintaining partnerships between local stakeholders, private landowners, and vested interest groups in collaboration with federal, state, county, local, and private land managers in a shared effort to maintain thriving ecosystems, as well as the associated wildlife, communities, and economies these ecosystems support. Nevada is a beautiful state with vast expanses of public lands where natural resource policy implementation requires diverse local partnerships.

Thank you for your work on Nevada's public lands. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Alysia Keller, Committee Policy Analyst (775/684-6825, email: Alysia.Keller@lcb.state.nv.us), if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heidi Swank".

Heidi Swank, Chair
Nevada Legislative Committee on Public Lands

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