



## NEVADA STATE GRAZING BOARDS CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Senator Dean Rhoads  
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Dear Senator Rhoads:

On behalf of the Central Grazing Committee, which represents all public land grazers in the state of Nevada, I would like you to consider this letter in strong support of filling the Rangeland Specialist position, which was held by Gary McCuin. I know that the state is in a budget crisis and needs to look for ways to save money, but I urge you to find the funding to fill this position.

The Range Specialist maintains the Nevada Grazing Data Base Study, which tracks changes in use of Nevada's public rangelands. It has shown that grazing use has declined in the last twenty-five years, with a resulting adverse economic impact of \$24 million and a corresponding negative impact of \$11 million on Nevada's livestock industry.

Nevada is 87% federally controlled, which makes it extremely important that the State have someone who is aware of the mandates and potential mandates that could be imposed not only on the livestock industry, but on every citizen of this state who enjoys the public lands. The federal agencies are required to give the state cooperative status, which means they must consult and consider the concerns of Nevadans. There is a constant stream of new regulations coming out of Washington and it is imperative that Nevada has someone sitting at the table to represent the interests of its citizens.

We believe that there is now a void in this area that needs to be filled. The work needs to be continued in addressing the federal agencies with comments that are both intelligent and constructive. We understand the State is currently operating all of its departments under strict budget constraints; however, the work that comes out of this particular position is invaluable to the stability of our ranching industry and the economy of our state. Therefore, we respectfully request that the position of Rangeland Specialist be filled as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Ron Cerri, Chairman  
Central Grazing Committee

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