

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12—
ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to abolish the Gold Butte National Monument. (BDR R-876)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to abolish
the Gold Butte National Monument.

1 WHEREAS, On December 28, 2016, former President of the
2 United States Barack H. Obama signed a presidential proclamation
3 establishing the Gold Butte National Monument; and

4 WHEREAS, The area encompassed within the Gold Butte
5 National Monument consists of approximately 296,937 acres, of
6 which approximately 285,158 acres are managed by the Secretary of
7 the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management and
8 approximately 11,779 acres are managed by the Secretary through
9 the Bureau of Reclamation; and

10 WHEREAS, The Gold Butte National Monument covers a
11 significant portion of southeastern Nevada; and

12 WHEREAS, The presidential proclamation establishing the Gold
13 Butte National Monument appropriated and withdrew the federal
14 lands located within the Gold Butte National Monument from all
15 forms of entry, location, patent, selection, sale or other disposition
16 under various federal public land laws, mining laws and laws
17 relating to mineral and geothermal leasing; and

18 WHEREAS, The appropriation and withdrawal of the federal
19 lands located within the Gold Butte National Monument will
20 severely curtail commercial, noncommercial and recreational



1 activities in southeastern Nevada, thereby affecting the economy
2 and growth of the population of this State; and

3 WHEREAS, Gold Butte National Monument was established
4 unilaterally without consulting any state or local government and
5 without concern for the residents of this State; and

6 WHEREAS, To ensure a publicly supported and transparent
7 process for presidential actions, the establishment of the Gold Butte
8 National Monument should have included input from interest
9 groups, local communities and elected representatives in this State;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, During a period of 2 years, former President of the
12 United States Barack H. Obama signed executive orders and
13 proclamations which placed restrictions on approximately 1 million
14 acres of land in this State, which is an area larger than the entire
15 State of Rhode Island; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
17 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 79th Session of the
18 Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to overturn the
19 presidential proclamation establishing the Gold Butte National
20 Monument and to take any other actions necessary to ensure the
21 abolishment of the designation of the Gold Butte National
22 Monument; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
24 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
25 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding
26 officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
27 House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada
28 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
30 passage.

