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Senator William Raggio, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
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Re: Senate Bill 488 - Feasibility of rehabilitating Bishop Creek Dam.

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands for study to determine feasibility of rehabilitating Bishop Creek Dam in Elko County..

Chairman Raggio and distinguished members of the Senate Finance Committee:

The Board of County Commissioners support the passage of SB 488 which provides the necessary funding to perform a feasibility study to rehabilitate the Bishop Creek Dam in Elko County.

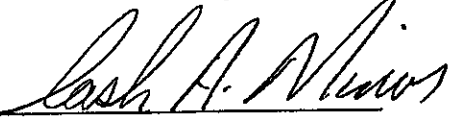
The future rehabilitation of Bishop Creek dam would enhance economic activities on surrounding public lands located in Elko County. It is our belief that the dam would increase local tourism and outdoor activities, such as, hunting, fishing and boating opportunities. Additionally, this would benefit up stream water storage in this region and perhaps help control flooding during years with extensive snow pack.

It should be noted that rural counties face distance and access issues, and most economic benefits are tied to natural resources. With the old infrastructure in place at the dam site it appears that this is a viable economic opportunity for the Northeastern Nevada Region.

We would appreciate your careful consideration of SB488 and encourage your support and passage of this bill. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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