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RESOLUTION

NO. 030301

SUMMARY: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHECKERBOARD LAND CONSOLIDATION

WHEREAS, the checkerboard pattern of private and public lands in Pershing County creates burdens and impediments to the proper management of public lands and development of private lands; and

WHEREAS Nevada Land & Resource Company is the current owner of more than 300,000 acres of former railroad company checkerboard lands located in Pershing County; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of the checkerboard lands could further the goals of both public lands management and private land development in those locations within Pershing County most able to promote economic development and provide community services and development support in accordance with the Pershing County master plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Pershing County is in favor of the consolidation of the public and private lands comprising the checkerboard lands if and upon the premise that the following general tenets are followed;

- 1) A large quantity of Nevada Land and Resource Company checkerboard lands will be conveyed to the Bureau of Land Management.
- 2) Nevada Land and Resource Company will be credited with the fair market value of the lands conveyed for use only at public auctions of federal lands in the state of Nevada.
- 3) Nevada Land and Resource Company shall provide Pershing County with 20 years of ad-valorem taxes to allow Pershing County the time to transition auction lands into private ownership, encourage development and expand the tax rolls.
- 4) There shall be an outright conveyance of lands to Pershing County and other entities needed for community economic development, recreational and resource protection purposes.

- 5) There will be provision for the expansion of corridors to facilitate utility upgrades throughout Pershing County.
- 6) Provide that certain lands designated as sensitive lands shall become public lands and not subject to auction.
- 7) There shall be, not less frequently than every 24 to 36 months, the auction of federally managed public lands in Pershing County which shall be in accordance with the Pershing County master plan, in areas determined by the Pershing County Commission.
- 8) The existing and preferential rights including access on the public lands shall be maintained and there will be no impairment of recreational access to public lands.
- 9) The "multiple use" principles for the public lands shall remain the overriding policy of public lands management.
- 10) All grazing preferences and permits shall be maintained in accordance with the numbers of permitted livestock, periods of use and horse free management practices for the affected allotments and there shall be no suspension of grazing rights on the consolidated lands.
- 11) There shall be a fair and equitable sharing of public lands auction proceeds between Pershing County and the Bureau of Land Management from future consolidated land sales.
- 12) This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Nevada State Legislature for consideration and endorsement.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Commissioner

Mancebo, seconded by Commissioner

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Denier and adopted on this 5th day of
March, 2003, by the following vote of the Board of County
Commissioners of Pershing County.


AYES: Ayoub, Denier, Mancebo

NAYS: None

ABSENT:


Chairman
Pershing County Commission

ATTEST:


CLERK