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WORK SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

May 21, 2003

HITTEE ON WATCHAL RESOURCE

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The following measure will be considered for action by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources during the work session:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES)

Expresses support for the plan to consolidate public and private lands in Pershing County.

Representatives of the Nevada Land and Resource Company and a Pershing County committee appointed to work on the consolidation plan spoke in support of the resolution. Representatives of the environmental community expressed support for the concept of consolidation but concern as to whether the process to put together a final plan will have broad enough public input.

Proposed Amendments

The attached amendment was proposed by Tina Nappe.

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EXHIBIT J Committee on Natural Resources

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Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 10:06 AM

To: Dean A. Rhoads; Mike McGinness; Raymond C. Schaffer; Mark E. Amodei; Bob Coffin; Michael A.

Schneider; Margaret A. Carlton

Cc: Terry Reed; Fred Weldon; Joe Johnson

Subject: SJR 10 - Support for Plan to consolidate public and private lands in Pershing County

Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee-

Per your request I am attached proposed amendments to SJR 10. As I indicated at the hearing, I am supportive of efforts to clearly define and separate public and private lands. The railroad lands in northern Nevada provide confusion and frustration to both federal and private landowners. The proposed solution has many positive aspects.

However, under this resolution no one has reached out or proposes to reach out to the general public where both concerns and additional benefits may be forthcoming. I have served on the BLM Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for the last four years. The RAC is comprised of 15 representatives from a variety of public interests and covers the Winnemucca and Carson Districts. Every quarter we meet to discuss issues affecting these districts and receive a report from each field manager on activities within their districts. I reviewed the last two quarters and can find no reference to a substantial plan like this one from the Winnemucca District. I believe that BLM may not feel this plan is as far along as the resolution appears to imply. My preference is to drop reference to the specific plan if such a specific plan is implied in line 28 (resolution no. 030301) for a more general comment. I will ask that this agenda item be added to our end of July RAC meeting which will be held in Winnemucca.

Line 27: New

Whereas, the Nevada's citizens and the State of Nevada will have an interest in changes affecting the ownership and management of public lands

Line 42: New

Resolved, that the Bureau of Land Management and the State of Nevada will participate in the development of the final plan through public meetings and consultation.

Thank you for your time and attention

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