

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10—COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Expresses support for the designation of trails for off-highway vehicles by certain federal agencies. (BDR R-1350)

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.

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1 WHEREAS, Approximately 86 percent of Nevada's land is
2 federally owned, with the Bureau of Land Management managing
3 68 percent and the United States Forest Service managing 8 percent;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Recreation is the fastest growing use of public lands,
6 and as the population of Nevada and our nation continues to grow,
7 the demand for recreational use of and access to public lands also
8 grows; and

9 WHEREAS, Nevada lacks a comprehensive designated route
10 system for the estimated 400,000 off-highway vehicles in this State
11 which are part of the lifestyle for many Nevadans; and

12 WHEREAS, The explosion of off-highway vehicle use across the
13 nation and conflicts with other land uses have often led to
14 undesirable results, such as serious physical injuries, the spread of
15 noxious and invasive weeds, environmental damage and litigation or
16 the closing of federal lands to off-highway vehicles; and

17 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management and the United
18 States Forest Service recognize the need to improve the
19 management of off-highway vehicle use, to reduce conflicts and
20 resource impacts, and to minimize the soil, watershed, wildlife and



1 habitat impacts from off-highway vehicles to protect our public
2 lands while continuing to provide for a wide variety of recreational
3 opportunities; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
5 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby supports
6 the actions and policies of the Bureau of Land Management and the
7 United States Forest Service which designate specific roads, trails
8 and limited-use areas for use by off-highway vehicles and hereby
9 urges the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest
10 Service to carry out those actions and policies in cooperation with
11 other groups, including local law enforcement, hunting, hiking,
12 biking, ranching and conservation groups and others who work on
13 issues involving Nevada's backcountry; and be it further

14 Resolved, That the Nevada Legislature urges the Bureau of
15 Land Management and the United States Forest Service to require
16 that off-highway vehicles stay on existing roads and trails and not
17 pioneer unauthorized roads and trails; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Bureau of Land Management and the
19 United States Forest Service are encouraged to enter into
20 interagency agreements with federal, state and local law
21 enforcement agencies to use resources efficiently and to ensure
22 sufficient enforcement of policies and regulations; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
24 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretaries of Agriculture
25 and the Interior, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the
26 Director of the Bureau of Land Management and each member of
27 the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

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

