

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12—Committee
on Natural Resources

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing disapproval of recent civil actions filed against local ranchers and the Bureau of Land Management in the management of public rangelands and the issuance of grazing permits for those public rangelands.

WHEREAS, Several civil actions have been filed recently against the Bureau of Land Management and local ranchers in Nevada who graze livestock on public rangelands in accordance with grazing permits; and

WHEREAS, In those civil actions, it is alleged that the Bureau of Land Management, in issuing Final Multiple Use Decisions for the issuance of grazing permits on grazing allotments located in Nevada, has violated federal law by failing to consider the ecological implications of authorizing livestock grazing on those allotments; and

WHEREAS, The protection of the environment under the National Environmental Policy Act and the filing of civil actions to ensure that protection are activities that are important to our nation; and

WHEREAS, The production of livestock is also an important activity to our nation and is an essential part of the local economy in many of Nevada's rural areas; and

WHEREAS, The excessive filing of lawsuits and resulting bureaucratic delays inhibit the implementation of principles of good stewardship in the management of public rangelands by local ranchers and the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby expresses its disapproval of the filing of recent civil actions against local ranchers and the Bureau of Land Management alleging violations of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Land Management and Policy Act of 1976 in the management of public rangelands and the issuance of grazing permits for those public rangelands; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Nevada, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the President of the National



Cattlemen's Beef Association, the President of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, the Executive Director of the Public Lands Council and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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