

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13—COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to provide additional appropriations for the prevention and suppression of wildfires and the rehabilitation of public rangelands in Nevada. (BDR R-468)

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.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to provide additional appropriations or any other form of assistance to federal agencies and the State of Nevada for the prevention and suppression of wildfires and the rehabilitation of public rangelands destroyed by wildfires in Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, During 2005, approximately 1,032,104 acres of land
2 were burned by 794 wildfires occurring in Nevada; and

3 WHEREAS, During 2006, approximately 1,468,189 acres of land
4 were burned in Nevada, thereby making Nevada one of the highest
5 ranking states for the amount of land destroyed by wildfires; and

6 WHEREAS, The costs of suppressing wildfires for federal
7 agencies nationwide is significant, totaling approximately
8 \$161,403,000 for the Bureau of Land Management and
9 approximately \$614,000,000 for the United States Forest Service for
10 the fire season for 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately 87 percent of the land in Nevada is
12 controlled by the Federal Government, and much of that land
13 includes public rangelands that are used in rural areas of Nevada to
14 support the local ranching industry; and



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1 WHEREAS, The production of livestock is an important asset for
2 rural communities; and

3 WHEREAS, When wildfires occur on public land, those wildfires
4 often destroy portions of the public rangelands in Nevada, thereby
5 making them unavailable for use until rehabilitated; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
8 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature
9 hereby urge Congress to provide additional appropriations or any
10 other form of assistance to federal agencies and the State of Nevada
11 in the prevention and suppression of wildfires and the rehabilitation
12 of public rangelands destroyed by wildfires in Nevada; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
15 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United
16 States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of
18 the Committee on Appropriations of the United States Senate, the
19 Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States
20 House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada
21 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
23 passage.

