

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13—Committee
on Natural Resources

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States



House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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