

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to support a proposed off-highway vehicle park in Clark County. (BDR R-1433)

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, The Nellis Dunes area comprises approximately
2 10,181 acres located in unincorporated Clark County, Nevada, on
3 federal public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management,
4 8,921 acres of which are usable recreation space, offering a variety
5 of terrain and trails for off-highway vehicle enthusiasts; and

6 WHEREAS, Most areas of Clark County have been closed to
7 motorized recreation, and the Las Vegas Valley is in a state of
8 noncompliance for air quality with regard to particulate matter,
9 partially due to blowing dust from land disturbance caused by off-
10 road vehicle use; and

11 WHEREAS, The Nellis Dunes is recognized in the Southern
12 Nevada Regional Planning Coalition's open space plan to protect
13 the natural backdrops and maintain a perimeter trail corridor around
14 the Las Vegas Valley; and

15 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management's Las Vegas
16 Resource Management Plan designates the Nellis Dunes as an "open
17 area," allowing unrestricted motorized recreation; and

18 WHEREAS, An opportunity exists for Clark County to develop
19 and manage a motorized recreation system, consistent with the
20 mission of Nellis Air Force Base, with the potential to prevent
21 safety concerns, improve air quality, protect rare plants and sensitive



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1 soils, prevent refuse dumping and capitalize on potential economic
2 development possibilities; and

3 WHEREAS, A feasibility study, funded by the Board of County
4 Commissioners for Clark County, evaluated supply and demand
5 considerations, capital and operations and maintenance costs and
6 options for funding, and likely operation models for a motorized
7 recreation park; and

8 WHEREAS, Development of a motorized recreation park
9 managed by Clark County will benefit southern Nevadans through
10 the promotion of safe off-road activities and implementation of
11 environmental protections to air, sensitive soils and native plants;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
14 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature
15 hereby urge Congress to promulgate legislation for the conveyance
16 of the Nellis Dunes area to Clark County for the purpose of off-road
17 recreation and environmental protection; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
19 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United
20 States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Board of County
22 Commissioners of Clark County and each member of the Nevada
23 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
25 passage.

