

Senate Joint Resolution No. 18—Committee
on Government Affairs

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to support a
proposed off-highway vehicle park in Clark County.

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

WHEREAS, Most areas of Clark County have been closed to motorized recreation; and

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

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

WHEREAS, An opportunity exists for Clark County to develop and manage a motorized recreation system, consistent with the mission of Nellis Air Force Base, with the potential to prevent safety concerns, improve air quality, protect rare plants and sensitive soils, prevent refuse dumping and capitalize on potential economic development possibilities; and

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

WHEREAS, Development of a motorized recreation park managed by Clark County will benefit southern Nevadans through the promotion of safe off-road activities and implementation of environmental protections to air, sensitive soils and native plants; 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 promulgate legislation for the conveyance of the Nellis Dunes area to Clark County for the purpose of off-road recreation and environmental protection; 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 Board of County Commissioners of Clark County and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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