

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, A feasibility study, funded by the Board of County
22 Commissioners for Clark County, evaluated supply and demand



1 considerations, capital and operations and maintenance costs and
2 options for funding, and likely operation models for a motorized
3 recreation park; and

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

9 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
10 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature
11 hereby urge Congress to promulgate legislation for the conveyance
12 of the Nellis Dunes area to Clark County for the purpose of off-road
13 recreation and environmental protection; and be it 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 Board of County
18 Commissioners of Clark County and each member of the Nevada
19 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
21 passage.

