

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7—SENATOR RHOADS

MARCH 16, 2009

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Expresses opposition to congressional enactment of the National Landscape Conservation System. (BDR R-983)

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 Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009,
2 which contains over 150 public lands bills, has recently been
3 approved by both Houses of Congress and signed by the President
4 of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Landscape Conservation System
6 (NLCS) is part of the Omnibus package and was created through
7 administrative action, not congressional enactment, and the
8 administrative reach of NLCS extends to more than 27 million acres
9 of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management,
10 the vast majority of which are located in 12 western states, including
11 Nevada, and include 15 national monuments, 13 national
12 conservation areas, 177 wilderness areas, 608 wilderness study
13 areas, 2,052 miles of wild and scenic rivers and over 5,350 miles of
14 national scenic and historic trails; and

15 WHEREAS, NLCS imposes a whole new management protocol
16 for managing these lands based on the vague and nebulous concept
17 of “values,” and the management scheme for these lands will now
18 become even more subjective by injecting into management plans
19 undefined terms such as “viewsheds,” “soundscapes” and even
20 “smellsapes”; and



1 WHEREAS, Multiple-use management of these public lands will
2 be compromised by this new management priority, thus jeopardizing
3 current and vital land uses such as recreation, grazing and mining, to
4 name a few, all of which are industries vital to Nevada's economic
5 viability; and

6 WHEREAS, This vague and undefined management tool is
7 currently available to be employed to shut down millions of public
8 land acres and invalidate legal and legitimate oil and gas leases to
9 exploration and subsequent production at a time when domestic
10 energy development is vital, even critical, to our national security
11 interests; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
13 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 75th Session of the
14 Nevada Legislature join the Nevada Association of Counties in
15 expressing their strong opposition to any congressional action that
16 unnecessarily locks up and reduces public access to federal lands,
17 and further express their opposition to the codification, by
18 congressional enactment of the Omnibus Public Land Management
19 Act of 2009, of the National Landscape Conservation System as
20 creating an undefined and vague management scheme for the public
21 lands that does not provide clarity or reasoned purpose or advance
22 the national interest of energy independence and protect multiple-
23 use, sustained-yield management of the public lands; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
26 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
27 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding
28 officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management
30 and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it
31 further

32 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
33 passage.

