ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Expresses the opposition of the Nevada Legislature to the proposed expansion of the Fallon Range Training Complex. (BDR R-1099)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing the opposition of the Nevada Legislature to the expansion of the Fallon Range Training Complex as described in the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

WHEREAS, The Fallon Range Training Complex was established in Northern Nevada in the 1940s and currently spans more than 230,000 acres of land located approximately 65 miles east of the City of Reno; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of the Navy released the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement in November of 2018 to present three proposals for the expansion of the Fallon Range Training Complex located at the Fallon Naval Air Station; and

WHEREAS, The proposal preferred by the Department of the Navy would require more than 600,000 acres of land spread across Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, Nye and Pershing Counties to be allocated to the Department of the Navy for the expansion of training sites and those lands would no longer be available for public or private use by citizens; and

WHEREAS, Adoption of the proposal would result in numerous negative environmental and economic consequences including,



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without limitation: (1) conversion of land in the Fallon National Wildlife Refuge; (2) the elimination of public access for recreational purposes in certain areas; (3) conversion of land proposed for the Fox Peak Area of Critical Environmental Concern; (4) restrictions on the exploration of mineral and mining development within the converted areas; (5) reduction in livestock grazing areas in this State; and (6) the closure or reduction of at least one State Route; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of this State is concerned that implementation of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Project has the potential to be detrimental to the people of this State as well as the vulnerable natural resources of its public lands; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby express their opposition to the expansion of the Fallon Range Training Complex; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.





