

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8—COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Expresses the opposition of the Nevada Legislature
to the elimination of the Nevada State Office of the
Bureau of Land Management. (BDR R-506)

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.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing the opposition of
the Nevada Legislature to the elimination of the Nevada
State Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

1 WHEREAS, On March 13, 2017, the President of the United
2 States required the head of each agency within the Federal
3 Government to submit a proposed plan to reorganize the agency, if
4 appropriate, in order to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and
5 accountability of that agency; and

6 WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior submitted a
7 reorganization plan that, among other things, eliminates the
8 Department of the Interior's 49 administrative regions, whose
9 boundaries generally correspond with state lines, and replaces them
10 with 12 "unified regions," whose boundaries are determined by
11 natural features, primarily river systems and watersheds; and

12 WHEREAS, The boundaries of the unified regions split this State
13 in two for administrative purposes, placing Northern Nevada in the
14 unified region that also includes most of California and a small part
15 of Oregon, and placing Southern Nevada in the unified region that
16 also includes Southern California and the State of Arizona; and



1 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management is among the
2 agencies, bureaus and offices of the Department of the Interior
3 whose operations in Nevada will be split between the two new
4 unified regions; and

5 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management has a substantial
6 presence in this State, managing and controlling 48 million surface
7 acres and 59 million subsurface acres of public land through the
8 Nevada State Office located in Reno and six District Offices and 11
9 Field Offices located elsewhere throughout the State;

10 WHEREAS, The Secretary declared that the unified regions were
11 effective as of August 22, 2018, and appointed Regional Facilitators
12 for each region on November 1, 2018, but has yet to provide
13 specific or detailed answers to many questions concerning the
14 implementation of the reorganization plan, and Congress has yet to
15 approve or appropriate any money for its implementation; and

16 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada is concerned
17 that the implementation of the Secretary's reorganization plan has
18 the potential to result in the elimination of the Nevada State Office
19 of the Bureau of Land Management; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
21 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 80th Session of the
22 Nevada Legislature hereby express their opposition to the
23 elimination of the Nevada State Office of the Bureau of Land
24 Management; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly 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 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
29 the Secretary of the Interior and each member of the Nevada
30 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

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

