

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 8—Committee on  
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada is concerned that the implementation of the Secretary's reorganization plan has the potential to result in the elimination of the Nevada State Office of the Bureau of Land Management; 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 elimination of the Nevada State Office of the Bureau of Land Management; 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.

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