

Resolution

of the Nevada Association of Counties

RESOLUTION urging cooperation in regards to “Checkerboard” lands in Nevada

Whereas, there is a checkerboard land pattern in the Western United States where every other section is private and every other section is public land making management difficult for private land owners and public land managers alike, and

Whereas, over sixty-two percent of Nevada’s private lands are in the checkerboard pattern, and

Whereas, the consolidation of checkerboard lands into cohesive units of private ownership or public management is time consuming and costly due to the complex maze of federal statues, regulations and land management policies, and

Whereas, access by users of the public lands and private land owners have sometimes been restricted, limited or denied, and

Whereas, development of private lands in the checkerboard pattern is difficult and expensive and therefore the value of these lands can be depressed, and

Whereas, the Nevada Association of Counties strongly supports the multiple-use of public lands including livestock grazing, mineral exploration and harvesting, renewable energy generation, hunting, fishing and other recreational uses by the general public, and

Whereas, the Nevada Association of Counties supports the rights of private land owners to the use and develop of their property.

Now Therefore be it Resolved, that the Nevada Association of Counties urges the consolidation of “checkerboard” lands where it is in the best interest of the multiple-use of public lands or the use and development of private lands where the use is in the best interest of the host county, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Nevada Association of Counties urges Congress to enact legislation that would simplify the processes, regulations and practices that includes a mechanism to address the issues of split estates and access to public and private lands, that govern the consolidation of these “checkerboard” lands without the introduction of comprehensive land bills which could increase the amount of land withdrawn from multiple-use, and

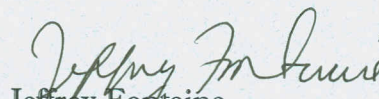
Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, Members of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 18th Day of November, 2010 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties:

Attest:



Robin Williamson
President



Jeffrey Fontaine
Executive Director

NACO Resolution 10-08

