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The Coalition for Public Access (CPA) was organized in 2008 in response to the threats posed by lands bills and Wilderness Area designations in Lyon, Esmeralda and Mineral counties brought by the Nevada Congressional Delegation. Since that time, the organization has incorporated and is guided by a diligent board of directors who monitor and respond to proposals that have a likelihood to reduce access and use of federal public lands. During this present election cycle, CPA would like to recognize those current candidates who have provided support to our efforts and continue to support the cause of keeping public lands open and accessible for all Nevadans.

Congressional District 2 – Dean Heller for his leadership and assistance to ensure that “Lands Bills” (one type of legislation that grants wilderness status to large areas of public land) are not taken before congress without the support of local (affected) county governments. This was instrumental in stopping the “Lands Bill” that could have resulted in nearly 1.4 million acres of new “wilderness” in Lyon, Mineral and Esmeralda counties. Dean continues to listen to the concerns of CPA and to provide assistance when requested.

Capitol Senate District – James Settelmeyer for his active participation in 2008 to voice objection to the “wilderness land grab” sending a letter to Senator Reid requesting that he scale back or eliminate the wilderness area. Also for his current support to mitigate the impacts of any new wilderness designation in the Pine Nut mountains that may be contained in Douglas County’s Lands Bill that is in the preliminary study phase.

Assembly District 38 – Tom Grady for his active participation in 2008 to voice objection to the “wilderness land grab” on behalf of Lyon county residents. Mr. Grady also co-signed Mr. Settelmeyer’s letter to Senator Reid.

Assembly District 36 – Edwin Goedhart for his active participation in 2008 to voice objection to the “wilderness land grab” on behalf of Mineral and Esmeralda county residents. Mr. Goedhart also co-signed Mr. Settlemeyer’s letter to Senator Reid.

Lyon County Commission District 2 – Charles Lawson for his active participation in 2008 to bring public attention to the issues of how the federal government and outside activist organizations can negatively impact the local citizens.

Lyon County Commissioner District 5 – Virgil Arellano for his active participation as a Member of CPA’s Board of Directors. Virgil has a strong interest in keeping public lands open for multi-use and is an active contributor as a Director of CPA.

Mineral County Commissioner – Jerrie Tipton for her active support during the 2008 “wilderness land grab” in pursuing a county Resolution objecting to wilderness area designations in Mineral County and declining the “offer” of a Lands Bill.

CPA urges Nevadans who value the right to responsibly access and use federal public lands to carefully consider the record of the candidate(s) who are running for office.

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