

LYON COUNTY LANDS BILL RESOLUTION NO. 08-06

WHEREAS, the people of Lyon County and the Lyon County Commissioners have consistently voiced strong opposition to various segments of any Lyon County Lands Bill;

WHEREAS, the proposed 2008 Lyon County Lands Bill shows no likeness to the original proposal that was pledged to the Commissioners many years ago;

WHEREAS, control and writing of this lands bill has been taken away completely from local government and taken over by the U.S. Congressional Delegation;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners feels their input and the input of their constituents are not being incorporated into any consideration of the bill;

WHEREAS, the effort to take away local water resources and force thousands of acres of unwanted wilderness upon our citizens is not acceptable;

WHEREAS, the commissioners have found that the negative impacts to Lyon County and its citizens, presented by the delegation, far outweigh the possible benefits in this lands bill;

WHEREAS, Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons in his March 12, 2008 letter to the Nevada Congressional Delegation stated: "I will continue to voice my opposition to any federal legislation that is not a result of local coordination, cooperation and support. Therefore I respectfully request you do not move forward with legislation until such time as Mineral and Lyon Counties choose to support the effort";

WHEREAS, Nevada Congressman Dean Heller on April 2, 2008 issued a press release calling for "another look at the development of this lands bill, and stated that legislation "must have the support of local communities that will be affected by such a bill";

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Harry Reid in an April 8, 2008 letter wrote: "As I have stated many times, Senator Ensign, Congressman Heller and I have no interest in forcing legislation on communities that do not wish to participate in this type of process" and "If the counties decide formally that this is something they do not want to pursue, we will honor that request";

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator John Ensign assured the county in an October 3, 2005 letter that he had "personally made sure the ongoing Walker Lake negotiations were not a prerequisite for passing" a lands bill; but now the county finds that is the main focus of the bill;

WHEREAS, the \$5-million Senator Ensign said he had "negotiated with Senator Reid" for a Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Center near Dayton in Lyon County is no longer part of the proposed bill;

WHEREAS, additionally on October 3, 2005, Senator Ensign stated that he would "respect the Commissioners' views and would never seek to impose legislation over the unanimous objections of local elected officials";

WHEREAS, the Lyon County Commissioners have formally adopted NO WILDERNESS resolutions twice (in September 2005 and again on March 20, 2008), even though the Nevada Congressional Delegation has said that Wilderness designations are required in all lands bills for passage by the U.S. Congress;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of our constituents, in unanimous agreement, respectfully request that all work on the Lyon County Lands Bill cease immediately as we do not support the Lyon County Lands Bill.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of April, 2008.

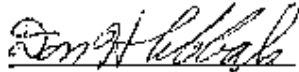
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NAYS: 0

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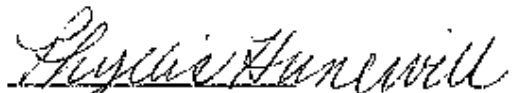
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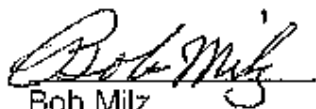
Don Tibbals
Chair



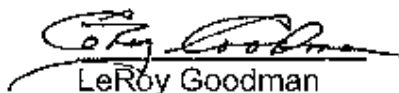
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Phyllis Hunewill



Bob Milz



LeRoy Goodman

ATTEST:



Nikki Bryan, Lyon County Clerk