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Dr. Heath Morrison
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Dear Superintendent Morrison:

The Coalition for Public Access (CPA) is a Nevada non-profit, public-benefit, corporation committed to protecting and preserving public access to and use of federal public lands.

CPA is very concerned about a program the Nevada Wilderness Project (NWP) says it will introduce in two Reno schools this year. The NWP says on their website, "*... in 2010, as we introduce our new Adopt-a-Wildlife Corridor program into two Reno schools. There are no better advocates for wildlife habitat and linkages than 5th graders-turned-citizen scientists, armed with pencils, data sheets, Google Earth, and unfettered passion.*" [www.wildnevada.org/take-action-for-no-child-left-inside.html]

NWP has a very specific agenda regarding the use of federally managed public lands and to permit NWP access to 5th graders would clearly not represent a balanced and scientifically objective experience. "*5th graders-turned-citizen scientists*" can be interpreted as **indoctrination to the use of junk science** and "*unfettered passion,"* will act to excite the emotions of 5th graders **who may not know about or understand** the differences of opinion regarding wildlife corridors.

Even with the best of intentions NWP cannot be expected to fairly represent the differing views on the subject of wildlife corridors and the public use of federally managed public lands. To the contrary, CPA believes such programs will only serve as a propaganda tool to promote a singular mindset.

CPA urges you to review the program NWP plans to present and reach the conclusion that NWP is not an objective or agenda-neutral party and should not be permitted to present programs in any schools in the Washoe County School District. CPA would very much like a response regarding this matter.