

1 **NYE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35**

2 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS ON PUBLIC
3 LANDS IN NYE COUNTY, NEVADA

4 WHEREAS, Nye County Nevada is the third largest county in the continental United States
5 comprising slightly over 11 million acres of which almost 93 percent is under management and/or control of
6 various departments and agencies of the federal government; and

7 WHEREAS, BLM has cancelled or suspended the update of the Resource Management Plans in Nye
8 County for the Pahrump Field Office (1998), the Tonopah Field Office (1996), and the Carson City District
9 (2001) that are required to effectively manage public lands that surround Nye's communities; and

10 WHEREAS, the US Air Force will ask Congress to withdraw 18,500 acres of public land in Nye
11 County from all forms of public access solely for safety purposes; and

12 WHEREAS, the US Navy will ask Congress to withdraw 85,000 acres of public land in Nye County
13 from all forms of public access for the expansion of bombing ranges at the Fallon Naval Air Station, and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has established Wilderness Areas on 383,554 acres of the
15 designated 1,158,248 acres of Wilderness Study Area in Nye County, Nevada, leaving the remaining
16 774,694 to be managed as de facto Wilderness Areas without congressional designation;

17 WHEREAS, these public land actions will continue to result in significant adverse economic impacts
18 to Nye County.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nye County Board of Commissioners does
20 hereby support the State of Nevada U.S. Congressional Delegation efforts to resolve Natural Resources
21 issues and development conflicts in Nye County by enacting legislation to provide for:

22 1. The designation of Public Lands for Disposal For Economic Development at Fair Market Value
23 in the communities of Amargosa Valley, Beatty, Carver's/Smoky Valley, Pahrump, Railroad
24 Valley/Currant, Round Mountain and Tonopah.

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2. Designation of Lands for the establishment of enduring Areas of Environmental Importance for the Conservation of Endangered and Sensitive Species as may be needed to obtain a US Fish and Wildlife Service Incidental Take Permit/Habitat Conservation Plans in Nye County.
3. The distribution of proceeds from public land sales in Nye County as follows:
 - a) Nevada State education fund (5%),
 - b) Nye functions and services (10%) including use for fire protection, law enforcement, public safety, housing, social services, and transportation; and
 - c) BLM State, Pahrump and Tonopah Field Offices (85%):
 - to fund staff to carry out land sales, and the NEPA and FLPMA-required surveys reports, and appraisals;
 - to fund Development of a Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) for Nye County; and
 - to fund the inventory, evaluation, protection, and management unique archeological resources in Nye County.
4. The addition of Nye County to the list of Counties named in the FUNDING and related Sections of the Southern Nevada Policy and Land Management Act, as amended.
5. The disposal and conveyance to Nye County of the following lands for public purposes in accordance with the patent and special pricing provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act of 1926:
 - Shooting Ranges (Pahrump Bell Vista site; amendment to the Free Use Application and Permit at the Basin Pit Site in Pahrump to include a shooter site; Silver State Shooting Park in Beatty; Nye County Pistol and Archery Range in Tonopah);
 - Rural Cemeteries on located BLM and USFS Public Lands, specifically Berlin, Belmont, Bullfrog-Rhyolite, Desert Hill, Duckwater Cemetery 3, Ione, Ophir Round Mountain and Tybo;

1 • Nye County Class II Landfills in Tonopah and Round Mountain;

2 • Last Chance Basin Regional Landfill site;

3 • Adequate Lands for a Nye County Transportation and Public Safety Facility in Pahrump;

4 • Adequate Lands for Trailheads within Nye County; and

5 • Establish flood control basins within Pahrump.

6 6. The designation of certain renewable energy Lease Areas in Nye County. The establishment and
7 implementation of revenue-sharing programs consistent with geothermal revenue under the
8 Energy Policy Act of 2005 for solar and wind renewable energy leases on public lands.

9 7. Release of the Pahrump/Nye County Fairgrounds Federal Reversionary interest from Patent 27-
10 99-0055 at no cost and for no further consideration. Nye County to pay reasonable administrative
11 costs and recording. Removal of the reversionary clause for the 3800 acres at the Tonopah
12 Airport property.

13 8. The conveyance to Nye County at no cost, and for no further consideration Town Site Patents for
14 Historic Mining Towns with Historic Surface Occupancy of Ione, Manhattan and Round
15 Mountain. Nye County to pay reasonable administrative costs of conveyance and recording, and
16 to convey land in accordance with NRS 244.2825.

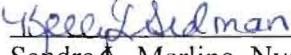
17 9. The release of 774,694 acres of Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service
18 Wilderness Study Areas in Nye County and to promote multiple use of these lands for all
19 Americans.

20 APPROVED this 5th day of November, 2019

21 NYE COUNTY
22 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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24 John Koenig, Chairman

25 ATTEST:


26 Sandra L. Merlino, Nye County Clerk
27 And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board