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Governor Brian Sandoval
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval:

On March 30, 2012, you issued Executive Order 2012-09 which established the Greater Sage-grouse Advisory Committee (Committee) and charged our group with recommending a course of action that provides for conservation measures sufficient to preclude the need to list the Greater Sage-grouse by no later than July 31, 2012.

As Chairman of the Committee, I am pleased to present you with the attached set of recommendations as developed and approved by our Committee which we believe lays out a Strategic Plan that, if implemented, can sufficiently conserve the species while enabling our economy to thrive.

These recommendations were developed over the course of ten meetings and nearly eighty hours of expert testimony, discussion, deliberation and public comment. Meetings were held in Carson City with simultaneous video conference to Winnemucca, Elko and Ely. The Commission considered legislative recommendations but determined that those recommendations may be more appropriate to determine after your review and guidance.

We believe that the Strategic Plan delivered to you today is consistent with similar actions taken by our regional partners in neighboring states.

The Committee would be remiss if we did not thank Mr. Bob Budd, Executive Director of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust for his expert facilitation and assistance. Mr. Budd went "above and beyond" and flew to Nevada on several occasions – free of charge – to assist our team as we developed our strategy. Mr. Budd's assistance has been invaluable to our process.

Although the potential listing of the Greater Sage-grouse poses very real threats to the State of Nevada, we are encouraged by the amount of collaboration and momentum behind efforts to proactively conserve the species. Working together with local, state, Tribal, federal, public and private interests, we believe the Greater Sage-grouse can be preserved in Nevada in a manner that does not unnecessarily burden Nevada's industries and citizens.

We are confident that our Federal partners including the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will coordinate their efforts with the policies you approve based on these recommendations.

Thank you for the leadership role that the State of Nevada has taken in addressing this very important matter. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and look forward to your consideration of these recommendations.

Respectfully yours,



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