

From John Carpenter

To State of Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council

Dear Members,

I am very concerned in regard to the comments prepared by Shaun Espinosa of N.D.O.W. in regard to the B.L.M. Sage Grouse DEIS. His comments were very detrimental to the ranching and mining industries as well as recreationist, hunters and O.H.V. users. It is a mystery to me why Tony Wasley, the Director of N.D.O.W would allow such a document to be sent out over an N.D.O.W letterhead. If the comments are indeed the official policy of N.D.O.W. Multiple Use in Nevada is in great danger and we must use all means to counteract the propaganda of N.D.O.W.

On August 24, 2012, Governor Sandoval sent a letter informing the residents and all state personnel that the Nevada Department of Conservation of Natural Resources would be the lead entity for all matters related to Sage Grouse management in the State of Nevada. This is still the case whether Director of N.D.O.W., Tony Wasley knows it or not.

The comments should have been cleared first with Leo Drazdoff, the Director of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. As Governor Sandoval reiterated in his instructional memorandum "all pending, plans or future activities related to Sage Grouse should be coordinated with DCNR. This included all related correspondence, compulsory or voluntary to Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture or other similar entity." Director Wasley has accused me and others of not knowing how to read. I wonder if the Governors instructions are not clear to Director Wasley?

Ultimately the Governor should have approved the comments. He would not have had much time as they were sent out on the last day at

the last hour. It is my opinion that Governor Sandoval, Leo Drozdoff, Tony Wasley, and Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners need to correct this unjust criticism leveled against the multiple users of our public lands in Nevada.

I further believe Shaun Espinosa should be relieved of his duties at N.D.O.W for the good of our great State of Nevada.



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