

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED BY THE SETT ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 AT 09:03AM

Dear Mr. Rubald – As the council is moving to finalize the plan, we would like to highlight one area for correction.

In the “Miscellaneous” section of the plan (p. 173), the following language appears:

On BLM and Forest Service-administered Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), mechanized equipment may be used to protect or rehabilitate areas of high resource concerns or values; however, the use of mechanized equipment will be evaluated against potential long-term resource damage.

While we don't believe that the state of Nevada can affect the federal laws governing these types of lands, it certainly contravenes both the law and the intent of the applicable laws regarding management of Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas. We would recommend that this language be removed altogether or at least revised to state that Nevada would reach out to the federal agencies that manage Wilderness and Wilderness Study areas to investigate opportunities to use mechanized equipment consistent with the Wilderness Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act and National Forest Management Act.

Thank you for considering this comment. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

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