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Neil Kornze, Director
Bureau of Land Management
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW, Rm. 5665
Washington DC 20240

RE: Invitation to meet with the Elko County Commission to discuss Public Land Management Issues

Dear Director Kornze:

As you know, Elko County is one of the largest Counties in the Continental United State by area. Our County is larger than several eastern seaboard states. Approximately three quarters of Elko County's 17,000 square miles is public lands. With a strong history supporting a multiple-use policy of public lands including mining, livestock grazing and outdoor recreation, public lands management is a passionate matter in Elko County. BLM land management policies and decisions have a direct and permanent impact upon the economy and quality of life in Nevada. Elko County has great concern regarding ongoing management and in some cases non-management of BLM programs and their major impact upon our area.

The Elko County Commission extends an invitation to you to return to Elko, Nevada to discuss public land management issues including the reduction and elimination of grazing permits, wildfire prevention and suppression, BLM Wild Horse Management, the management and possible listing of the Greater Sage Grouse and the impacts upon northeastern Nevada. You are in a key position that generates and implements the policy and direction of our nation's public lands management. We believe a frank and direct discussion of these issues with those of us who work and live in rural Nevada will give you important insight as you formulate strategies to address these important issues.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding our invitation. The County Commission usually meets on the first and third weeks of the month, but extends to you to meet as soon your schedule will allow.

Sincerely,


Charlie L. Myers, Chair
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cc: US Senator Harry Reid
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