

**Presentation before the Nevada's Sagebrush Ecosystem Council
By Cliff Gardner, representing Rural Heritage Preservation Project**

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Mr. Chairman and members of the Council:

The monitoring recommendations that are now before you, may serve to engage large numbers of agency employees in time consuming processes of data collection, but in terms of helping wildlife, will accomplish nothing.

The best monitoring data that can be used for the purpose of enhancing sage grouse and other wildlife is that which has already been compiled by the private sector. Unfortunately, such data is being suppressed and ignored, for purposes of enhancing governmental agendas.

Should the State Plan that is now before this Council be adopted as planned it will advance the power of government over the private sector to such a degree that a great many guarantees made within the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada will be greatly altered. Not to mention, the hundreds of millions of dollars that will be extorted from the private sector for the benefit of those in government for decades to come.

It is for these reasons that we object to the plan's adoption.

Until such time as a fair analysis is completed by unbiased individuals whereby all data that has been presented before this Council is considered, or persons such as myself are afforded the opportunity to appear in a true due process fashion, we will continue our objections.

Thank you,



Cliff Gardner