

April 6, 2015

Dr. J. J. Goicoechea, Chair
Sagebrush Ecosystem Council
201 Rook Street, Suite 101
Carson City, NV 89701



RE: Nevada Cattlemen's Policy Resolutions 3.60

Dear Chairman Goicoechea:

At our Annual Nevada Cattlemen's Association General Membership Meeting one of the important activities is reviewing three year old standing policy resolutions for renewal, amendment or deletion.

In addition, new resolutions are brought forward for consideration, introduction and possible adoption that pertain to issues facing our membership in relation to issues affecting Animal Health & Livestock; Private Lands, Wildlife and Environmental Management; Public Lands; Research & Education; and, Legislative Affairs.

In company with this letter please find what we feel is an important new resolution pertaining to the Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse (Hen) Conservation Plan.

- **Public Lands Resolution 3.60** establishes reasons for fully supporting the state of Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse (Hen) Conservation Plan in its unaltered contents as the preferred alternative to an Environmental Impact Statement; *and*, supports all efforts going forward to implement the Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse (Hen) Plan for bird conservation, including but not limited to litigation if needed.

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss this issue please feel free to contact me through the NCA office, contact information listed below.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this new policy as the *Sagebrush Ecosystem Council* continues its important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Torell".

Ron Torell, President
Nevada Cattlemen's Association

**Resolution 3.60
Public Lands Committee (A)
(New 2014)**

**NEVADA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND
NEVADA WOOLGROWERS ASSOCIATION
JOINT CONVENTION
ELKO CONVENTION CENTER, ELKO, NV
5 November 2014**

- WHEREAS United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) is considering listing the greater Regional Sage-Grouse (GRSG) as threatened and/or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1970; *and*,
- WHEREAS determination of listing by USFWS is imminent; *and*,
- WHEREAS listing the GRSG is based on habitat loss while prevention of listing is dependent on restoration of such habitat; *and*,
- WHEREAS the Endangered Species Act of 1970 has the power to and has proven to be economically devastating to areas where species have been listed as endangered; *and*,
- WHEREAS recognizing the critical importance of this expansive landscape to the citizens and natural resources of the Silver State, as well as to eleven western states, the Nevada Legislature codified into state law the Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Program and Corresponding Council ; *and*,
- WHEREAS the Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council has adopted a state plan for the conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse; *and*,
- WHEREAS the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council taps the talents of scientists and range managers, along with their respective agencies working in tandem to develop innovative solution in conservation;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nevada Cattlemen's Association and the Nevada Woolgrowers Association fully support the state of Nevada Greater Sage-grouse (Hen) Conservation Plan and its unaltered contents as the preferred alternative to an Environmental Impact Statement; *and*,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nevada Cattlemen's Association and the Nevada Woolgrowers Association fully supports all efforts going forward to implement the Nevada State Greater Sage-grouse (Hen) Plan for bird conservation, including but not limited to litigation if needed.
- Directed to: Secretary of Interior
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
Nevada Director, Bureau of Land Management
Bill Dunkelburger, Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Sagebrush Ecosystem Council