

United States Senator Dean Heller

Press Releases

(Washington, DC) – Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller issued the following statement after the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced it completed the conveyance of roughly 10,000 acres of public lands to the City of Yerington:

“Today is a great day for the City of Yerington, and the entire state of Nevada, as we are finally able to see the hard work committed by various stakeholders come to fruition. As I have said before, this land conveyance will jumpstart commercial development, mining, energy generation, ranching, and timber work activities while providing a much-needed economic boost to one of the counties hit hardest by the recession,” said **Senator Dean Heller**. “I would like to thank the BLM for its work to implement the conveyance quickly. The sort of collaboration we have seen with this project will have lasting impacts in the community and stands as a shining example of how government should work.”

Background:

Today’s announcement officially allows the City of Yerington to work with Nevada Copper to expand its mining operation and create over 1,000+ jobs while also providing the City with new infrastructure, job creation, and recreational opportunities.

Senator Heller teamed with Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and Congressman Mark Amodei (R-nv02) last congress to introduce the [Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act](#). In December, the legislation [cleared the U.S. Senate](#) as part of the National Defense Authorization Act and was later signed in to law by President Obama. Senator Heller spoke on the Senate floor about the importance of this legislation. His speech and its context can be found [here](#).

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