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Reid Statement On House Passage of Northern Nevada Lands Bills

Washington, DC – Nevada Senator Harry Reid released the following statement after the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Northern Nevada Land Conservation and Economic Development Act. This legislation contains language similar to that of legislation introduced in the Senate by Senator Reid and Senator Heller, including the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act, the Pine Forest Recreation Enhancement Act, and the Elko Motocross and Tribal Conveyance Act.

“Congratulations to Congressmen Horsford and Amodei on the successful passage of the Northern Nevada Land Conservation and Economic Development Act,” said Reid. “I am pleased to see bipartisan support for this bill in the House of Representatives. I commend my House colleagues on negotiating a compromise that could be supported by both sides of the aisle. These bills will bring much needed jobs to northern Nevada and protect some of Nevada’s most distinctive landscapes and I will work with Senator Heller to ensure their passage in the Senate.”

The Northern Nevada Land Conservation and Economic Development Act Includes the Following Measures:

Title I, the Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act: Would designate approximately 26,000 acres within the Blue Lakes and Alder Creek Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) as the Pine Forest Range Wilderness Area and release approximately 1,000 acres of the existing WSA lands. The bill would also direct the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to exchange federal lands surrounding nearby ranches for private parcels within the existing WSAs to allow for management of public lands and ensure the economic viability of privately owned ranches.

Title II, the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act: Would enable the City of Yerington to partner with Nevada Copper to purchase, at fair market value, and develop approximately 10,000 acres of BLM land surrounding the Pumpkin Hollow project

site for industrial, recreational, and infrastructure purposes. The bill would also designate approximately 48,000 acres in Lyon County as the Wovoka Wilderness Area.

Title III, the Carlin Economic Self-Determination Act: Would convey to the City of Carlin approximately 1,400 acres of BLM land surrounding the city for the purpose of multi-use development.

Title IV, the Fernley Economic Self-Determination Act: Would convey to the City of Fernley up to approximately 9,114 acres of BLM and Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) lands within the city boundaries at fair market value for the purpose of multi-use development.

Title V, the Restoring Storey County Act: Would transfer the surface rights to approximately 1,745 acres of BLM land in Virginia City to Storey County to resolve conflicting ownership and title claims.

Title VI, the Elko Motocross and Tribal Conveyance Act: Would convey to Elko County approximately 275 acres of BLM land to be used as a motocross, bicycle, off-highway vehicle, or stock car racing area. It would also put approximately 373 acres of land into trust for the Te-Moak Tribe of the Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada.

Title VII, the Naval Air Station Fallon Housing and Safety Development Act: Would transfer an approximately 400 acre BLM parcel within the confines of the Fallon Naval Air Station to the Secretary of the Navy. This land would be used for housing Navy families and would provide needed flexibility to grow the base.

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