

1 **NYE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2018-06**

2 **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RELEASE OF BLM WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS IN NYE**
3 **COUNTY, NEVADA**

4 WHEREAS, Nye County Nevada is the third largest county in the continental United States
5 comprising slightly over 11 million acres; and

6 WHEREAS, almost 93 percent of this land is under management and/or control of various
7 departments and agencies of the federal government; and

8 WHEREAS, 3,546,730 acres, or about 30 percent of these federal lands are withdrawn from
9 multiple use in various forms such as designated Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, National
10 Recreation Areas, Roadless Areas, Wildlife Refuges, Natural Areas, and National Defense reservations;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, federal agencies are required to restrict access throughout much of Nye County and
13 the State of Nevada through designations of Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, National
14 Defense Reservations, Natural Areas, Roadless Areas, National Parks and Monuments; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States Wilderness Act resulted in the designation of a total of 23
16 Wilderness Study Areas in Nye County, Nevada, totaling 1,158,248 acres; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1989 and 2004 the United State Congress established at least 9 Wilderness Areas
18 totaling 383,554 acres, from the designated Wilderness Study Areas in Nye County; and

19 WHEREAS, federal agencies have been mandated to manage these Wilderness Study Areas as
20 de facto wilderness areas without formal congressional designation for almost 30 years without regard
21 for the needs of local Nevadans; and

22 WHEREAS, Nye County and its residents oppose establishment of any additional Wilderness
23 Areas within the boundaries of the remaining 774,694 acres of Wilderness Study Areas in Nye County;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Nye County Comprehensive Master Plan objectives support restoring lands that

1 are unsuitable or ineligible for wilderness designation to multiple use classification.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nye County Board of Commissioners does
3 hereby support U.S. Senator Dean Heller's congressional efforts to release 774,694 acres of Bureau of
4 Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service Wilderness Study Areas in Nye County and thereby
5 promote multiple use of these lands for all Americans.

6 APPROVED this 6th day of February, 2018.

7 NYE COUNTY
8 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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10 John Koenig, Chairman

ATTEST:

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13 Sandra L. Merlino, Nye County Clerk
14 And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board