

City of Carson City
Agenda Report

Item #4-4c

Date Submitted: August 28, 2007

Agenda Date Requested: September 6, 2007

Time Requested: Consent

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Action to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter directed to the Federal Delegation clarifying the Board of Supervisor's position regarding the Federal Lands Bill request.

Staff Summary: On August 16, 2007, staff updated the Board of Supervisors on the U.S. Forest Service staff proposal towards our Federal Lands Bill. The Board of Supervisors requested that a letter be written to the delegation clarifying Carson City's position with regard to the proposed exchange of properties between Carson City and the U.S. Forest Service.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

☐ Resolution

☐ Ordinance

☒ Formal Action/Motion

☐ Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Recommended Board Action: I move to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter directed to the Federal Delegation clarifying the Board of Supervisor's position regarding the Federal Lands Bill request

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The letter to the delegation will serve to clarify Carson City's position that exchange of land should be based on the basis of acre-for-acre as opposed to land value.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: n/a

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Explanation of Impact: n/a

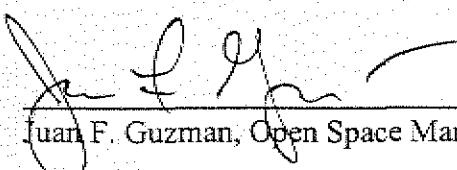
Funding Source: n/a

Alternatives: n/a

Supporting Material:

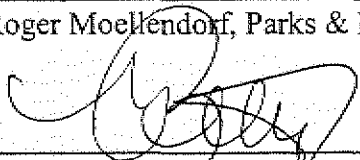
Letter to the Federal Delegation.

Prepared By:


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Date: 8/28/07

Reviewed By:  Date: 8/28/07
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

 Date: 8/28/07
Linda Ritter, City Manager

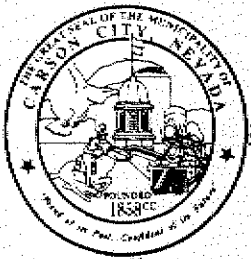
 Date: 8/28/07
District Attorney's Office

Finance Department Date: / /

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1: _____ Aye/Nay
2: _____

(Vote Recorded By)



CARSON CITY, NEVADA

CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY AND STATE CAPITAL

September 6, 2007

Honorable Senator Harry Reid
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Carson City Federal Lands Bill

Dear Senator Reid:

We are currently working with your staff on the Carson City Federal Lands Bill. They have been extremely helpful in preparing this Bill for submission. On June 1 of this year, Neil Kornze and Jenna Whitlock joined us, along with representatives from the Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Washoe Tribe. Staff members from Senator Ensign's and Congressman Heller's offices were also present. From this visit, we have been able to perfect our Lands Bill and are hopeful that we will be able to bring to you a Lands Bill that will prove to be a benefit for all stakeholders. In addition, there is a great fit between the rehabilitation work planned under the Natural Resource Conservation Service Grants and the proposed Bill. Thanks for making that work possible.

Part of the Bill includes a proposal to exchange U. S. Forest Service lands that border our urbanized areas for lands that are high in the watershed. This exchange will allow us to provide more intense wildland fuels management activities to protect our residents, while providing the U. S. Forest Service forested land that they are well suited to manage. Any property we acquire from the U. S. Forest Service will remain open space, just as those properties going to the U. S. Forest Service will remain open space. The fact that the use of the property will be the same in both instances makes an acre for acre exchange make sense.

We have been briefed by our staff in reference to a U.S. Forest Service's counter-proposal for an exchange of lands which is based on value rather than on an acre-for-acre basis. Although we understand that the U. S. Forest Service relies on past practice and laws requiring that exchanges be conducted based on the appraised value of those lands, the position of Carson City remains that we believe those exchanges should be based on acre-for-acre as long as the use is restricted to open space.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our staff with any questions you may have. We look forward to contributing towards the resolution of these or any other issues that may arise throughout the Federal Lands Bill process.

Marv Teixeira, Mayor

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Very Truly Yours,

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Mayor of Carson City

cc: Honorable Senator John Ensign
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Carson City Board of Supervisors
City Manager Linda Ritter
Open Space Advisory Committee
Carson River Advisory Committee