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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10—SENATORS  
OHRENSCHALL, DONATE, LANGE AND DENIS

MARCH 17, 2021

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYWOMEN CARLTON; AND MARTINEZ

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to protect the public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens. (BDR R-101)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to protect the public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens.

1 WHEREAS, The public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise  
2 Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens are  
3 undeveloped natural treasures located near the Las Vegas Valley;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, These public lands contain colorful mountain ranges  
6 rising up from the desert lowlands; and

7 WHEREAS, Gypsum Cave, which holds some of the earliest  
8 evidence of human inhabitation in the western United States and is  
9 significant to Indian tribes, is located on these public lands; and

10 WHEREAS, These public lands contain evidence of the Great  
11 Unconformity, which consists of exposed surface rock that  
12 represents more than one quarter of the history (1.2 billion years) of  
13 the Earth’s crust and tectonic plates; and

14 WHEREAS, Several plant species that have received special  
15 status designation by the Bureau of Land Management are found on  
16 these public lands; and



1 WHEREAS, Many Nevada residents enjoy the natural desert  
2 landscape and the outdoor recreational opportunities of Sunrise  
3 Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
6 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 81st Session of the  
7 Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to protect the public lands  
8 including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain  
9 and Rainbow Gardens by designating them for federal protection,  
10 which may include, without limitation, designating all or portions of  
11 the area as a national conservation area, national recreation area or  
12 national monument, or applying other federal protections that  
13 Congress deems appropriate for these important and scenic lands;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
16 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United  
17 States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
18 House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada  
19 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
21 passage.

