

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9—SENATORS JONES, FORD, GUSTAVSON, HUTCHISON, SEGERBLOM; DENIS, GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, HARDY, KIHUEN, MANENDO, PARKS, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPEARMAN AND WOODHOUSE

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN BOBZIEN, HARDY, WHEELER, HEALEY, OSCARSON; DALY, DUNCAN, HANSEN, LIVERMORE AND SWANK

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to expedite the process for approving special recreation permits for certain uses of federal public lands in Nevada. (BDR R-1008)

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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- 1 WHEREAS, Outdoor recreation in Nevada generates \$14.9 billion
2 in consumer spending annually, creates 148,000 jobs and generates
3 \$4.8 billion in wages and salaries and \$1 billion in state and local
4 tax revenue; and
5 WHEREAS, Nevada has an abundance of federal public lands
6 suitable for outdoor recreation that are managed by the Bureau of
7 Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, Operators of outdoor recreation-related businesses
10 are required to apply to the Bureau of Land Management for special



1 recreation permits for commercial and competitive uses of those
2 public lands; and

3 Whereas, Federal public lands in Nevada should be managed in
4 a manner that preserves the environment; and

5 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management has adopted
6 regulations, 43 C.F.R. Part 2930, Subpart 2932, which set forth the
7 procedure for applying for a special recreation permit; and

8 WHEREAS, The processing of special recreation permits by the
9 Bureau of Land Management is often slow; and

10 WHEREAS, The slow processing of special recreation permits by
11 the Bureau of Land Management deters outdoor recreation-related
12 businesses from operating effectively and profitably; and

13 WHEREAS, Expedited processing of special recreation permits
14 by the Bureau of Land Management would serve to create additional
15 jobs for Nevadans and generate additional state and local tax
16 revenue; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
18 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges:

19 1. The Director of the Bureau of Land Management to expedite
20 the process of approving special recreation permits for commercial
21 and competitive uses of federal public lands in Nevada for
22 nonmotorized events;

23 2. The Director of the Bureau of Land Management to amend
24 the provisions of 43 C.F.R. Part 2930, Subpart 2932, to further
25 expedite the process of approving those special recreation permits;
26 and

27 3. The Nevada Congressional Delegation to use its best efforts
28 to encourage the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to
29 expedite the process of approving those special recreation permits
30 and to make any necessary amendments to the provisions of 43
31 C.F.R. Part 2930, Subpart 2932; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
33 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, the
34 Director of the Bureau of Land Management and each member of
35 the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
37 passage.

