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To: Governor Brian Sandoval,
C/o Cory Hunt
101 N Carson St
Carson City Nevada 89701

RE: NDOW comments from Espinosa on Greater Sage-Grouse DEIS

Dear Governor Sandoval, I am very disappointed by the letter from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (DEIS) signed by Shawn Espinosa dated January 29, 2014 a Biologist, not the Director, providing comments on *Nevada Northeastern Sage-Grouse (DEIS)*. *Mr. Espinosa went on to determine alternative (D) as their or his choice and did the Director Wesley's authorize this kind of decision when Nevada Ecosystem Council recommended alternative E?*

If so, is he working for the best interest of the state and your office, this is the question that needs to be answered?

This is one of the most damaging decision this state will ever face pertaining to the future of mining, ranching, hunting, and recreation to our state along with billions of dollars lost to our economy and a biologist not the director making this decision without working with the Counties, cities or your office or Council.

Mr. Espinosa has demonstrated a negative attitude and comments against ranching in the past.

Is this why alternative (D) is NDOW choice along with his commitments whether there is any proof that shows livestock grazing can reduce fire loads? The state of Nevada research proves this as proven scientific fact and part of the economic future of Nevada.

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The Sage grouse cannot be listed on the endangered species list by the amount of birds or lack of numbers (counts) so they are focusing on the habitats sagebrush Ecosystem.

The fires that impacted the areas sagebrush Ecosystem where poorly managed by the BLM (lack of grazing, green belts & others). Long with NDOW's refusal to address the predator control problem, we will never be able to have a healthy bird population, and in the last scoping meeting we were told the numbers of ravens have increased over 600% that's not counting badgers, coyotes, snakes, bob cats and other predators. And they are only poisoning 2000 ravens a year. Where is the tag money going?

I am asking you to please take charge and demand full withdrawal of NDOW's decision. Bring all parties together so we can send a strong message to the BLM. We need the Western Governors Association to stand with us to keep this bird from impacting all of us and to guarantee a brighter future for Nevada.

Respectfully

Assemblyman
John Ellison