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Subject: BLM Greater Sage Grouse DEIS Nevada Response

Cory, please review and pass to the Governor.

Dear Governor Sandoval,

My email to you is to address the situation concerning Sage Grouse. As you are aware comments to BLM's Great Sage Grouse DEIS were due on January 29th. The determination that may come from the DEIS could be the most **significant negative** decision to ever impact Nevada. With such an important decision being considered I must tell you that I and others are extremely concerned that there was not a collective decision from your office for the entire State of Nevada. Instead we allowed a third-tier NDOW Biologist (Shawn Espinosa) to respond to the DEIS with alternative selection and comments totally different than those from your State of Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council. The NDOW Biologist's alternative selection (D) is very damaging to Ranching, Mining and Recreation. It is beyond me that you would allow a subordinate to make such a determination for our state and to additionally author comments in a decision as important as this one. As an elected official myself, I find it is unbelievable that a document of this importance wouldn't have come from Director Wasley's office (NDOW), or more importantly your office. You made the determination back on August 28, 2012 that DCNR would be the lead agency in all matters related to sage grouse management in the State of Nevada. However there was no response from DCNR that was signed by Director Leo Drozdoff.

What disjointed message are we sending BLM when the State of Nevada's Ecosystem Council recommends alternative E and a third-tier NDOW Biologist determines that alternative D is the way for Nevada to go? What alternative did the Governor's office select, approve and submit?

In closing I ask you to please step in and take charge of this issue. The damage unfortunately has already been done as the document on behalf of NDOW has already been submitted to represent the people of Nevada; ranchers, miners and recreationalists? No document of this importance should have ever left NDOW without the signature of Director Wasley and it should have been addressed to either DCNR Director Drozdoff or your office as NDOW's recommendation. Then, a document representing the state's position on this issue from the person in charge.

A ship must have a Captain or it will blindly drift with no sense of direction. You are the Captain and you must take charge of NDOW and especially a third-tier biologist that must have had the authority of your office to submit such a response that is so very damaging to our State.

Respectfully,
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