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The Elko County Board of Commissioners is extremely gratified and pleased that the State of Nevada Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt has joined with the counties of Elko, Eureka, Lander, White Pine, Lincoln, Humboldt, Washoe, Churchill and Pershing along with Western Exploration LLC, Quantum Minerals LLC, Paragon Precious Minerals and Ninety-Six Ranch in a Complaint for Declaratory & Injunctive Relief against the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for violations of federal laws concerning the recent Record of Decision approving the Greater Sage-Grouse Final Environmental Impact Statement and Land Use Plan Amendments.

The State of Nevada will not incur significant expenses by joining this litigation effort. The contributions of the existing stakeholders significantly reduces and disperses the financial burden to all of the stakeholders. Elko County believes that Attorney General Laxalt is acting on behalf of the affected counties/stakeholders and the State pursuant to NRS 228.190, which gives the Attorney General the exclusive authority to intervene in a judicial proceeding concerning public lands. We are thankful that the Attorney General is now raising on behalf of our counties/stakeholders and the State, including the very issues that Governor Sandoval asserted in his appeal when the BLM ignored his concerns identified in the consistency review.

Demar Dahl, Chairman
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