

Status of Major Recent Congressional Land Acts and Pending Bills in Nevada

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COUNTY	Existing Act (s)	Highlights	Pending Bill (s)	Public Process
CARSON CITY	Carson City Vital Community Act of 2008 PENDING Also see Douglas County	Main intent of bill is to address urban interface issues by transferring USFS and BLM lands to Carson City that make more sense being managed by the city while transferring other city lands to USFS that are remote and better managed federally. Transfers @2,200 acres of forested high elevation Carson City land to the US Forest Service while transferring @1,000 acres of lower elevation US Forest Service land to Carson City for open space and public purposes. Improves management and protection of the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area, preserves BLM lands east of the Carson River from mineral entry, provides access to SNPLMA funds (PL 105-263) for Carson River area acquisitions and conservation initiatives, disposes of some hard to manage BLM and USFS lands for economic development, expands the Washoe Indian Colony lands in west Carson City, transfers USFS lands to the Washoe Tribe at Skunk Harbor, Lake Tahoe.	Bill introduced to Congress 9/08, anticipate consideration early this Fall.	Major public input received during recent update to the Carson City Master Plan that urged the City to pursue infill and redevelopment, not to pursue broad disposals of public lands that encourage sprawl. Public field tours held May 2007. City Manager: Linda Ritter, 775-887-2101
CHURCHILL	N/A		None at this time.	County Manager: Brad Goetsch, 775-423-5136
CLARK	Public Law 107-282: Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act (2002)	Red Rock NCA boundary adjustment; Seventeen new wilderness areas; Expands SNPLMA disposal boundary; Creates Ivanpah Corridor; Creates Sloan Canyon NCA; Public interest conveyances; Humboldt Project Conveyance.	Possible bill draft process in near future to address Gold Butte area south of Mesquite, but no formal meetings or organization taking place at this time.	County Manager: Virginia Valentine, 702-455-3530

CLARK	Public Law 106-362: Ivanpah Valley Airport Public Lands Transfer Act (2000)	Created ability for BLM to dispose of 5,863 acres for future international airport site, 23 air-miles south of McCarran International Airport. Timeframe for completion of airport, pending NEPA is +/-10 years.		
CLARK	Public Law 105-263 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (1998)	Authorized BLM to sell public lands in Las Vegas Valley at public auction through a joint selection process for development of parks, trails and natural areas; capital improvements; multi-species habitat conservation plans; Lake Tahoe restoration projects; and acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands.		
DOUGLAS	Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act (2005) Note: Also affects Carson City.	Disposed of small amounts of U.S. Forest Service lands in northern Douglas County and southern Carson City with the proceeds going to the Carson Water Subconservancy, the State education fund, expansion of the Minden Interagency Dispatch center and the Sisk Act fund.	Possible bill draft process in near future.	County Manager: Mike Brown, 775-782-9821
ELKO	N/A		No bill drafts proposals at this time.	County Manager: Robert Stokes, 775-738-5398
ESMERALDA	N/A		Process on hold, county wanted inclusion of status of Goldpoint and has major concerns about wilderness. The pending Mining Townsite Conveyance Act (Senator Reid) has been introduced the last two Congressional sessions, to no avail, to attempt to rectify land ownership/BLM trespass issues in Goldpoint (as well as Lone in Nye County).	On hold County Commissioners: 775-485-3406
EUREKA	N/A		No bill drafts proposals at this time.	Discussions held with County staff and State Land Use Planning Agency. County Commissioners: 775-237-5262
HUMBOLDT	N/A		No bill drafts proposals at this time.	Discussions have been held with the County Commissioners, Congressional Delegation Staff, and the State Land Use Planning Agency. County Manager: Bill Diest, 775-623-6300
LANDER	N/A		Possible bill draft process in near future.	Public Lands Policy Plan recently adopted by the County Commissioners to address, among other things, a possible lands bill. The Plan was prepared with assistance from the State Land Use Planning Agency. County Commissioners: 775-635-2885

LINCOLN	Public Law 108-424 Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2004)	Established 14 new wilderness areas comprising 768,294 acres; authorized up to 90,000 acres of public lands for disposal; designated areas for county parks; designated utility corridor; created the Silver State OHV Trail;	None at this time.	County Commissioners: 775-962-5390
LINCOLN	Public Law 106-298 Lincoln County Land Act (2000)	Authorized BLM to sell 13,300 acres of public lands north of Mesquite in Lincoln County. Proceeds are used for wilderness planning, natural resource protection, recreation. In addition, 10% of the proceeds go directly to Lincoln County.		
LYON	N/A		Draft bill in 2006 addressed federal land disposals for economic development/public purposes well as the designation of potential wilderness. This process was put on hold due to lack of consensus. New process to look at resolving Walker Lake issues and incorporating other aspects of a bill using White Pine County as a template is now on hold.	Process on hold due to public opposition to wilderness component. County Manager Dennis Stark: 775- 463-6531
MINERAL	N/A		Bill proposed coordinated with Lyon County to address Walker Lake and other matters.	Process on hold due to public opposition to wilderness component. County Commissioners: 775-945-2446
NYE	N/A		Possible bill draft process in near future.	County Commissioners holding informal discussions. County Manager: Ron Williams, 775-482-8191

PERSHING	See Washoe County		<p>"Checkerboard Lands Committee" created to address federal land disposals and potential wilderness. Main emphasis of this bill draft is to address the "Checkerboard lands" along the I-80 corridor and to come to agreement on some logical land ownership pattern that would consolidate public and private lands in a more manageable way through a land transfer and competitive bid process. NOTE: this bill is no longer an active process. A lawsuit was won by an energy company against Nevada Land and Resource Company. The energy company argued that it owned the oil and gas resources, the court agreed, and the result was a "split estate". A split estate whereby NLRC owns the surface rights and the energy company owns the sub-surface mineral rights.</p> <p>NLRC vows to appeal but the process could take years, too long for the land bill to wait. In the mean time, BLM, who would be the recipient of NLRC checkerboard lands in the consolidation process, is unwilling to accept any lands subject to a split estate, thereby rendering the land bill dead.</p>	<p>County Commissioners: 775-273-2342</p>
STOREY	N/A		None at this time.	<p>County Commissioners: 775-847-0968</p>
WASHOE	Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act (2000) NOTE: Also in Pershing County	Established new NCA consisting of 797,100 acres; Established ten new wilderness areas comprising 1.2 million acres, of which 380,600 acres lie within the NCA;	Bill draft process underway to address public land disposals for urban expansion. Wilderness component and tribal expansion will be part of the bill. No indication on how long it will take to finalize and move to D.C.	Public meetings are ongoing. Issues include concurrency with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan and adoption of new Washoe County Open Space Plan. County Manager: Katy Singlaub, 775-328-2000

<p>WHITE PINE</p>	<p>Public Law 109-432 White Pine County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2006).</p>	<p>Authorizes BLM sale of 45,000 acres through joint selection process. Creation of 558,000 acres of new wilderness as well as release of other lands under WSA status. BLM land transfers and Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area (6,291 acres), Cave Lake State Park (2,960 acres), Ward Charcoal Ovens State Park (658 acres), US Fish and Wildlife Service Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge (645 acres), County Airport (1,551 acres), County industrial park (202 acres), Ely Shoshone reservation expansion (3,526 acres). 3-year Silver State OHV Trail study. Funding through SNPLMA for the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition and Great Basin Institute to implement fire and watershed restoration. Amendments to SNPLMA, most notably, funding authorization for hazardous fuels reduction/fire prevention in the Spring Mountains, Lake Tahoe and eastern Sierra; Washoe County Ballardini Ranch funding; completion of the Clark MSHCP; White Pine conservation and parks projects.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	<p>County Commissioners: 775-289-2341</p>
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