
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2—ASSEMBLYMAN ELLISON

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR GOICOECHEA

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Urges the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service to partner with the livestock industry in this State to increase livestock grazing on public lands. (BDR R-18)

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.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service to partner with the livestock industry in this State to increase livestock grazing on public lands.

- 1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is one of the states that is
2 greatly affected by wildfires; and
3 WHEREAS, The wildfires in Nevada have burned vast areas of
4 this State, including numerous acres of rangeland and forest located
5 on public lands managed and controlled by the Bureau of Land
6 Management and the United States Forest Service; and
7 WHEREAS, The growth of an invasive, nonnative annual grass
8 known as cheatgrass has been a significant contributing factor to the
9 increased extent and frequency of wildfires in this State; and
10 WHEREAS, Frequent wildfires and the increased presence of
11 cheatgrass have degraded the ecosystem in this State by inhibiting
12 the establishment of native plant species; and
13 WHEREAS, In addition to burning rangeland and forest which
14 support livestock grazing, the frequent wildfires have damaged
15 wildlife habitats, including the habitat of the sage grouse, a bird



1 whose populations have been declining for years, and have caused a
2 rise in the costs associated with wildfire suppression and the
3 rehabilitation of those public lands affected by the wildfires; and

4 WHEREAS, In a 1,700-acre study conducted by researchers at the
5 University of Nevada, Reno, late-season livestock grazing was
6 shown to reduce the amount of cheatgrass, which could fuel a fire,
7 from 500 pounds per acre to 25 pounds per acre; and

8 WHEREAS, Increasing livestock grazing on rangeland and forest
9 located on public lands simultaneously serves to support the
10 livestock industry while decreasing the costs of wildfire suppression
11 and benefiting the ecosystem; and

12 WHEREAS, Limiting the closure of public lands for purposes of
13 wildfire suppression to two growing seasons will also serve to
14 support the livestock industry; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
16 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 77th Session of the
17 Nevada Legislature hereby urge the Bureau of Land Management
18 and the United States Forest Service to partner with the livestock
19 industry in this State to increase grazing on public lands; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
22 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Bureau of
23 Land Management, the Chief of the United States Forest Service,
24 the President of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association and the
25 President of the Nevada Farm Bureau; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
27 passage.

