

RESOLUTION NO. 21-631

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOREY COUNTY, NEVADA, REQUESTING THE NEVADA DELEGATION TO ADVANCE FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS LEGISLATION COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT TO SUPPORT CONSERVATION, RECREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN WASHOE COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the greater Truckee Meadows area has seen and continues to see substantial growth, which will require employment, housing, and recreational opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, Washoe County has millions of acres of public lands (83%) that provide important recreational opportunities including hiking, camping, horseback riding, off-highway vehicle use, hunting, and fishing; and,

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation will expand recreational opportunities in Washoe County by providing lands and funding for parks, trails and recreational facilities while preserving existing recreational uses; and,

WHEREAS, these public lands provide numerous jobs and important economic contributions to communities throughout the region and support our outdoor recreation economy through tourism, as well as grazing, energy development, mining and other economic activities which are vital to our quality of life and make our region a desirable place to live, work and recreate; and,

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation that is consistent with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan and the Storey County Master Plan will support vital economic development now and into the future within a disposal boundary area which will make available public lands for sale and development to encourage infill development utilizing existing infrastructure to address housing demands and affordability, while preserving open space, protecting cultural resources, improving access to recreational areas and providing locally-directed resources to preserve and enhance existing infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation will further conservation by appropriately designating wilderness areas to ensure that each area is qualified as appropriate, responsible and manageable pursuant to the 1964 Wilderness Act. It will provide locally directed funding for conservation activities including habitat improvements for the protection and enhancement of wildlife resources and maintaining and improving access for outdoor recreation; and,

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation addressing recreation, economic development, and conservation has provided important benefits to counties across Nevada, and can provide important benefits to Washoe County, Storey County, and the Region; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Desert Research Institute Study issued in December 2019, construction of the proposed La Posada Extension connecting I-80 with La Posada Drive will create a much more efficient road system providing an alternative commuting route for some 40,000 people which will result in a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, as the Commissioners of Storey County support the Nevada Congressional Delegation and other diverse stakeholders in developing a well-balanced approach to comprehensive public land management legislation to support a growing community and promote

sound policies to preserve the quality of life for which the Truckee Meadows and northern Nevada are known.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Storey County Commission supports the enactment of comprehensive public lands legislation to promote conservation, recreation and economic development to achieve important conservation goals, facilitate job creation and enhance the Region's quality of life; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Storey County respectfully requests Senators Cortez-Masto and Rosen and Congressman Amodei to secure the introduction and enactment of well-balanced, comprehensive public lands legislation for Washoe County that considers the needs of current and future residents.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jay Carmona, Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Vanessa Stephens, Clerk



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September 7, 2021

The Honorable Jacky Rosen  
United States Senate  
713 Mart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Support for Storey County Lands Bill Impacting Mark Twain Parcel**

Dear Senator Rosen:

Thank you for your leadership in Congressional approval of the 2018 Storey County Lands Act as it related to clarification of the lands act in the FY2015 National Defense Authorization Act affecting approximately 1,745 acres of land in Virginia and Gold Hill which was identified as having clouded federal ownership.

A close review of the lands act revealed a missing parcel that was intended to be included in the 2018 bill. The subject parcel is situated in Mark Twain, Storey County, Nevada as illustrated in the attached map.

Please consider this letter supporting technical amendments to the 2018 lands act or adding the parcel to appropriate federal legislative action in FY 2021-22.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jay Carmona, Chairman  
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Enc.: Map of Subject Parcel

Cc.: Honorable Senator Catherine Cortez Masto  
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The Honorable Mark Amodei  
United States House of Representatives  
104 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Support for Storey County Lands Bill Impacting Mark Twain, Storey County**

Dear Congressman Amodei:

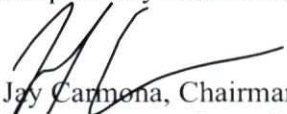
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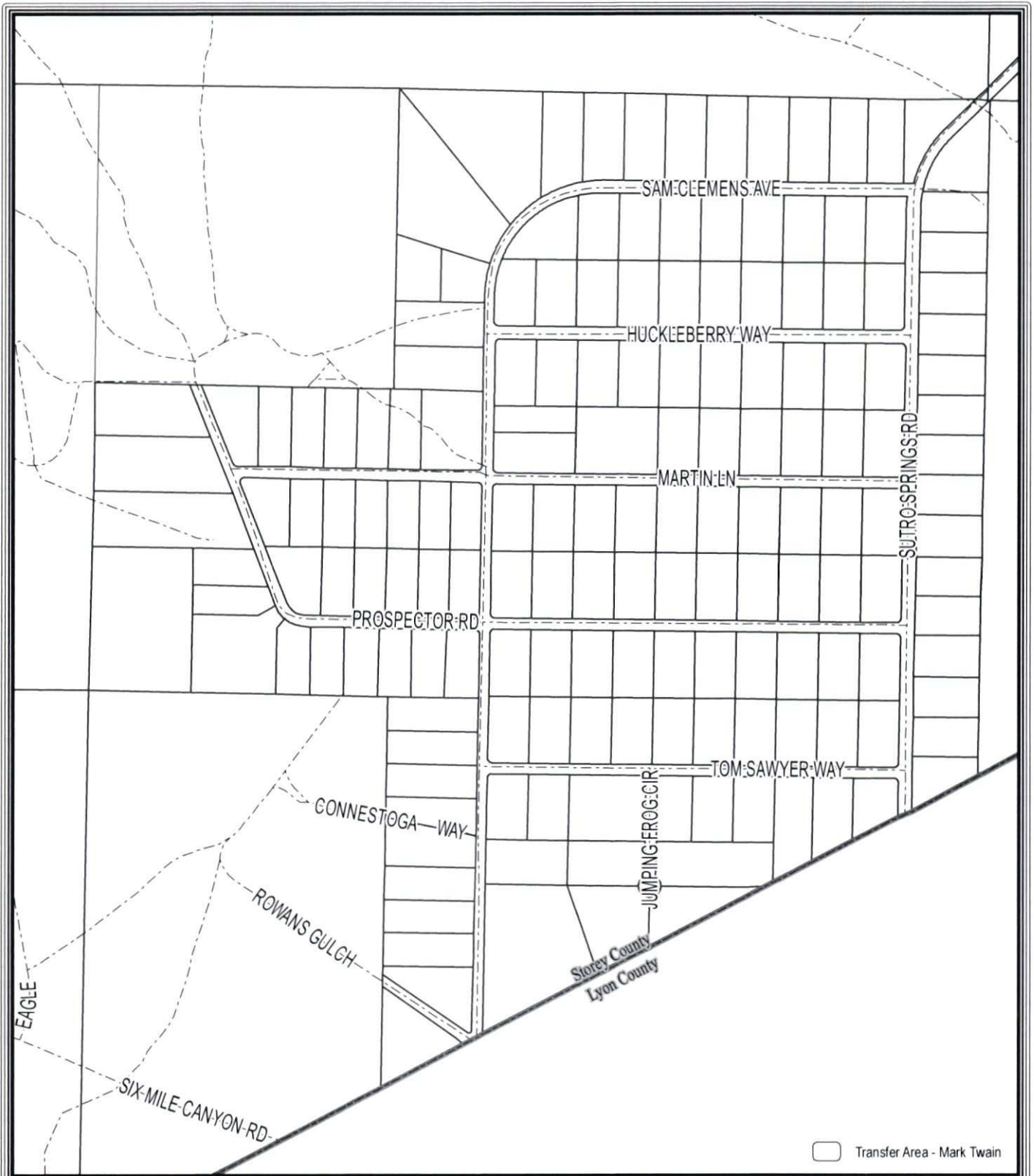
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