

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS LEGISLATION;
AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.**

WHEREAS, Washoe County contains millions of acres of public lands that provide important recreational opportunities including hiking, camping, ATV riding, hunting, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, these public lands provide numerous jobs and important economic contributions to communities throughout the County through tourism, grazing, energy development, mining and other economic activities, and by making Washoe County and the City of Sparks a desirable place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Truckee Meadows area, including the City of Sparks, is expected to add over 100,000 new residents by 2030 and these new residents will require housing and employment as well as recreational opportunities; 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 the City of Sparks; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation would improve the Sparks economy by making available appropriate Federal lands to the county for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation would expand recreational opportunities in the Washoe County and the City of Sparks by providing land for parks and trails, land and funding for recreational facilities, and preserving opportunities for hiking, hunting, camping, and motorized recreation on public lands; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation would further conservation by designating new wilderness areas and providing funding for habitat restoration and other conservation activities; and

WHEREAS, Congress has passed similar legislation which is currently providing important benefits in Lincoln, Clark, White Pine, Lyon, and Humboldt counties; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation will advance economic development, recreation, and conservation interests, and will receive the support of diverse stakeholders within all of northern Nevada;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sparks that:

- Section 1.** The Sparks City Council supports the development of comprehensive public lands legislation addressing economic development, conservation, and recreation; and
- Section 2.** The Sparks City Council respectfully requests that Senators Reid and Heller and Congressman Amodei work with the diverse stakeholders to develop comprehensive public lands legislation for Washoe County as soon as possible; and
- Section 3** The Sparks City Council respectfully requests that the congressional delegation aim to secure the enactment of comprehensive public lands legislation for Washoe County.

RESOLUTION NO. 3292

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL
4/25/2016 AI 9.3

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of April, 2016 by the following vote of the City Council.

AYES Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Bybee
NAYS None
ABSENT Schmitt
ABSTAIN None

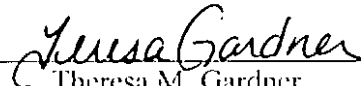

APPROVED this 25th day of April, 2016.




Geno R. Martini
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By  

Theresa M. Gardner
City Clerk

By 

Chester Adams
City Attorney