

# Resolution

of the Nevada Association of Counties

## RESOLUTION regarding the Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands in Nevada

**Whereas**, the Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands occupy more than 9 million acres within the western, central and eastern locations of Nevada, and

**Whereas**, Pinyon-Juniper encroachment, along with insect infestations and disease, exacerbated by continued drought, present a significant risk and hazard from catastrophic wildfire to be followed by invasive species, and

**Whereas**, , rural communities located in or near this woodland type depend on the multiple-use of public lands and depend on the lands being productive and able to support wildlife habitat, healthy watersheds and forage, and recreational activities, and

**Whereas**, the health of these public lands are being threatened by the continual decline and risks associated with the condition of the Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands, and

**Whereas**, opportunities related to prescribed treatment show promise for utilization of this woodland for industries such as direct combustion for heat and power, biochar, synfuels (ethanol, methanol), wood pellets, and other, and

**Whereas**, the Nevada Association of Counties strongly supports the multiple-use of public lands including the development of industries that contribute to the health of our public and private rangelands while also enhancing long term job opportunities in the state, and

**Whereas,** the Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Partnership has been formed to bring together various stakeholders to develop a plan to restore the health of the Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands in Nevada, and

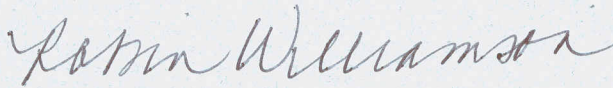
**Whereas,** the Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Summit will take place in North Las Vegas December 8-9, 2010 to bring together public, private, tribal and non-governmental organizations committed to addressing this serious resource concern and opportunities related to utilization of the Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands that includes a targeted landscape level demonstration project area.

**Now Therefore be it Resolved,** that the Nevada Association of Counties supports the work of the Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Partnership in bringing about interagency and public/private cooperation in landscape level efforts to restore the health of both pinyon-juniper and sagebrush steppe plant communities.

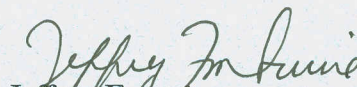
**Be it Further Resolved,** that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, Members of the Nevada Congressional Action, the Secretaries of the United States Departments of Agriculture and Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, the Supervisor of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, and the Nevada State Forester.

**Passed, Approved and Adopted** this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2010 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties:

Attest:



Robin Williamson  
President



Jeffrey Fontaine  
Executive Director

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