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June 29, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Zinke,

Thank you for visiting Pahrump on June 26, it is refreshing to have someone who understands the challenges we face with most of our land under federal control. The Fiscal Year 2017 PILT payment is appreciated. We understand that the President's FY2018 budget proposes a reduction in PILT payments.

We encourage the Administration to work with Congress to fully fund PILT and remove it from appropriations as originally mandated. PILT is critical to us and other local governments to carry out vital services. Nye County has large parts of our federal land excluded in our PILT calculation. We would welcome assistance fixing the law to ensure we receive fair compensation. Nye County has serious problems with health care and emergency response in our rural areas. DOI and other federal agencies have almost 98% of the land in Nye County, and it is a problem we share equally. Your assistance to find a solution is needed.

Nye County has millions of acres in National Parks, Wildlife Refuges, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, National Conservation Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and National Monuments. We have given up enough land to conservation and restricted access. Proper management of the Multiple Use public lands under FLPMA is required. Mining, Oil and Gas, Solar, Geothermal and other resources are available in Nye County but projects need to be approved.

Lands identified for disposal must be processed. Your comments about state and local management would be a great step forward. One local business, Spring Mountain Raceway, experienced a 3-year wait to obtain a mere 126 acres, which was identified for disposal. Spring Mountain Raceway is a major commercial venture in Nye County that employs many people, contributes heavily to the local economy, and attracts visitors from all over the world. In the past, we proposed that Nye County would pay for the administrative costs of processing the land disposal if we could get reimbursed from the land sale. We are open to trying something new. FLPMA mandates that BLM will coordinate land use plans with local and state land use planning.

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Fwd: Letter for the Secretary from Nye County thanking for visit

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Fri, Jun 30, 2017 at 9:25 AM

Hello sir,

I am sending you the letter signed by Nye County Chairman Dan Schinhofen thanking the chairman for his visit to Pahrump on Monday. We will also be mailing a paper copy to the office.

Thank you

***Arnold M. Knightly***

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