

# Status of Major Recent Congressional Land Acts and Pending Bills in Nevada

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COUNTY	Existing Act (s)	Highlights	Pending Bill (s)	Public Process
CARSON CITY	Carson City Vital Community Act of 2008, also see Douglas County	Main intent of bill is to address urban interface issues by transferring USFS and BLM lands to Carson City that make more sense being managed by the city while transferring other city lands to USFS that are remote and better managed federally. Transfers @2,200 acres of forested high elevation Carson City land to the US Forest Service while transferring @1,000 acres of lower elevation US Forest Service land to Carson City for open space and public purposes. Improves management and protection of the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area, preserves BLM lands east of the Carson River from mineral entry, provides access to SNPLMA funds (PL 105-263) for Carson River area acquisitions and conservation initiatives, disposes of some hard to manage BLM and USFS lands for economic development, expands the Washoe Indian Colony lands in west Carson City, transfers USFS lands to the Washoe Tribe at Skunk Harbor, Lake Tahoe.	Bill introduced to Congress 9/08, and adopted.	Major public input received during recent update to the Carson City Master Plan that urged the City to pursue infill and redevelopment, not to pursue broad disposals of public lands that encourage sprawl. Public field tours held May 2007. <b>City Manager: Larry Werner</b> <b>775-887-2101</b>
CHURCHILL	N/A		None at this time.	<b>County Manager: Eleanor Lockwood,</b> <b>775-423-5136</b>

CLARK	Las Vegas Valley Public Land and Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Act of 2012 S 3346 112th Congress	The National Monument will conserve, protect and enhance this unique and nationally important fossil resource. The legislation also makes more land available for the expansion of campuses within the Nevada System of Higher Education and expands the Red Rock National Conservation Area. It also conveys land to Clark County for an off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation park at Nellis Dunes, and designates public lands surrounding the park as an OHV recreation area to help keep riders off of sensitive lands and habitat. Finally, the bill designates a corridor, under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, for a transmission line that will be primarily used to carry renewable energy.	Pending	County Manager: Don Burnette, 702-455-3530		
CLARK	Public Law 107-282: Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act (2002)	Red Rock NCA boundary adjustment; Seventeen new wilderness areas; Expands SNPLMA disposal boundary; Creates Ivanpah Corridor; Creates Sloan Canyon NCA; Public interest conveyances; Humboldt Project Conveyance.	Possible bill draft process in near future to address Gold Butte area south of Mesquite, but no formal meetings or organization taking place at this time.			
CLARK	Public Law 106-362: Ivanpah Valley Airport Public Lands Transfer Act (2000)	Created ability for BLM to dispose of 5,863 acres for future international airport site, 23 air-miles south of McCarran International Airport. Timeframe for completion of airport, pending NEPA is +/-10 years.				
CLARK	Public Law 105-263 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (1998)	Authorized BLM to sell public lands in Las Vegas Valley at public auction through a joint selection process for development of parks, trails and natural areas; capital improvements; multi-species habitat conservation plans; Lake Tahoe restoration projects; and acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands.				

DOUGLAS	Douglas County Conservation Act'	Transferring important federally owned cultural sites to the Washoe Tribe Transferring federally owned flood control management areas and important water resource infrastructure parcels to Douglas County Improving the management of certain federally owned public recreation parcels Addressing the proposed Burbank Canyons Wilderness Area Disposing of certain excess and difficult to manage federal lands, ensuring that the sales proceeds are used to acquire conservation easements from willing landowners in Douglas County.	Pending	County Manager: Steve Mokrohisky 775-782-9821		
DOUGLAS	Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act (2005) <b>Note: Also affects Carson City.</b>	Disposed of small amounts of U.S. Forest Service lands in northern Douglas County and southern Carson City with the proceeds going to the Carson Water Subconservancy, the State education fund, expansion of the Minden Interagency Dispatch center and the Sisk Act fund.	Possible bill draft process in near future.			
ELKO	N/A		No bill drafts proposals at this time.	County Manager: Robert Stokes, 775-738-5398		
ESMERALDA	N/A		Process on hold, county wanted inclusion of status of Goldpoint and has major concerns about wilderness. The pending Mining Townsite Conveyance Act (Senator Reid) has been introduced the last two Congressional sessions, to no avail, to attempt to rectify land ownership/BLM trespass issues in Goldpoint (as well as lone in Nye County).	County Commissioners: 775-485-3406		
EUREKA	N/A		No bill drafts proposals at this time.	County Commissioners: 775-237-5262		

HUMBOLDT	Pine Forest Range Recreation Enhancement Act of 2013 HR 433 113th Congress	To designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada.	Introduced 1/29/13.	County Manager: Bill Diest, 775-623-6300		
LANDER	N/A		Possible bill draft process in near future.	County Commissioners: 775-635-2885		
LINCOLN	Public Law 108-424 Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2004)	Established 14 new wilderness areas comprising 768,294 acres; authorized up to 90,000 acres of public lands for disposal; designated areas for county parks; designated utility corridor; created the Silver State OHV Trail;	None at this time.	County Commissioners: 775-962-5390		
LINCOLN	Public Law 106-298 Lincoln County Land Act (2000)	Authorized BLM to sell 13,300 acres of public lands north of Mesquite in Lincoln County. Proceeds are used for wilderness planning, natural resource protection, recreation. In addition, 10% of the proceeds go directly to Lincoln County.				
LYON	Yerington Land Conveyance and Sustainable Development Act HR 4039 112th Congress	To convey certain Federal land to the city of Yerington for economic development and to create the Wovoka Wilderness.	Introduced 7/7/12, pending	County Manager: Jeff Page, 775-463-6531		
MINERAL	N/A			County Commissioners: 775-945-2446		
NYE	N/A		Possible bill draft process in near future.	County Commissioners holding informal discussions. County Manager: Pam Webster, 775-482-8191		

<p>PERSHING</p>	<p>See Washoe County</p>		<p>"Checkerboard Lands Committee" created to address federal land disposals and potential wilderness. Main emphasis of this bill draft is to address the "Checkerboard lands" along the I-80 corridor and to come to agreement on some logical land ownership pattern that would consolidate public and private lands in a more manageable way through a land transfer and competitive bid process. <b>NOTE: this bill is no longer an active process. A lawsuit was won by an energy company against Nevada Land and Resource Company. The energy company argued that it owned the oil and gas resources, the court agreed, and the result was a "split estate". A split estate whereby NLRC owns the surface rights and the energy company owns the sub-surface mineral rights.</b></p> <p><b>NLRC vows to appeal but the process could take years, too long for the land bill to wait. In the mean time, BLM, who would be the recipient of NLRC checkerboard lands in the consolidation process, is unwilling to accept any lands subject to a split estate, thereby rendering the land bill dead.</b></p>	<p><b>County Commissioners: 775-273-2342</b></p>		
<p>STOREY</p>	<p>Restoring Storey County Act HR 6148 112th Congress</p>	<p>To quitclaim surface rights to certain Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Virginia City, Nevada, to Storey County, Nevada, to resolve conflicting ownership and title claims, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>Introduced 7/25/12, Bill died.</p>	<p><b>County Commissioners: 775-847-0968</b></p>		

<p><b>WASHOE</b></p>	<p>Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act (2000) <b>NOTE: Also in Pershing County</b></p>	<p>Established new NCA consisting of 797,100 acres; Established ten new wilderness areas comprising 1.2 million acres, of which 380,600 acres lie within the NCA;</p>	<p>Bill draft process underway to address public land disposals for urban expansion. Wilderness component and tribal expansion will be part of the bill. No indication on how long it will take to finalize and move to D.C.</p>	<p>Public meetings are ongoing. Issues include concurrency with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan and adoption of new Washoe County Open Space Plan. <b>County Manager: Katy Singlaub, 775-328-2000</b></p>		
<p><b>WHITE PINE</b></p>	<p>Public Law 109-432 White Pine County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2006).</p>	<p>Authorizes BLM sale of 45,000 acres through joint selection process. Creation of 558,000 acres of new wilderness as well as release of other lands under WSA status. BLM land transfers and Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area (6,291 acres), Cave Lake State Park (2,960 acres), Ward Charcoal Ovens State Park (658 acres), US Fish and Wildlife Service Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge (645 acres), County Airport (1,551 acres), County industrial park (202 acres), Ely Shoshone reservation expansion (3,526 acres). 3-year Silver State OHV Trail study. Funding through SNPLMA for the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition and Great Basin Institute to implement fire and watershed restoration. Amendments to SNPLMA, most notably, funding authorization for hazardous fuels reduction/fire prevention in the Spring Mountains, Lake Tahoe and eastern Sierra; Washoe County Ballardini Ranch funding; completion of the Clark MSHCP; White Pine conservation and parks projects.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	<p><b>County Commissioners: 775-289-2341</b></p>		