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Via email: scarey@lands.nv.us
Scott Carey
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Dear Mr. Carey:

The Governor’s Office of Energy (GOE) writes in support of the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council’s (SLUPAC) proposed endorsement of “smart from the start” energy planning and development.

Nevada’s Climate Strategy notes that energy development siting in Nevada is predominantly on federally-managed public lands largely confining the state’s role to agency comments and consistency reviews. Better coordination of this engagement in federal processes by state agencies could be supported by a shift to a more-proactive “smart from the start” planning position. SLUPAC’s proposed endorsement of “smart from the start” planning mirrors Nevada’s Climate Strategy and could enhance the state’s support for optimized siting to more effectively balance clean energy goals with impacts to natural lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to share GOE’s support and perspective. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

David Bobzien
Director