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KENNY C. GUINN
Governor

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Mr. Wayne Nastri
Regional Administrator
US EPA Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Designation of Trustees for Natural Resources in Nevada

Dear Mr. Nastri:

This letter is to notify you of my designation of state officials who will serve as trustees for natural resources in the State of Nevada, pursuant to 42 USC 9607(f) and 40 CFR Part 300.605.

Until this time, the Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), acting for the Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, has served as lead trustee of natural resources for the State of Nevada. The NDEP has broad jurisdiction and expertise with regard to air and water quality, management of chemicals and waste, and remediation of contaminants. However, the NDEP does not have jurisdiction or technical expertise related to wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Recognizing the vital need to fully access losses of wildlife and its habitat in natural resource damages cases; I designate the Director of the Department of Wildlife to serve as natural resource trustee with respect to wildlife and wildlife habitat in the State of Nevada. The Administrator of the NDEP will continue to serve as designated lead trustee for all other natural resources in the State of Nevada.

Sincerely,

KENNY C. GUINN
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cc: Terry Crawford, Director, Department of Wildlife
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Steve Robinson, State Forester

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