



Office of the Governor

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Mr. Don Klebenow
Secretary
Nevada Governor's Sage-grouse Conservation Team
1275 Washington Street
Reno, NV 89503

Dear Mr. Klebenow:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Governor's Sage-grouse Conservation Team. I appreciate the update on your important efforts and the invitation to your meetings.

I commend your efforts to maintain, protect, and enhance Nevada's sage-grouse population. You correctly point out in your letter that if our sage-grouse population continues to be depleted, we are in real danger of the sage-grouse being listed under the Endangered Species Act. We cannot allow this to happen and I am committed to working with your group to ensure that is the case.

You should take pride in your efforts to work with local communities, ranchers, and land owners to ensure that sage-grouse protection and the protection of private property and economic development opportunities go hand in hand. This type of approach is exactly how all conservation measures should work.

The Nevada Governor's Sage-grouse Conservation Team has my full support and I applaud your efforts. Please keep me informed of your activities and future meetings so that we may work together on this very important issue.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Please do not hesitate to do so again in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Gibbons".

JIM GIBBONS
Governor

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