



Adopted Resolution:

Pledging to Support Transfer of Federally-Controlled Lands to States

**Adopted at the NvFRW Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Las Vegas, Nevada
April 16, 2016**

WHEREAS, The citizens of States affected by federal land management are adversely impacted by reduced public access, degraded environmental quality and depressed economic productivity resulting from federal mismanagement on a high percentage of public lands within their State; and

WHEREAS, Countless hours have been devoted by state citizens and their locally elected representatives to work with federal agencies to improve conditions on federally-controlled public lands, with little or no success; and

WHEREAS, The States have the greater motivation to be accountable to their people to ensure multiple use, public access, reduction of pest and wildfire threat, environmental quality, and support of compatible livelihoods and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, There is historical precedent for transfer of federal lands to states, namely Hawaii and all states east of the Rocky Mountains whereby the federal government now only controls an average of less than 5 percent of all land compared with Nevada (where the federal government still controls about 85 percent of all land); and compared with western America in general (where the federal government still controls over 50 percent of all land); and

WHEREAS, In 1976 Congress ended its 200-year-old policy of beneficially transferring ownership of public land with the passage of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA); and

WHEREAS, The PILT or payment in lieu of taxes does not adequately or fairly compensate States for the breach of their Enabling Acts; and,

WHEREAS, The American Lands Council, National Farm Bureau, National Association of Counties, Republican National Committee, and numerous local school districts and other civic organizations support this effort; and

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona in September 2015, pledged its support for the transfer of federally-controlled public land to willing states;

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Federation of Republican Women supports the transfer of federally-controlled public land to willing states thereby facilitating accountable and local control of public land for the benefit of our communities, our families, our environment, our state and our nation.

Adopted by the Nevada Federation of Republican Women at its Spring Board Meeting on this, the 16th day of April 2016.