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| cid:image001.jpg@01D2A958.8799B760   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **For Immediate Release:** | **Contact:** [Megan Taylor](mailto:Megan_Taylor@heller.senate.gov) | | May 1, 2017 | 202-224-6244 |   **Heller: Important Nevada Land Programs Remain Intact**  **Washington, D.C.** – Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) is pleased to announce that the 2017 Fiscal Year budget proposed by the Trump Administration does not include any cuts to Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) and actually includes a $14 million funding increase for Nevada Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds.  “These programs not only help spur economic development in the private sector, but provide the necessary resources for conservation, habitat restoration as well as reduce the risk of wildfires,” **said Heller**. “As the budget process continues, I will continue to fight for critical Nevada programs and ensure the needs of all Nevadans are heard here in Washington, D.C.”  In April, Heller contacted [Department of the Interior Secretary (DOI) Ryan Zinke](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/ffcdb563-9f8f-4c84-806e-9fd826f1a384/04042017%20Heller%20Letter%20to%20Zinke%20re%20SNPLMA.pdf) and Senate Interior and Environment Appropriations [Subcommittee Chairman Lisa Murkowski and Ranking Member Tom Udall](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/003fedf4-f11b-4454-8041-fac4b28b4ed7/04042017%20Heller%20Letter%20to%20Interior%20Approps%20-%20Murkowski-Udall%20re%20SNPLMA.pdf) to express his strong concern with a recently leaked budget proposal that would gut the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act’s (SNPLMA) program. Enacted in 1998, SNPLMA is a program that allows the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to sell public land within a specific boundary around Las Vegas, Nevada, and the revenue generated by those sales are invested in important projects in Nevada.  [During a recent speech to the Nevada State Legislature, Heller slammed various appropriations proposals laid out by this Administration, and remains committed to opposing any legislation that will hurt the state of Nevada.](http://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/local/heller-says-he-is-for-nevada-first-not-trump-or-party/)  ###  [cid:image002.png@01D2A958.8799B760](http://www.facebook.com/pages/US-Senator-Dean-Heller/325751330177)[cid:image003.png@01D2A958.8799B760](http://twitter.com/SenDeanHeller)[cid:image004.png@01D2A958.8799B760](http://www.youtube.com/user/SenDeanHeller) |