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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **For Immediate Release:** | **Contact:** [Neal A. Patel](mailto:neal_patel@heller.senate.gov)/[Michawn Rich](mailto:michawn_rich@heller.senate.gov) | | November 4, 2015 | 202-224-6244 |   **Heller: WOTUS “will devastate Nevada landowners and businesses.”**  **(Washington, DC)** – Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) spoke on the Senate floor, regarding his opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and United States Army Corps of Engineers’ (USACE) finalized Clean Water Rule, also known as Waters of the United States (WOTUS). This regulation greatly expands federal control over water by declaring that ditches and other standing water sources be considered “navigable waters.” Such regulations will impact private property rights, as well as numerous industries’ ability to create jobs, including farming, ranching, commercial development, small business, construction, and domestic energy production. Click [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhfIMFh3YyM) or below to watch Senator Heller’s speech.   |  | | --- | | *“Good stewardship of our natural resources is part of Nevada’s character that makes it so unique. This is not about dirty water, or a rollback of the Clean Water Act.*  *This is about a federal regulation that severely limits land use, infringes on property rights, and diminishes economic activity in Nevada and nationwide.”*  **Background:**  Senator Heller is a cosponsor of the [*Federal Water Quality Protection Act*](https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1140?q=%7b%22search%22%3A%5b%22\%22s1140\%22%22%5d%7d&resultIndex=1) (S. 1140), legislation that requires the EPA and the USACE to redo WOTUS and consider stakeholder input – something they have completely ignored in the past.  Senator Heller supported [S.J.RES.22](http://www.ernst.senate.gov/content/ernst-46-additional-senators-introduce-resolution-nullify-expanded-wotus-definition-harmful), a joint resolution of disapproval which would nullify the Obama Administration’s final rule. That resolution, which Senator Heller also cosponsored at introduction, passed the United States Senate earlier today.  For Senator Heller’s full remarks, click [HERE](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/videos?ID=6ae4bf94-0539-4a2a-8600-90ab9ff62ea0). | | **###** |   [http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.png](http://www.facebook.com/pages/US-Senator-Dean-Heller/325751330177) [http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.png](http://twitter.com/SenDeanHeller) [http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png](http://www.youtube.com/user/SenDeanHeller) |