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**Heller Bill Streamlines Permit Process for Job Creators**

*Legislation included in GOP jobs plan*

**(Washington DC)**  – Today U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) introduced the *Public Lands Job Creation Act¸* legislation that willstreamline the permitting process for mineral and renewable energy development while also preserving the time necessary for environmental analysis.

This measure is also included in a larger jobs package proposed by several Republicans looking to create jobs without raising taxes or imposing additional regulations on job creators. The Senate is expected to vote on this legislation later today.

“As tens of thousands of Nevadans are looking for work, Congress should pass this common-sense measure to create jobs without raising taxes or adding new regulations,” Senator Heller said. “This step, along with tax reform, spending reform and additional regulation reform, can help lay the foundation for economic growth and help create jobs Nevadans and our nation desperately need.”

The Public Lands Job Creation Act gives the Department of the Interior (DOI) a period of forty-five days to complete the review process of notices sent from state Bureau of Land Management offices before they appear in the federal register.

“Nevada is fortunate to have resources in our own backyard that can provide job opportunities, but job creators need access to them. By shortening the time the Department of Interior has to complete certain administrative reviews, we can reduce red tape in the permitting process and help new projects move forward in a responsible manner,” Senator Heller added.

Senators John Barrasso (R-WY), Mike Crapo (R-ID), Mike Enzi (R-WY), Orrin Hatch (R-UT) John Hoeven (R-ND), Mike Lee (R-UT) Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Jim Risch (R-ID) and John Thune (R-SD) are co-sponsors of Senator Heller’s bill.

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