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**Heller’s Applauds Bi-state Sage Grouse “Not Warranted” Listing** **(Washington, DC)**– United States Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) issued the following statement today after the United States Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visited Nevada to announce the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is changing its proposed listing of the Bi-state sage grouse from “threatened” to “not warranted” under the Endangered Species Act.  “I commend the years of hard work done by Nevada’s local officials to show we can support sage grouse without a listing. As we celebrate today’s news, let us remember there is much work remaining to avoid the devastating impacts a listing of the wider-ranging greater sage grouse would have on our state’s economy. State and local officials continue to work diligently on a strong state-wide plan protecting both Nevadans’ way of life and the hen, and I encourage the Secretary to work with them to prevent a listing,” **said Senator Dean Heller**.   ###http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png |