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**Heller Releases Statement on Administration's Action to Roll Back Overreaching EPA Rule**
***EPA Takes Additional Steps To Repeal WOTUS***

**Washington, D.C.** – U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) released the following statement regarding the Environmental Protect Agency’s (EPA) announcement that it has taken additional steps to repeal the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule, a harmful regulation that would have given the EPA unprecedented control over farms, ranches, and small businesses across Nevada.

 "Given that the Nevada is the driest state in the nation, water is a precious resource to Nevadans. Whether it's Marlow from Ruby Valley or Darryl from Yerington, Nevadans around the state have told me that they fear the WOTUS rule provides federal agencies with almost unlimited authority to regulate their farms and ranches at their own discretion," **said Heller.** “That's why I've been fighting against this overly burdensome Obama-era regulation that usurps power from Nevadans and puts it into the hands of Washington bureaucrats.  The federal government already controls nearly 85% of Nevada’s lands, and I am concerned with any efforts that would give the federal government even more control especially over our water rights. I applaud the EPA for taking additional steps to repeal the WOTUS rule, which has burdened rural Nevadans and stifled job creation in Nevada.”

In the last Congress, Senator Heller cosponsored the [Federal Water Quality Protection Act](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2015/11/heller-wotus-will-devastate-nevada-landowners-and-businesses), legislation that requires the EPA and the USACE to redo WOTUS and consider stakeholder input.

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