



SENATOR HARRY REID, MAJORITY LEADER PROTECTING NEVADA COMMUNITIES



Senator Reid has secured substantial funding to protect Nevada's communities and landscapes from wildfire destruction and dangerous invasive pests

WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND RECOVERY

Senator Reid has made controlling wildfires, helping communities recover from their devastating effects, and reducing unwanted fuel sources all major priorities throughout his Senate career. He understands the alarming threat that wildfires pose to Nevada homes and businesses, as well as the major impacts fires have on our economy and landscape. During the worst fire year in northern Nevada's history (1999), the counties hardest hit suffered more than \$13 million in economic losses. Senator Reid has procured more than \$33 million over the last ten years to help prevent pervasive wildfires and mitigate their damage. Throughout his career in Congress, Senator Reid has prioritized efforts to control wildfires and help communities recover from their devastating effects, including:

- Securing more than \$27 million for fire prevention and fuels reduction in the Carson Range, Eastern Nevada, Spring Mountains, Tahoe Basin, in Clark, Lyon and Washoe Counties, as well as along the Nevada-California state line and the Truckee River. [H.R. 449, Unanimous Consent, 10/02/98, P.L. 105-263; H.R. 6111, Senate Vote 279, 11/09/06, P.L. 109-432; H.R. 2764, Senate Vote 325, 09/06/07, P.L. 110-161; H.R. 6124, Senate Vote 144, 06/05/08, Senate Vote Over Veto 151, 06/18/08, P.L. 110-246; H.R. 1, Senate Vote 61, 02/10/09, P.L. 111-005; H.R. 2997, Senate Vote 261, 08/04/09, P.L. 111-080]
- Introducing the *Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2010* that provides \$136 million for forest fuels reduction projects. [S. 2724, Introduced 11/03/09]
- Securing \$2 million to construct the Great Basin Plant Materials Center that develops plant materials in order to reestablish desirable vegetation in areas disturbed by fire. [H.R. 2673, Senate Vote 444, 11/06/03, P.L. 108-199; H.R. 4818, Voice Vote, 09/23/04, P.L. 108-447]
- Supporting the development and implementation of community wildfire plans. [H.R. 2744, Senate Vote 241, 09/22/05, P.L. 109-097; H.R. 2764, Senate Vote 325, 09/06/07, P.L. 110-161; H.R. 2997, Senate Vote 261, 08/04/09, P.L. 111-080]
- Allowing private landowners to apply to receive cost-share assistance for conservation work on rangeland vulnerable to or affected by wildfire and pests. [S. Amdt. 1210 to H.R. 2657, Senate Vote 273, 07/10/03, P.L. 108-083; H.R. 2764, Senate Vote 325, 09/6/07, P.L. 110-161]
- Procuring more than \$4 million for rehabilitation and stabilization work in communities and watersheds affected by the Arrowcreek/Skinner, Belli, Hawken, Martis, Waterfall, Peavine, and Rancho Haven/Red Rock fires. [H.R. 2764, Senate Vote 325, 09/06/07, P.L. 110-161; H.R. 1, Senate Vote 61, 02/10/09, P.L. 111-005; H.R. 2997, Senate Vote 261, 08/04/09, P.L. 111-080]
- Collaborating with community leaders, landowners, firefighters and governments to acquire the resources necessary to fight wildfires. [H.R. 2744, Senate Vote 241, 09/22/05, P.L. 109-097; H.R. 2764, Senate Vote 325, 09/06/07, P.L. 110-161; H.R. 2997, Senate Vote 261, 08/04/09, P.L. 111-080]
- Authoring the "WE CHAR" (Water Efficiency via Carbon Harvesting and Restoration) Act to support the development of technology to convert dead trees that fuel Nevada wildfires into alternative fuels and fertilizer products. [S. 1713, Introduced 09/24/09]

NOXIOUS WEED AND PEST CONTROL

Senator Reid has worked tirelessly to provide resources to control pests that endanger Nevada's drivers as well the state's rangelands, crops, and water supplies. Noxious pests, grasshoppers, Mormon crickets, cheatgrass, tamarisk, and mussels, for example, significantly threaten the state's eco-tourism and agricultural industries as well as the safety of Nevada's communities. Hence, Senator Reid has procured more than \$15 million in the last ten years to help prevent and control these harmful pests, including:

- Securing more than \$6 million to fight noxious weeds such as tamarisk, cheatgrass and pepperweed. [H.R. 4461, Senate Vote 225, 07/20/00, P.L. 106-387; H.R. 2330, Senate Vote 315, 10/25/01, P.L. 107-076; H.J.Res. 2, Senate Vote 28, 01/23/03, P.L. 108-007; H.R. 2673, Senate Vote 444, 11/06/03, P.L. 108-199; H.R. 4818, Voice Vote, 09/23/04, P.L. 108-447; H.R. 2744, Senate Vote 241, 09/22/05, P.L. 109-097; H.R. 1, Senate Vote 61, 02/10/09, P.L. 111-005; H.R. 2997, Senate Vote 261, 08/04/09, P.L. 111-080]
- Procuring \$3 million to control Mormon crickets and grasshoppers that ravage the landscape and endanger Nevada drivers. [H.J.Res. 2, Senate Vote 28, 01/23/03, P.L. 108-007; H.R. 2673, Senate Vote 444, 11/06/03, P.L. 108-199; H.R. 4818, Voice Vote, 09/23/04, P.L. 108-447; H.R. 2744, Senate Vote 241, 09/22/05, P.L. 109-097; H.R. 2997, Senate Vote 261, 08/04/09, P.L. 111-080]
- Obtaining more than \$4 million to establish and support the Nevada Arid Rangelands Initiative, which develops strategies for controlling invasive species and restoring native plants to our rangelands. [H.R. 1906, Unanimous Consent, 08/04/99, P.L. 106-078; H.R. 4461, Senate Vote 225, 07/20/00, P.L. 106-387; H.R. 2330, Senate Vote 315, 10/25/01, P.L. 107-076; H.J.Res. 2, Senate Vote 28, 01/23/03, P.L. 108-007; H.R. 2673, Senate Vote 444, 11/06/03, P.L. 108-199; H.R. 4818, Voice Vote, 09/23/04, P.L. 108-447; H.R. 2744, Senate Vote 241, 09/22/05, P.L. 109-097; H.R. 2764, Senate Vote 325, 09/06/07, P.L. 110-161; H.R. 1105, Voice Vote, 03/10/09, P.L. 111-008; H.R. 2997, Senate Vote 261, 08/04/09, P.L. 111-080]
- Obtaining almost \$2 million to support the Nevada Department of Agriculture's Cooperative weed and pest control programs. [S.Amdt. 1210 to H.R. 2657, Voice Vote, 07/10/03, P.L. 108-083; H.R. 2744, Senate Vote 241, 09/22/05, P.L. 109-097; H.R. 2764, Senate Vote 325, 09/06/07, P.L. 110-161; H.R. 2997, Senate Vote 261, 08/04/09, P.L. 111-080; H.R. 1105, Voice Vote, 03/10/09, P.L. 111-008]
- Authoring the Invasive Species Emergency Response Fund Act to provide low-interest loans to support projects that prevent the spread of harmful invasive species; promote wildfire management strategies; reduce changes to wildlife habitat; and restore native rangelands. [S. 3063, Introduced 03/03/10]
- Introducing the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2010 that provides \$20 million to prevent the introduction of new invasive species into the Lake Tahoe ecosystem and remove existing aquatic invasive species from the lake. [S. 2724, Introduced 11/03/09]

Senator Harry Reid Testifies On Keeping Invasive Mussels Out Of Lake Tahoe

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"...quagga and zebra mussels pose a grave danger to the Lake Tahoe ecosystem. If these invasive mollusks make their way into Lake Tahoe's water network, much of our work will be for naught."

"Let me share one small anecdote with you that demonstrates the size of the threat to Lake Tahoe and the economies of Nevada and California. Quagga mussels were first discovered in Lake Mead, in southern Nevada, in January 2007. Now, just a few years later, scientists estimate that more than three trillion – yes, trillion - quagga mussels are in the lake."

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