

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**Petitioner:** Yolanda T. King, County Manager

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**Recommendation:**

**Approve a resolution to urge Congress to protect Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens. (For possible action)**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fund #:	N/A	Fund Name:	N/A
Fund Center:	N/A	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	N/A		
Description:	N/A		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

**BACKGROUND:**

On August 3, 2021, the Board received a presentation from Senator James Ohrenshall. Upon discussion, the Board requested that the item be brought back with a revised resolution.

The Board is requested to approve the updated resolution to urge Congress to protect Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens.

**ACTION: APPROVED (RESOLUTION NO. R-9-21-21-3) AS RECOMMENDED.**

Cleared for Agenda

**09/21/2021**

File ID#

**21-1225**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CLARK URGING CONGRESS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC LANDS INCLUDING AND ADJACENT TO SUNRISE MOUNTAIN, FRENCHMAN MOUNTAIN, AND RAINBOW GARDENS**

**WHEREAS**, The public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens are undeveloped natural treasures located near the Las Vegas Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, These public lands contain colorful mountain ranges rising up from the desert lowlands; and

**WHEREAS**, These open spaces create a mosaic of extraordinary scenery, habitat, recreation and natural resources, managed by the Bureau of Land Management for multiple-uses, that are of immeasurable value to the health, welfare and enjoyment of Clark County's residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, public lands are essential to the quality of life in Clark County, providing extensive public recreational opportunities for wildlife watching, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, bicycling, sightseeing, responsible off-highway vehicle use, and numerous other outdoor recreational activities, thereby improving the health of our community and its visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Gypsum Cave, which holds some of the earliest evidence of human inhabitation in the western United States and is significant to Indian tribes, is located on these public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, These public lands contain evidence of the Great Unconformity, which consists of exposed surface rock that represents more than one quarter of the history (1.2 billion years) of the Earth's crust and tectonic plates; and

**WHEREAS**, Several plant species that have received special status designation by the Bureau of Land Management are found on these public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark County seeks to promote responsible off-highway vehicle recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, Many Clark County residents enjoy the natural desert landscape and the outdoor recreational opportunities of Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners for Clark County, that the Board, through the passage of this Resolution, that:

1. Clark County does hereby urge Congress to protect the public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens by designating them for federal protection, which may include, without limitation, designating all or portions of the area as a national conservation area, national recreation area or national monument, or applying other federal protections that Congress deems appropriate for these important and scenic lands.
2. Clark County requests the continued public lands management of Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens by the Bureau of Land Management.
3. Clark County will continue its efforts to promote responsible recreational use, such as off-highway vehicle use on designated routes, at Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** this 21st day of September 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

BY:   
MARILYN KIRKPATRICK, Chair

ATTEST:   
LYNN GOYA, County Clerk

