



Quotes from Agreement for Recreation Shared Stewardship Signatories:

- Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak:** “The *Nevada Agreement for Recreation Shared Stewardship* is a huge victory for all Nevada families and visitors, and for our abundant natural, cultural, and recreational wonders that we cherish. This multi-agency agreement builds on the strong spirit of collaboration that underpins our greatest successes in Nevada, furthering our collective effort to protect our natural environment, combat climate change, strengthen our recreation and ecotourism economy, and ensure equitable access for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to explore the outdoors and enjoy our state’s vast recreational splendor. I thank our State, Federal, and Tribal partners, along with the many conservation and recreation champions across the state, for your shared commitment to elevating Nevada's celebrated outdoor heritage every day.”
- Bradley Crowell, Director, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:** “Sustainable, responsible outdoor recreation is integral to our way of life in Nevada – for our environment, for our economy, and for the physical and mental health and well-being of our communities. The *Nevada Agreement for Recreation Shared Stewardship* builds on the strong spirit of collaborative conservation that has made Nevada the world-class outdoor recreation destination it is today. This landmark stewardship agreement provides a science-driven framework for tackling current and emerging environmental, recreational, and social challenges through shared expertise and best management practices, strategic resource and capacity coordination, information and data sharing, and joint problem-solving. I thank all of our shared stewardship partners for helping advance our collective goal of expanding sustainable recreation throughout Nevada while protecting our public lands and waterways, which belong to all of us. The Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is committed to helping lead the way to making the Outdoor Recreation Shared Stewardship Agreement a success.”
- Colin Robertson, Administrator, Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation:** “Unfettered access to outdoor exploration in Nevada’s wide-open spaces is one of our state’s greatest assets, with our vibrant trail systems, rugged and remote landscapes, world-class hiking, fishing, and camping, over 50,000 miles of off-highway vehicle trails, and memorable adventures of all kinds waiting to be discovered by people of all abilities, ages, and backgrounds. As recreation demand continues to rapidly grow, programs that focus on environmental education and stewardship are key to providing a quality recreation experience and strengthening Nevada’s economy, while protecting our precious natural and cultural resources simultaneously. The *Nevada Agreement for*

Recreation Shared Stewardship provides a Nevada-specific, science-driven framework for strengthening alliances between outdoor recreation, economic development, and natural resource protection throughout the state. I look forward to working together with our shared stewardship partners to help protect the long-term sustainable health of Nevada's bounty of natural, cultural, and recreational treasures."

- **Bob Mergell, Administrator, Nevada Division of State Parks:** "The mission of Nevada State Parks has remained unwavering for the past 87 years, to preserve and protect Nevada's cultural and natural resources while providing sustainable, affordable, and accessible outdoor recreation adventures at all of Nevada's 27 diverse State Parks. We are thrilled to strengthen and renew our commitment to Nevada's treasured outdoor resources by joining with conservation partners to launch the State's first multi-agency outdoor recreation Shared Stewardship agreement. Our contributions to this effort include enhanced outdoor environmental education programming and venues to help today's kids become tomorrow's outdoor leaders, junior ranger programs that teach the principles of environmental stewardship, citizen science projects for visitors of all ages that foster a hands-on appreciation of Nevada's plants and animals, and the recruitment of Leave No Trace ambassadors to help spread the word far and wide that Nevada is a great place to recreate and respect."
- **Tony Wasley, Director, Nevada Department of Wildlife:** "Spending time outdoors, in nature, helps improve an individual's mental health and well-being, improving their quality of life. It is essential to develop sustainable recreational opportunities that allow more people to enjoy nature without taking away from the integrity of the natural environment that our wildlife depend on. In addition to conserving natural resources and wildlife habitats, developing sustainable recreational opportunities plays an essential role in protecting clean water, clean air, and open space for current and future generations. People of all ages and abilities can enjoy the life-enhancing benefits of the outdoors through this essential connection to nature. This historic agreement between local, state, and federal partners is a big step forward for sustainable recreation, bringing participating agencies to the table together to better collaborate and share ideas. I offer the full support of the Nevada Department of Wildlife in this endeavor."
- **Brenda Scolari, Director, Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs:** "Nevada is ready to take its place as a top outdoor destination in the west. More than ever before, outdoor recreators are visiting Nevada to experience the incredible landscapes in our public lands. Travel Nevada is proud to join our state and federal partners in recognizing the shared stewardship of our natural resources. We will play an important part in supporting an outdoor recreation economy through thoughtful management and responsible marketing that emphasizes education and best practices. By working together with a unified message, we will honor the land that offers a vibrant future to both our residents and visitors."
- **Kristina Swallow, Director, Nevada Department of Transportation:** "The Nevada Recreation Shared Stewardship Agreement is a trailblazing step that Nevada is taking to advance sustainable, equitable, and accessible outdoor recreation throughout the state. At NDOT, we work tirelessly to keep Nevadans safe and connected and safeguard the environment in which we operate to ensure that wildlife habitats across Nevada are preserved and wildlife corridors

are maintained. Promoting environmental stewardship is one of the agency's primary goals, and we look forward to partnering with other state and local agencies to create innovative strategies to provide safe travel for all users."

- **Mary Farnsworth, Intermountain Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service:** "The Forest Service has the privilege of managing nearly 5.7 million acres in Nevada that offer world-class recreation opportunities, from skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling to camping, hiking and mountain biking, and much more. Public lands provide an escape to nature for residents of Las Vegas and Reno and offer the wide-open spaces that characterize Nevada's rural communities. Shared Stewardship helps us meet the challenge of preserving these opportunities for future generations by working with our state and federal partners, as well as Tribal Nations, local governments and nongovernmental organizations, to use our resources effectively and explore innovative ideas for managing our public lands. I particularly want to recognize the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation, which has quickly become an incredibly valuable partner to the Forest Service. I congratulate the State of Nevada for having the foresight to establish this office in recognition of the importance of outdoor recreation to Nevada's economy and way of life."
- **Cindy Orlando, National Park Service, Deputy Regional Director, Interior Regions 8, 9 10, 12:** "The National Park Service looks forward to continuing to grow our public lands and outdoor recreation collaborations and engaging as a full partner in the Nevada Outdoor Recreation Shared Stewardship Agreement. In addition to managing Great Basin National Park, Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Tule Springs National Monument, we continue to fund Land and Water Conservation Fund projects, transfer federal lands for parks, provide Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Assistance, and support the Great Basin National Heritage Area. Our National Park Service priorities closely align with the Stewardship Agreement goals. Participation in this landmark agreement leverages our ongoing commitment to support sustainable and equitable recreational opportunities, create welcoming experiences for all audiences, and strengthen collaboration with outdoor recreation, tourism, and gateway community stakeholders and our Tribal partners."
- **Jon K. Raby, Nevada State Director, Bureau of Land Management:** "Outdoor recreation opportunities in Nevada are deeply cherished by people across the world. Very few places offer such a breadth and diversity of public lands experiences as we have here. A continuous increase in visitors across Nevada is a clear sign of the importance of this shared stewardship agreement across all of our agencies and tribal partners. By continuing our work together we can find ways that encourage visitors to enjoy the land safely and responsibly. Outdoor recreation opportunities enable us, as individuals and as a society, to form connections with the land, the people, and to share our knowledge to ensure sustainable recreation for the lands we love."
- **Paul Souza, Regional Director, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Region:** "The diverse landscape of Nevada provides an incredible array of opportunities for people to not only enjoy outdoor recreation but also connect with the land and the wonderful wildlife we share it with. The Nevada Agreement for Recreation Shared Stewardship establishes a collaborative framework that will enable Tribes, state and federal agencies, and our partners to achieve sustainable and responsible outdoor recreation that is inclusive and protects natural and cultural

resources. With this agreement, outdoor recreation opportunities will increase for a diversity of people and Nevada's outdoor economy will grow with a long-term vision of sustainability. It will also generate public awareness, appreciation, and compassion for wildlands and wildlife, which are critical to developing present and future stewards of public lands and support for conservation. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service looks forward to working with our partners on implementing the Agreement and providing recreational opportunities for people living in and visiting the wonderful state of Nevada."

- **Jacklynn Gould, Lower Colorado Basin Regional Director, US Bureau of Reclamation:** "This Shared Stewardship agreement confirms the Bureau of Reclamation's commitment to collaborative partnerships and transparent actions. Moving forward, we will actively participate in activities to benefit the people of Nevada."
- **Ernest A. Conant, Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Interior Region 10: California-Great Basin:** "Reclamation is pleased to partner with our fellow agencies under this Shared Stewardship agreement. Protecting our natural and cultural resources through sustainable recreation is a benefit to all."