

Washoe's sprawl already too much

All who hope to preserve the character of our beautiful region should look twice at the county's push to take control of 400,000 acres of federal lands by means of the innocently titled "Washoe County Economic Development and Conservation Act."

Commissioner Lacey and other proponents promise to balance development and conservation. We know what that means — development. But we're already exceeding our carrying capacity. Look at their map, with sprawl up to the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. You can be sure they've got their eye on that treasure, too.

Tell the commissioners to fall back. But if they don't, we need to put the heat especially on Republicans Heller and Amodei to refrain from advancing the required authorization by Congress. Let them know the majority of their constituents do not want to see our common heritage sold off.

And while you're about it, let presumptive Republican gubernatorial candidate Laxalt know where you stand.

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