

NEVADA and FLTFA

REAUTHORIZATION

Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act

Nevada has benefited from the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA) more than any other state, with over \$88 million in BLM land sales and \$35 million in Secretarial approvals for conservation projects since FLTFA's enactment in 2000. Congress can reauthorize FLTFA to enable this important funding tool to continue to provide a balanced approach to land conservation for Nevada and the West, potentially generating over \$35 million annually. The Congressional Budget Office states that reauthorizing FLTFA for 10 years will decrease the deficit by \$5 million. CBO reports that BLM will sell nine times more land with FLTFA than without FLTFA.

FLTFA has expired. Please ask Congress to reauthorize FLTFA for the benefit of Nevada's economy and lands.

Summary of Program. Modeled after the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) and in conjunction with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Congress authorized the FLTFA program to help federal agencies acquire critically important tracts of private land for fish and wildlife conservation, cultural and historic preservation, and outdoor recreation in the eleven Western states and Alaska. Passed in 2000, FLTFA authorized Department of Interior and U.S. Forest Service to use the proceeds from sales of BLM lands to acquire inholdings in federally designated areas, such as BLM areas, national forests, national parks and national wildlife refuges.

FLTFA - Nevada and the West. Since enactment, FLTFA has generated over \$113 million from sales (78 percent in Nevada - \$88 million) and the Secretaries have approved over \$66 million toward protecting 19,000 acres. The Nevada FLTFA program has been the most successful because of the proximity of BLM land to expanding population centers and BLM's experience in selling land under SNPLMA. With FLTFA funds, USFS recently completed a project in the Tahoe Basin, at the Daggett Pass of the Pony Express National Historic Trail in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. In January 2009, BLM completed a \$16 million project at Red Rock Canyon NCA, providing recreational opportunities for nearby Las Vegas.

Based on the success of both Nevada's SNPLMA and FLTFA models, ten out of the eligible twelve Western states participated in the FLTFA program. If reauthorized permanently, these Western states may continue to use FLTFA as an important funding tool for land conservation, and for the sale of federal land identified for disposal, just as Nevada has with SNPLMA.



FLTFA project: Red Rock Canyon NCA near Las Vegas, Nevada's first National Conservation Area that provides 30 miles of hiking trails, rock climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking, road biking, picnic areas and nature observing to more than one million visitors a year.



FLTFA project: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest FLTFA allowed the U.S. Forest Service to protect the historic Daggett Pass property, which contains a portion of the Pony Express National Historic Trail.