

# Nevada Land Sovereignty and Restoration Act #NLSARA

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## SECTION 1. TITLE

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the  
**Nevada Land Sovereignty and Restoration Act** ("NLSRA").

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## SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

**The People of Nevada find that:**

- When Nevada was admitted into the Union in 1864, it was promised the same rights of sovereignty as the original thirteen states.
- Unlike those original states, the federal government retained ownership of the vast majority of Nevada's lands—over 80% today—violating the spirit of the **Equal Footing Doctrine**.
- The Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution reserves all powers not delegated to the federal government to the States and the People, yet Nevada's land has been unjustly controlled from Washington D.C.
- Continued federal ownership has hindered Nevada's ability to develop economically, manage its own resources, protect its wildlife and heritage, and ensure prosperity for future generations.
- Nevada's public schools, businesses, farmers, ranchers, and citizens have suffered due to restricted access and bureaucratic mismanagement.
- The time has come for Nevada to exercise its sovereign right to manage its own lands.

**Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:**

- Reclaim Nevada's right to manage and steward its own land.
- Secure economic opportunity and environmental responsibility under Nevada's control.
- Restore constitutional balance between the federal government and the States.

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## SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

- **"Public Lands"** means all lands currently owned and managed by federal agencies within the State of Nevada, excluding active military installations and tribal lands.
- **"Nevada Land Stewardship Authority (NLSA)"** means the independent body created under this Act to oversee the transition and management of reclaimed lands.

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## SECTION 4. MANDATE FOR LAND TRANSFER

The State of Nevada, on behalf of its citizens, hereby formally demands that the United States government enter into good faith negotiations within twelve (12) months from the passage of this Act to transfer ownership and stewardship of all Public Lands to the State of Nevada.

Failure to enter into negotiations shall empower the State to seek judicial remedies.

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## SECTION 5. CREATION OF THE NEVADA LAND STEWARDSHIP AUTHORITY (NLSA)

- The NLSA shall be composed of representatives from Nevada counties, indigenous communities, ranchers, educators, conservationists, and veterans.
- The NLSA shall:
  - Manage and steward the transferred lands.
  - Establish transparent, public reporting of land revenues and uses.
  - Protect access rights for hunting, fishing, camping, recreation, and grazing.
  - Prioritize Nevada citizens' access over non-residents for permits and leases.
  - Honor environmental protections for wildlife and historic sites.

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## SECTION 6. FUNDING OF NEVADA'S FUTURE

Revenue generated from the proper and sustainable use of restored lands shall be allocated as follows:

- 50% to K-12 public education and libraries
- 25% to wildlife conservation and water restoration projects
- 15% to infrastructure improvement projects
- 10% to emergency disaster funds

All revenue allocations shall be subject to strict public reporting and audits.

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## **SECTION 7. PROHIBITION OF NEW FEDERAL ACQUISITIONS**

No future federal acquisition of land within Nevada's boundaries shall occur without:

- The consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Nevada Legislature; **and**
  - The approval of a majority of Nevada voters through public referendum.
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## **SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT**

If the federal government refuses to negotiate or transfer the lands within the time allotted, the State Attorney General is authorized and directed to file legal action in the United States Supreme Court asserting Nevada's rights under the Constitution.

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## **SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Act is found unconstitutional, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

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## **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

## **Summary for Ballot Initiative**

The Nevada Land Sovereignty and Restoration Act reclaims state management over federally controlled lands, ensures sustainable use of Nevada's natural resources, establishes the Nevada Land Stewardship Authority, and dedicates revenues from these lands to benefit public education, conservation efforts, and infrastructure projects. Passage of this Act will affirm Nevada's constitutional right to control its own destiny and economic future.