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Economic Benefits from Sportsmen

Dear "Legislator"

Our last report to the legislators outlined but a few of the many successful wildlife programs accomplished by the partnership of private sportsmen and the Nevada Department of Wildlife. This report summarizes the beneficial economic impacts of sportsmen to the state of Nevada.

- 37.4 million people over the age of sixteen (16) hunted, fished, or trapped in the United States in 2011.*
- Nearly 190,000 Nevadans hunted, fished, and trapped in 2011.*
- The number of sportsmen is on the increase.*
- For comparison, there are more people who hunt, fish, and trap than go bowling or play basketball.* Even during this economic turndown, sportsmen and women spend a lot of money in pursuit of their sports.
- Sportsmen spent ninety billion dollars nationwide in 2011.**
- The economic benefit from sportsmen to Nevada is over one billion dollars annually.
- In fiscal year 2011 Nevada sporting families contributed thirty-eight million dollars in state sales tax.
- Many of the dollars spent by sportsmen in Nevada go to support rural economies in purchases of fuel, lodging, food, guide services, and a myriad of other items.
- These figures do not measure the number of us who make Nevada our home because of our unique outdoor opportunities. We could live, build businesses, hire employees, raise families, and pay taxes anywhere, but we choose Nevada because of access to great hunting and fishing.

Sportsmen's dollars greatly benefit the public in general. We have previously summarized how adoption of the North American Model of Wildlife Management has brought back bighorn sheep, elk, antelope, and black bear from near or total extirpation. Sportsmen's dollars have made this possible; practically no general taxpayer's monies are expended.

We are extremely proud of not only our accomplishments, but also of our role in providing the funding to allow the successful management, protection, and enhancement of our wildlife resources. All Nevadans have benefited.

* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, 2012

** Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, America's Sporting Heritage: Fueling the American Economy, 2012

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