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## **WESTERN STATES** SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

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## **RESOLUTION 2021-2**

WHEREAS: The Western States Sheriffs' Association represents Sheriffs from seventeen states West of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS; The Western States Sheriffs' Association, Government Affairs Committee recognizes the current federal administration will appoint leaders in key positions at a wide variety of federal agencies that regularly interact with the Western States Sheriffs' Association; and

WHEREAS; the Government Affairs Committee of the Western States Sheriffs' Association recognizes that not all topics can be effectively addressed and as such a list of priorities are necessary in order to be the most effective:

THEREFORE: The Western States Sheriffs' Association Government Affairs Committee lists the following as priorities for involvement for 2021 and beyond until amended:

- 1. President Biden's plan to have an additional 30% of the nation's public and private lands dedicated for conservation by the year 2030. The concerns to be monitored and addressed remain public access to these lands and the potential negative economic impact to counties and public safety when large tracts of public and private lands are held under federal management.
- 2. Great America Outdoors Act: A call for coordination and communication between counties and federal entities to prioritize those areas identified for infrastructure improvements.
- 3. Federal law enforcement on public lands:
  - a. Continue advocating for increased funds for search and rescue as well as Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreements.
  - b. Ensure scope of authority and jurisdiction are understood and adhered to.

- 1. Public Lands Ethics: Work jointly with federal entities towards coordination of messaging and enforcement.
- 2. Monitor Federal legislation dealing with public lands to ensure appropriate response from state legislatures and other local officials.

Be it resolved this 19th day of May, 2021 at the annual conference in Reno, Nevada.

Sheriff Fred Lamphere, President

Jim Pond, Executive Director