

United States Senate

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Thank you for contacting me about the potential land swap at the Winecup Gamble Ranch. I appreciate hearing from you on this issue.

The Winecup Gamble Ranch encompasses about one million acres in Elko County, NV. The owners of the ranch have apparently proposed a land swap with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM.) While the specific details are scarce, the proposed swap would see 230,000 acres of federal land transferred to the Winecup Gamble Ranch, while around 84,000 acres of ranchland would be moved into the management of the BLM. Such a large land exchange could only be completed through congressional action. Several concerns and issues would need thorough consideration and would need to involve ample engagement with local stakeholders before any proposal could be seriously considered. I can assure you this would be vigorously vetted with a high degree of scrutiny, should such a proposal ever be brought to my attention.

Our public lands and waters provide a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities. As the number of visitors to our public spaces grow, it is important we protect the natural beauty of these lands and preserve them for recreational use. Furthermore, we must ensure fair access to everyone. As you may already know, the areas involved in the proposed Winecup Gamble Ranch land swap are home to a wide variety of wildlife and unique geographical features, making them a favorite for outdoor recreationalists in our state.

Thank you, again, for taking the time to contact me. If there is anything I can do to assist you in the future, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator

