

Tahoe benefits from Reid's success in securing earmarks

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WASHINGTON – As he fights for a fifth term, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is touting his clout as a key reason that voters should keep him in Washington.

But just what has Reid's seniority – and his powerful position as majority leader – brought Nevada?



Harry Reid

The answer, if you look just at the federal earmarks he's gotten in the past two years to fund Nevada projects, is nearly \$662 million, to pay for everything from Lake Tahoe restoration to firefighting equipment for Reno.

Where the earmark money has gone

Reid ranked No. 6 in the Senate in fiscal year 2010 for the number of earmarks he got for his state, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense, an anti-earmark group.

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