

Amodei wants cooperation in sage grouse preservation

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CARSON CITY – Rep. Mark Amodei says Nevada lawmakers have nothing to fear from working with the federal government on sage grouse preservation efforts.

Amodei assured a joint session of the Nevada Legislature on Monday evening that federal authorities were dedicated to helping preserve endangered sage grouse environments throughout the state.

The Republican congressman said the state had come a long way in dealing with the possible listing of the sage grouse as an endangered species, which would limit land use throughout the state. Amodei said Nevada and the federal government needed to work together and were “brother and sister.”

Amodei was first elected to Northern Nevada’s 2nd Congressional District in 2011 and spent 11 years in the state Senate. Democratic Rep. Dina Titus is scheduled to address the Legislature on Wednesday.