

### 3.14.24 HSGAC Hearing on Wildfires

#### Senator Rosen Introduction, Chief Fogerson

It is my honor to introduce Nevada's own David Fogerson, Chief of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management and the Office of Homeland Security.

Chief Fogerson has over 30 years of experience in public safety, serving in a number of different roles, including as a wildland firefighter himself and as Deputy Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for Douglas County.

In our state of Nevada, the unique landscape, the changing climate, and the amount of land owned by the federal government make wildfire mitigation and recovery all the more challenging.

That's why we need strong leaders like Chief Fogerson who create collaborative partnerships and encourage innovation in our approach to addressing wildfires.

We are lucky to have someone with as much experience and insight as Chief Fogerson leading Nevada's response to devastating wildfires and working with leaders from across the country to address the increasing challenges wildfires present.

Nevada needs to be at the table in these important conversations.

That's why I'm pleased that Chief Fogerson represented our state on the Wildland Fire Mitigation Management Commission, which was charged with making important recommendations to Congress on wildfire strategies and response.

And I'm glad to have him here today testifying before this Committee.

Chief, I'm very grateful to have you here with us and thank you for your service to our state.