

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA SUPPORTING THE MULTIPLE USE OF NATIONAL FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS AND
6 ~~SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF CITIZENS WHO ARE PURSUING LEGAL REMEDY~~ URGING CONGRESS
7 AND THE PRESIDENT TO OVERTURN FORMER-PRESIDENT WILLIAM CLINTON'S THE FEDERAL
8 ROADLESS INITIATIVE.

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10 WHEREAS, the WISE MULTIPLE USE OF NATIONAL FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS IS NECESSARY FOR THE
11 economic stability AND GROWTH of communities in MONTANA AND IN OTHER western states ~~depends upon wise~~
12 ~~multiple use of national forests and public lands~~; and

13 WHEREAS, ~~former-President William Clinton has proposed 40 million~~ UNDER THE FEDERAL ROADLESS
14 AREA CONSERVATION RULE ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE USE OF MILLIONS OF
15 acres of inventoried "roadless" areas ~~and more than 10 million additional acres of smaller parcels of~~
16 ~~"unroaded" areas HAVE BEEN PROPOSED as de facto wilderness~~ WILL BE SEVERELY LIMITED; and

17 WHEREAS, UNDER THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROAD MANAGEMENT RULE AND THE NATIONAL FOREST
18 SYSTEM LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING RULE, THE USE OF NATIONAL FOREST LANDS WILL BE SEVERELY
19 LIMITED; AND

20 WHEREAS, THESE RULES EFFECTIVELY MAKE LANDS UNAVAILABLE FOR WISE MULTIPLE USE; AND

21 WHEREAS, according to the United States Forest Service, ~~39 million~~ TENS OF MILLIONS OF acres of
22 the national forest system, INCLUDING LAND IN MONTANA AND OTHER WESTERN STATES, are currently at high risk
23 of catastrophic wildfire, ~~and an additional 26 million acres~~ OR are diseased and insect-infested; and

24 WHEREAS, THESE RULES LIMIT THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE TO ADDRESS THESE
25 PROBLEMS; AND

26 WHEREAS, WHILE wilderness designation is the responsibility of the United States Congress, ~~not~~
27 ~~the executive office~~, THESE RULES AND EXECUTIVE ACTIONS PURSUANT TO THESE RULES WILL MAKE LANDS ESSENTIALLY
28 DE FACTO WILDERNESS; and

29 WHEREAS, ~~this proposal ignores~~ THESE RULES SIGNIFICANTLY RESTRICT THE USE OF NATIONAL FOREST LANDS
30 FOR the purposes for which the national forests were created, ~~and it violates the law regarding~~; AND

