

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

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8 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA OPPOSING ANY  
9 NEW DESIGNATION FOR THE MISSOURI RIVER OR THE MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS.

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11 WHEREAS, a majority of Montanans oppose a new designation for the Missouri River or the  
12 Missouri River Breaks; and

13 WHEREAS, the Missouri River and the Missouri River Breaks are protected by the federal Wild and  
14 Scenic Rivers Act, Montana subdivision law, and county development regulations; and

15 WHEREAS, expanding the designation will incorporate more private and state land holdings under  
16 federal management plans; and

17 WHEREAS, Article IV, section 3, of the Constitution of the United States gives authority over  
18 public lands to Congress; and

19 WHEREAS, the vast number of acres being considered for designation as a monument does not  
20 meet guidelines of the intent of the federal enabling legislation for monument designations, the Antiquities  
21 Act of 1906, which states that the President of the United States is authorized to declare national  
22 monuments and "may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be  
23 confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be  
24 protected"; and

25 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 1487 requires the President of the United States of America to  
26 seek public input and to consult with elected officials of the affected state at least 60 days before taking  
27 any action; and

28 WHEREAS, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt has violated the pledge that he made during his  
29 preliminary trip to Montana in the summer of 2000 to return for further analysis and input prior to any  
30 recommendations for a change in designation for this area; and

1           WHEREAS, the Clinton administration has made an "11th hour" rush to create a legacy in land  
2 policy without due diligence in properly analyzing the negative impacts on local and state governmental  
3 divisions as well as on state and local inhabitants.

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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
6 MONTANA:

7           That the Legislature of the State of Montana respectfully request that the Secretary of the Interior,  
8 Mr. Bruce Babbitt, ~~set aside~~ WITHDRAW any new proposed designation for the Missouri River or the Missouri  
9 River Breaks and support the ~~proved~~ PROVEN management practices that have maintained the pristine  
10 conditions of the Missouri River and the Missouri River Breaks ~~since first traversed by the Corps of~~  
11 ~~Discovery in 1804.~~

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the  
13 Secretary of the Interior, the Montana Congressional Delegation, President William Clinton, and President  
14 Elect George W. Bush.

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