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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER 10**

My name is Jenny McCune and I live at 1700 Trail Creek Road, Bozeman, Montana. I have been a resident of Montana for the past 10 years and as a mountain biker and hiker I recreate in the Gallatin National Forest and other public lands on a regular, if not daily, basis.

I am against the Senate Joint Resolution No. 10 which advocates the State of Montana urge Congress to promote multiple use management of public lands and to release Wilderness Study Areas.

The bill argues that current management of public lands in Montana is hurting our state's economy, particularly the wood products, mining, oil and gas industries, and that this is depriving Montanans of good jobs.

This is false. I would like to introduce into the public record a copy of "Prosperity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century West." This 2003 study by Ray Rasker, a senior economist at the Sonoran Institute, dispels the myth that public lands such as Wilderness Areas, National Parks, and National Monuments hurt local economics by preventing the development of natural resources. In fact, this study, which I edited, shows that undeveloped, motor-free public lands are amenities that draw people and businesses to locate here and their existence actually boosts local economies.

This can be seen in Bozeman. Retirees are relocating to the area, pensions in tow, to avail themselves of our pristine fly-fishing streams, our marvelous mountains, and wilderness. Entrepreneurs and their companies such as Right Now Technologies and Zoot Enterprises have located here because of Bozeman's nearness to the Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area and Yellowstone National Park. These and other businesses have created better paying jobs for more people than you'll find created by extractive industries. The Sonoran report also explains that a diversified economy like you'll find in Bozeman is healthier and provides more and steadier income to more people than in an area dependent on one industry such as mining or logging.

And just yesterday *The Bozeman Daily Chronicle* wrote an article about Bozeman being ranked as the best U.S. small-business market. As David Smith, executive director of the Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce,

explained in the article, one of the key reasons for Bozeman receiving this ranking is its recreational opportunities. Release Wilderness Study Areas from that designation and you'll lose an important economic driver.

Wilderness bad for business? I don't think so. Wilderness is an amenity which the state of Montana can use to stimulate and improve both the state and local economies.

Also realize that despite what the joint resolution says, the Wilderness Study Designation has NOT reduced access. We all have access to public lands. It's just what we DO in Wilderness Study Areas is restricted. These areas are kept motor-free for the enjoyment of all and the preservation of this precious resource. Wilderness is where Montanans such as myself go to hike, hunt, and fish. They belong to us, not to multinational companies or the manufacturers of outdoor recreational vehicles. Public lands must be preserved and managed and the Wilderness or Wilderness Study Area designations are an important way of protecting, managing, and giving access to our public lands.

So the choice is yours. I firmly hope that the state legislature will embrace the right of Montanans and continue to protect Wilderness and promote our local economies by voting against this bill.



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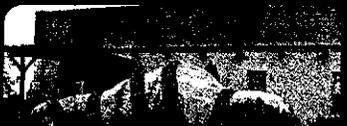
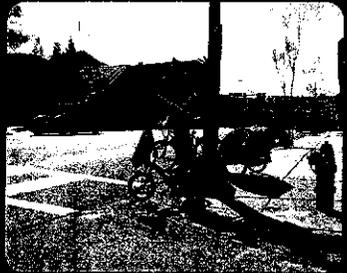
# PROSPERITY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WEST

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