

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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 6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
 7 MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO ADOPT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE UNITED STATES
 8 FOREST SERVICE AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO ~~STOP CLOSING~~ NOT ARBITRARILY
 9 CLOSE ROADS AND ACCESS TO MONTANA'S PUBLIC LANDS.

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 11 WHEREAS, Montana families live in Montana for its rich recreational opportunities and quality of life;
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13 WHEREAS, Montana's public lands are to be administered under the concept of multiple use; and

14 WHEREAS, ~~elderly, disabled, and physically challenged Americans~~ AMERICANS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO
 15 ARE ELDERLY, DISABLED, OR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED, cannot fully enjoy their public lands if roads AND ACCESS TO
 16 TRAILS AND STREAMS are arbitrarily closed; and

17 WHEREAS, across Montana and the intermountain West, the United States Forest Service, ~~through~~
 18 ~~dictate, is attempting to create de facto wilderness~~ SHOULD MANAGE LANDS FOR MULTIPLE-USE OPPORTUNITIES; and

19 WHEREAS, roads are a critical component in the use of public lands for recreational and agricultural
 20 activities; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service should be administering our public lands for the greatest
 22 good for the greatest number; and

23 WHEREAS, groups using public lands ~~have volunteered~~ COULD VOLUNTEER to maintain critical points
 24 of access ~~and have been rebuffed by federal agencies~~.

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 26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
 27 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

28 That the United States Congress be urged to adopt legislation that would require the United States
 29 Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to ~~stop closing~~ NOT ARBITRARILY CLOSE roads and access
 30 to Montana's public lands and to require instead that these agencies ~~properly~~ BE PROPERLY FUNDED AND maintain

1 the current means of access to and on Montana's public lands, TRAILS, AND STREAMS.

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