

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW REVENUE STREAMS TO
6 SUPPORT WILDLIFE ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

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8 WHEREAS, large, intact, and functioning ecosystems, healthy fish and wildlife populations, and public
9 access to natural landscapes contribute to the West's quality of life and economic well-being; and

10 WHEREAS, the integrity of those ecosystems is at risk in Montana and throughout the West from climate
11 change and other factors; and

12 WHEREAS, the adverse effect of climate change may pose the single most serious threat to the
13 long-term sustainability of indigenous fish and wildlife populations; and

14 WHEREAS, planning and implementation of conservation designs for the purpose of fish and wildlife
15 corridor protection and establishment, for scientific study and monitoring of the impacts of climate change on
16 natural resources and ecosystems and their response to management activities, and for other aspects of fish and
17 wildlife adaptation to climate change require long-term, sustained funding significantly beyond the current
18 resources available to federal, state, territorial, and tribal natural resource agencies.

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

22 (1) That the United States Congress be urged to support the establishment of new revenue streams to
23 support wildlife adaptation to climate change in any relevant climate change legislation, such as carbon cap and
24 trade or carbon tax legislation, that may be enacted by the United States Congress.

25 (2) That any relevant federal legislation should establish a permanent appropriation that will be made
26 available to federal, state, territorial, and tribal natural resource agencies for the development and implementation
27 of conservation strategies to address the impacts of climate change on fish and wildlife populations and
28 ecosystems, for scientific research and monitoring regarding the impacts of climate change, and for federal
29 matching funds for local communities and states to maintain or reestablish landscape connectivity through
30 protection of crucial habitats and corridors by means of conservation leases, easements, or acquisition.

