

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA PUBLICLY CENSURING THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR  
6 INDEFINITELY STORING RAILROAD CARS ALONG THE MISSOURI RIVER; AND URGING CONGRESS TO  
7 ENACT LEGISLATION PROHIBITING THIS STORAGE.

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9 WHEREAS, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company has indefinitely parked approximately  
10 a thousand railroad cars along the Missouri River between Great Falls and Helena; and

11 WHEREAS, this apparently interminable storage of miles worth of railroad cars creates an eyesore,  
12 destroying the scenery along a section of the Missouri River renowned for its beauty, historical significance as  
13 part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and numerous recreational opportunities that draw thousands  
14 of residents and visitors each year; and

15 WHEREAS, the miles of connected railroad cars create an impediment to wildlife migration corridors,  
16 obstructing natural travel patterns for wildlife held in trust for the benefit of all Montanans.

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

20 (1) That the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company be publicly censured for:

- 21 (a) creating a dumping ground for unused railroad cars along the Missouri River corridor;  
22 (b) its lack of regard for this environmentally sensitive area and the wildlife that inhabit it; and  
23 (c) creating a blight on the landscape that violates the senses of residents and visitors.

24 (2) That the 61st Legislature demands the timely removal of all railroad cars currently stored along the  
25 Missouri River corridor and disapproves of future storage of railroad cars in this location.

26 (3) That the 61st Legislature urges Congress to enact legislation that prohibits the storage of railroad  
27 cars along the historic and scenic Missouri River corridor.

28 (4) That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway  
29 Company, the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the  
30 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

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