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Testimony against the approval of HR4

My name is Roger Jenkins. I live on Evening Star Lane outside of Bozeman. Kelly Flynn is my House Representative.

I am saddened and disappointed that Representative Kerry White would introduce such an anti-jobs resolution as HR4, essentially opposing Senator Tester's proposed Forest Jobs and Recreation Act (FJRA). FJRA provides for a number of new jobs in the timber industry, by mandated mechanical treatment of many thousands of acres of timber over the next several years.

But it also fosters the growth of jobs related to many forms of recreation in the National Forests which it would impact. In addition to the obvious jobs related to fishing guides, outfitters, etc, it positively impacts job growth in many sectors that may not be as obvious to many people. People come from all over the nation to enjoy and recreate in Montana's wild places. Those individuals use baggage handlers at airports, rental car companies, motels, local restaurants, etc. All this helps Montana's economy.

FJRA sets aside lands for motorized, mechanized and primitive recreation. Many people may think that motorized travel is the sole economic engine driving recreationally-related job growth in outlying counties. But in fact, the contrary appears to be true. For example, the Gallatin National Forest's own data (Source: Table 3.5.29, Final EIS, Gallatin NF Travel Plan) indicate that on the Gallatin NF, users who engage in primitive forms of recreation (ie, foot or horse travel) outspend those who engage in motorized or mechanized recreation by a factor of 2 to 1.

FJRA is not a perfect piece of legislation, but few real solutions to complex problems are perfect. FJRA is a made-in-Montana solution, and any resolution that seeks to oppose it can only be thought of as job-killing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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