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Mr. Chairman, Representative White and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to stand in support of HJ8.

There are far too many aspects of this resolution to defend so I picked one that resonates strongly with me and that is Natural Resources.

The federal Forest Jobs and Recreation Act, if passed, will ultimately turn RESOURCE and RECREATION RICH LAND into wilderness, leaving it largely inaccessible to us, forever.

When reading feedback to this federal act, one comment stood out. This non-Montana resident supported the act because it took 'management of these lands out of the hands of local beaurocrats.'

You, 'local beaurocrats', are OUR legislators; we picked you. You are not career politicians. You are citizens who live, work and play here, and most importantly, you LOVE THIS STATE. I have complete confidence in your ability to make decisions regarding the management of these lands. I URGE YOU to NOT give up this right, this opportunity and this responsibility to anyone.

My thanks go to Rep. White for this good work and for his dedication to these issues. I thank you all for your service and I ask that you support this resolution. Thank you.

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