

EXHIBIT 1  
DATE 4-3-13  
HB SB231

Resolution 12-06

**ZERO NET GROWTH OF PUBLIC LANDS**

WHEREAS, private agricultural lands in Montana are among the most valuable assets of the state;

WHEREAS, private agricultural lands help to sustain the economic viability of agriculture in Montana;

WHEREAS, agriculture provides a major foundation of rural Montana counties' tax base;

WHEREAS, agriculture producers depending on the land have traditionally been the best caretakers of the land;

WHEREAS, land management approaches on public lands often are neglected,

WHEREAS, weed infestations and wildlife managed on public lands spread to surrounding private land having negative impacts;

WHEREAS, funding, staff, and overall importance placed on maintenance of public lands seems to be lacking;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts supports zero net growth of state of Montana and federal lands in Montana.

Submitted by: Meagher County CD  
Area Meeting Action: Passed Area VI  
MACD Committee Assignment: Soil Resource & Land Use  
General Session Action: Passed as amended

**THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER  
2012 MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION  
DISTRICTS ANNUAL CONVENTION IN KALISPELL.**