

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE CREATION OF A NEW STATE PARK AT BRUSH LAKE IN REGION 6, CONTINGENT ON FUNDING; AND PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS GIVE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE PARK AT BRUSH LAKE PRIORITY WHEN FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE.

WHEREAS, the beauty of Montana's great outdoors and the diversity of Montana's recreational opportunities are known worldwide, providing a source of pride for the people of the state and making Montana a destination for visitors and recreationists; and

WHEREAS, each region of the state possesses its own unique features and beauty, worthy of appreciation and visitation; and

WHEREAS, state parks provide residents and visitors with the opportunity to experience some of the state's more renowned areas, sparking interest in the state's diverse features and bringing revenue to local economies; and

WHEREAS, state parks have been established in every administrative region of the state except region 6 in northeastern Montana; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Legislature is making an effort to take care of Montana's state parks by providing funding sources for the establishment and ongoing maintenance of parks; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks is presently involved in an effort to acquire property at Brush Lake in region 6 in order to establish the region's first state park; and

WHEREAS, Brush Lake offers unique natural attributes worthy of preservation for public recreational use and scientific study and interpretation; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers it an appropriate recognition of the region's unique beauty and a proper expenditure of state funds to establish a state park at Brush Lake in region 6, as soon as funding becomes available.

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

That the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks consider the establishment of the first state park in

region 6 at Brush Lake a top priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department make every effort, as funding becomes available, to establish and maintain a state park at Brush Lake.

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