

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34
INTRODUCED BY K. VAN DYK

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING MONTANA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO ACT IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING FLOWS IN THE MONTANA STRETCH OF THE BIGHORN RIVER.

WHEREAS, the Bighorn River is an internationally famous blue-ribbon trout fishery; and

WHEREAS, the Bighorn River is the backbone of a vibrant economy in Montana and for the Crow Indian nation; and

WHEREAS, the Bighorn River is a popular recreation destination; and

WHEREAS, the Bighorn River is a highly diversified and fragile natural resource.

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

That the Montana Legislature recognizes the importance of the Bighorn River to Montana's economy and to the Crow Indian nation's economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Legislature recognizes the Bighorn River's value as a natural resource.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Legislature strongly disapproves of efforts to reduce the flow of the Bighorn River downstream of Yellowtail Reservoir below 2,500 cubic feet per second.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Montana's Congressional Delegation and the United States Bureau of Reclamation be urged to act in support of protecting flows in the Montana stretch of the Bighorn River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to Montana's Congressional Delegation and Secretary of Interior Kempthorne.

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