

1 expense to install barricades and an auto-reverse option on the sprinkler; and

2 WHEREAS, the east boundary of the area is within 5 miles of Dell, Interstate 15, Highway 91, and the
3 Union Pacific Railroad track, and has historically, since the early 1900s, been used for logging and coal mining.
4 There are numerous roads as well as the rock quarry used for decades by residents, local contractors,
5 Beaverhead County, and the Union Pacific Railroad; and

6 WHEREAS, the wilderness study area designation prevents some forms of weed control and fire
7 prevention measures that are available in other areas; and

8 WHEREAS, area residents, the local telephone and electrical utilities, and the commissioners of
9 Beaverhead County have written letters and sent petitions to the Montana Congressional Delegation asking
10 that the Hidden Pasture Creek Wilderness Study Area be released from further wilderness consideration, in
11 accordance with Bureau of Land Management recommendations.

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

15 That the United States Congress be urged to remove the Hidden Pasture Creek Wilderness Study Area
16 from further wilderness study designation.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the
18 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader
19 of the United States Senate, and each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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