

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0003

Support for local input in federal rulemaking.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Larson, JT, Allred, Banks, Berger, Byron, Clouston, Conrad, Davis, Lawley, Niemiec, Sommers, Stith, Tarver and Wylie and Senator(s) Dockstader, Driskill, Jones, Kolb and Schuler

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION in support of meaningful state and local  
2 government involvement in drafting proposed federal rules,  
3 resource management plans and environmental impact  
4 statements.

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6 WHEREAS, Congress grants rulemaking authority to federal  
7 agencies; and

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9 WHEREAS, the National Environmental Policy Act requires  
10 federal agencies to prepare environmental impact statements  
11 if a proposed major federal action is determined to  
12 significantly affect the quality of the environment; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act requires  
2 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to develop land use plans,  
3 including resource management plans, and seek cooperating  
4 state and local government input to manage the public lands  
5 and resources in accordance with principles of multiple use  
6 and sustained yield; and

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8 WHEREAS, the BLM has proposed the following rules:  
9 Conservation and Landscape Health 88 Fed. Reg. 19583 and Fluid  
10 Mineral Leases and Leasing Process 88 Fed. Reg. 47562; and

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12 WHEREAS, the BLM has proposed a draft resource management  
13 plan and environmental impact statement for the Rock Springs  
14 planning area covering surface land and mineral estate in  
15 portions of Lincoln, Sweetwater, Uinta, Sublette and Fremont  
16 counties in southwestern Wyoming; and

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18 WHEREAS, the BLM may propose future resource management plans  
19 and environmental impact statements that negatively affect  
20 Wyoming; and

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22 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has  
23 proposed the Land Management Plan Direction for Old Growth

1 Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System rule 88  
2 Fed. Reg. 88042; and

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4 WHEREAS, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) had filed with  
5 the United States Securities and Exchange Commission a  
6 proposed rule to amend the NYSE manual to adopt listing  
7 standards for natural asset companies 88 Fed. Reg. 68811; and

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9 WHEREAS, these aforementioned or other rules, resource  
10 management plans and environmental impact statements  
11 negatively affect Wyoming including Wyoming's agriculture,  
12 energy, mineral and recreation industries.

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14 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*  
15 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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17 **Section 1.** That the members of the Wyoming Legislature  
18 support meaningful state and local government involvement in  
19 drafting and developing proposed federal rules, resource  
20 management plans and environmental impact statements.

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22 **Section 2.** That the members of the Wyoming Legislature  
23 commit to oppose the aforementioned or similar proposed

1 federal rules, resource management plans and environmental  
2 impact statements that negatively affect Wyoming including  
3 Wyoming's agriculture, energy, mineral and recreation  
4 industries, particularly the BLM's preferred alternative,  
5 Alternative B, in the draft Rock Springs resource management  
6 plan and environmental impact statement.

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8       **Section 3.** That the members of the Wyoming Legislature  
9 commit to oppose the aforementioned or similar proposed  
10 federal rules, resource management plans and environmental  
11 impact statements because they do not respect the custom and  
12 culture of Wyoming.

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1           **Section 4.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming  
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the director of the  
3 bureau of land management, the director of the department of  
4 the interior, the secretary of the United States department  
5 of agriculture, the chairman of the securities and exchange  
6 commission, the President of the United States, to the  
7 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives of the United States Congress and to the  
9 Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

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