

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

Opposition to Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Davison, Blake, Blikre, Brechtel, Brown, Childers, Craft, Edmonds, Gilmore, Jaggi, Lubnau, McKim, Miller, Pedersen, Petersen, Teeters and Thompson and Senator(s) Burns, Cooper, Dockstader, Esquibel, F., Jennings and Martin

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to oppose House
2 Resolution 980, titled the Northern Rockies Ecosystem
3 Protection Act.

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5 WHEREAS, H.R. 980 was introduced in the United States House
6 of Representatives on February 11, 2009; and

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8 WHEREAS, H.R. 980 would designate an additional six million
9 five hundred fourteen thousand (6,514,000) acres to the
10 national wilderness system in the Greater Yellowstone
11 Ecosystem, regardless of their unsuitability and failure to
12 meet the wilderness criteria outlined in the 1964
13 Wilderness Act; and

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2 WHEREAS, these additions to the National Wilderness System
3 will have tremendous negative impacts to the economies of
4 the counties in which they occur and ultimately to the
5 economy of surrounding counties and the State of Wyoming;
6 and

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8 WHEREAS, the continuance of all multiple use activities,
9 including motorized recreation, outfitting, grazing, timber
10 harvesting activities and mineral development is crucial to
11 the long term economic diversity of all Wyoming counties
12 and the State of Wyoming; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Wyoming congressional delegation, representing
15 a state heavily impacted by the proposed wilderness
16 expansion, is not on record in support of the designation;
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19 WHEREAS, the United States Congress does not customarily
20 make wilderness designations without first seeking
21 concurrence with the states affected.

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23 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
24 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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2 **Section 1.** That the Legislature of the State of
3 Wyoming is adamantly opposed to the Northern Rockies
4 Ecosystem Protection Act, H.R. 980, and hereby requests
5 that the United States House of Representatives Natural
6 Resources Committee oppose this legislation.

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8 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
9 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
10 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
12 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
13 Delegation.

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