

ORIGINAL SENATE  
JOINT RESOLUTION  
NO. 0007

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4, SENATE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2011 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress, state and local authorities to take action to mitigate damages caused by bark beetles and to prevent future damages and epidemics.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that bark beetles exist in epidemic quantities in Wyoming and that this epidemic represents a significant threat to the use and enjoyment of Wyoming's lands; and

WHEREAS, this epidemic has killed or is threatening approximately three million one hundred thousand (3,100,000) acres of forested lands in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, as this epidemic kills trees in Wyoming's forests, those trees eventually fall and block roadways and trails, close campgrounds, destroy utilities, threaten structures and other property and jeopardize utility and other rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, this epidemic presents a significant threat to Wyoming's environmental and economic prosperity due to the threat of wildfires, destruction of wildlife habitat, threat of mudslides, decreases in water and air quality, loss of recreational areas, loss of tourism and outfitting revenue and the staggering costs of remediation; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local agencies have begun working together to address the problems created by the epidemic and have enjoyed success in starting to remediate the damages being caused by the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, significant additional remediation efforts are necessary to minimize the impacts of this epidemic and to

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assure Wyoming's continued environmental and economic prosperity.

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

**Section 1.** That the Wyoming Legislature calls on Congress and federal agencies to fund and support, at heightened levels, efforts to remediate damages and allow for the timely harvest of dead trees caused by the bark beetle epidemic in Wyoming and surrounding states.

**Section 2.** That the Wyoming Legislature calls on Congress in conjunction with all appropriate state and local governments to engage in cooperative efforts to remediate and minimize the impacts of the bark beetle epidemic. These efforts should include the development and improvement of short and long range planning to limit the present and future spread of the epidemic and to limit the impacts and costs associated with the epidemic. These efforts should include work to stop the spread of the epidemic and prevent its reoccurrence through preventative vegetation management practices.

**Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

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**Section 4.** That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House transmit a copy of this resolution to the Council of State Governments-WEST as the official position of the Wyoming Legislature.

(END)

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk