

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2, SENATE

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2019 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to take action relating to management of federal lands to promote multiple uses of public lands and state involvement in federal resource management.

WHEREAS, state and federal lands comprise a significant portion of the state of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the administration and management of federal lands within the state of Wyoming affects the lives and livelihoods of most residents of the state; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming's abundant natural resources are vital in supporting the state and local economy; and

WHEREAS, responsible grazing, mining, oil and gas development and recreation on public lands help sustain the state and local economy; and

WHEREAS, forests in Wyoming have suffered from decay and insect and invasive species infestations, leaving those lands prone to forest fires that have had devastating effects on forest land, natural resources, surrounding ecosystems, air quality and water quality in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, increasing industry use of forests in Wyoming would maintain and improve forest health and reduce the risk of widespread forest fires; and

WHEREAS, multiple-use management is designed to produce and provide the watersheds, food, fiber and minerals necessary to meet future economic growth needs, community expansion and meet the outdoor recreational needs without permanent impairment of the productivity of the land; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state are best served by the application of multiple-use principles when local, state and

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federal agencies make decisions concerning the management and use of federal and state lands.

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

Section 1.

(a) That the United States Congress pass legislation that promotes maximum recognition of state and local interest in the federal land use management process and that supports multiple use of federal lands, taking into account the long-term needs for renewable and nonrenewable resources and the need for coordinated management when developing resources without permanently impairing the productivity of the land or the quality of the environment.

(b) That federal agencies involved in the management of federal lands should cooperate fully with state and local governments to develop, implement and update management plans to facilitate land and natural resource use allocation supporting multiple use of federal lands, taking into account the long-term needs for renewable and nonrenewable resources and the need for coordinated management when developing resources without permanently impairing the productivity of the land or the quality of the environment.

(c) That state agencies, under the direction of the governor, should vigorously and substantively participate in the development, implementation and update of plans, policies, programs and processes that support maximum recognition of state and local interest in the federal land use management process and that support multiple use of federal land in Wyoming.

(d) That state agencies, under the direction of the governor, should take into consideration and provide

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appropriate comments to federal agencies regarding plans, policies, programs and processes that support maximum recognition of state and local interest in the federal land use management process and that support multiple use of federal land in Wyoming.

Section 2. 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, the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, the Wyoming Congressional Delegation and the Governor of the State of Wyoming.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk