



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8  
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PACIFIC  
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES

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