

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

Introduced by Peterson

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1 Hansa JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PRESIDENT
6 AND THE U.S. CONGRESS TO DESIGNATE THE TEN LAKES SCENIC AREA
7 AND CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE SCENIC AREA AS THE TEN
8 LAKES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.

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10 WHEREAS, the Ten Lakes Scenic Area and certain
11 contiguous lands northeast of Eureka, Montana, owned by the
12 U.S. Forest Service contain superb mountain scenery, high
13 quality fish and wildlife habitat, and great potential for
14 year-round recreation; and

15 WHEREAS, the Ten Lakes National Recreation Area would
16 encompass approximately 41,000 acres of land labeled as
17 Forest Service Management Areas 8 and 9, currently managed
18 for wilderness values and characteristics according to the
19 1987 Kootenai National Forest Plan, with the exception of
20 winter snowmobile access regulated by the Forest Service;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, even though only a portion of Management Areas
23 8 and 9 is recommended by the Forest Service for wilderness
24 designation, it is in the best interests of the people of
25 the State of Montana and of the long-term management of the

1 area that a balance be achieved that would allow management
2 of the Ten Lakes area along the guidelines of the 1987
3 Kootenai National Forest Plan, including winter snowmobile
4 access, and that all of Management Areas 8 and 9 be
5 designated as the Ten Lakes National Recreation Area; and

6 WHEREAS, it is in conformity with the traditional and
7 historical use of the Ten Lakes area that resource
8 extractive development, such as timber harvest, mining, and
9 petroleum (oil and natural gas) extraction, be prohibited
10 and that snowmobile access be the only allowed form of
11 motorized vehicle use in the area.

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13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
14 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

15 That the President and Congress be urged to designate
16 the Ten Lakes Scenic Area and certain contiguous lands
17 northeast of Eureka, Montana, totaling approximately 41,000
18 acres and owned by the U.S. Forest Service, including all of
19 Forest Service Management Areas 8 and 9, as the Ten Lakes
20 National Recreation Area.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Congress
22 be urged to create and approve federal law that will
23 prohibit resource extractive development, such as timber
24 harvest, mining, and petroleum (oil and natural gas)
25 extraction, and allow continued winter snowmobile access as



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1 part of the designation of the Ten Lakes National Recreation
2 Area.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send
4 copies of this resolution to the President of the United
5 States, members of Montana's Congressional Delegation, the
6 Secretary of the Interior, and the Director of the U.S.
7 Forest Service.

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