## MINUTES OF THE MEETING SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MONTANA STATE SENATE February 15, 1985

The ninth meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was called to order at 6:04 p.m., by Chairman Eck, on the floor of the Montana State Senate, on February 15, 1985.

ROLL CALL: All members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee were present.

Senator Christiaens moved the Senate Natural Resources Committee introduce a joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives requesting the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, U. S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Park Service to cooperate with private organizations in the establishment of the Montana Continental Divide Scenic Trail (Exhibit 1).

The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Senator Dorothy Eck, Chairman

Vinette, Elle

## Natural Resources COMMITTEE

48th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date <u>021585</u>

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
ECK, Dorothy (Chairman	V		
HALLIGAN, Mike (Vice Chairman)	~		
WHEEDING, Cecil			
MOHAR, John	V		
DANIELS, M. K.	V .		
FULLER, David	<i></i>		
CHRISTIAENS, Chris	V		
TVEIT, Larry	V		
GAGE, Delwyn	- V		
ANDERSON, John	V		
SHAW, James	V		
HARDING, Ethel			
		-	

Each day attach to minutes.

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS, U.S. FOREST SERVICE, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND PARK SERVICE TO COOPERATE WITH PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MONTANA CONTINENTAL DIVIDE SCENIC TRAIL.

WHEREAS, a National Trails System Act was established by Congress in October of 1968 to institute a national system of recreational, scenic, and historic trails; and WHEREAS, this act established the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail from Montana to New Mexico: and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies, with support from the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Advisory Council, did complete a report depicting a proposed trail corridor and route through Montana in 1982; and

WHEREAS. Montana could benefit economically and culturally from the formal identification and promotion of such a trail; and

WHEREAS, no special funds are earmarked for completion of this Trail and private organizations may be given management responsibility over certain segments of the Trail.

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

- (1) That in order to complete the trail in a timely manner, the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service cooperate with private landowner, civic, and youth organizations in the establishment, marking, and maintenance of identified trail segments.
- (2) That the Montana Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Advisory Council in conjunction with the appropriate federal agencies submit a brief progress report to the 50th Legislature. CENATE MATHRAL D

OFWVIE MAI	UKAL RESOURCES	COMMITTE
EXHIBIT NO		
DATE	021585	
Ditt. NO.		