

Senate Bill 95

In The Senate

January 10, 1981

Introduced and referred
to Committee on Natural
Resources.

January 24, 1981

Committee recommend bill
do not pass.

1 *Sen. Angelo* BILL NO. *95*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Sen. E. E. E. E. E.*

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A POLICY
 5 OF MULTIPLE USE MANAGEMENT FOR STATE FOREST LANDS; AMENDING
 6 SECTIONS 77-5-101 THROUGH 77-5-103, MCA."

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 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. Section 77-5-101, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "77-5-101. Classification of lands as state forests ==
 11 ~~management.~~ (1) All lands at present owned by the state
 12 and all that may hereafter be acquired by the state through
 13 escheat, exchange, purchase, grant, or devise which are
 14 principally valuable for the timber that is on them or for
 15 the growing of timber or for watershed protection are hereby
 16 classified and designated "state forests" ~~and reserved for~~
 17 ~~forest production and watershed protection.~~

18 ~~(2) It is the policy of this state that such state~~
 19 ~~forests be administered in a manner that permits the~~
 20 ~~preservation of the natural resources, wildlife habitat,~~
 21 ~~wild and scenic values, and historical sites and artifacts,~~
 22 ~~while allowing the development of compatible uses of such~~
 23 ~~land for recreation purposes, mining and timber production,~~
 24 ~~agricultural and ranching pursuits, and the development,~~
 25 ~~production, and transmission of energy and other public~~

1 ~~utility services under principles of multiple use that~~
 2 ~~provide the greatest benefit to the citizens of the state."~~

3 Section 2. Section 77-5-102, MCA, is amended to read:

4 "77-5-102. Designation of state forests. The following
 5 state forest units are hereby established, ~~primarily to~~
 6 ~~secure through forestry management a continuous supply of~~
 7 ~~timber and the performance of watershed covers:~~

8 (1) A state forest containing lands owned or hereafter
 9 acquired by the state, now comprising about 90,000 acres,
 10 situated in the watersheds of the Stillwater and Whitefish
 11 Rivers of Flathead and Lincoln Counties shall hereafter be
 12 known and designated as the "Stillwater State Forest".

13 (2) A state forest containing all lands owned or
 14 hereafter acquired by the state, now comprising about 42,000
 15 acres, situated in the Swan River watershed of Lake County
 16 shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Swan River
 17 State Forest".

18 (3) A state forest containing all lands owned or
 19 hereafter acquired by the state, now comprising about 20,000
 20 acres, situated in the Coal Creek watershed of the North
 21 Fork of the Flathead River shall hereafter be known and
 22 designated as the "Coal Creek State Forest".

23 (4) A state forest containing all lands owned or
 24 hereafter acquired by the state, now comprising about 10,000
 25 acres situated in the watersheds of Camp and Cameron Creeks

1 of Ross Hole of Ravalli County shall hereafter be known and
2 designated as the "Sula State Forest".

3 (5) A state forest containing all lands owned or
4 hereafter acquired by the state, now comprising about 14,628
5 acres, situated in the west half of township 25 north, range
6 26 west; and township 23 north, range 27 west; and west half
7 of township 22 north, range 26 west; and township 21 north,
8 range 26 west, except sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 18, in the
9 Thompson River watershed of Sanders County shall hereafter
10 be known and designated as the "Thompson River State
11 Forest".

12 (6) A state forest containing all lands owned or
13 hereafter acquired by the state, now comprising about 18,076
14 acres, situated in townships 13, 14, and 15 north, range 14
15 west; and townships 13 and 16 north, range 15 west, Montana
16 meridian, in the Clearwater River watershed of Missoula
17 County shall hereafter be known and designated as the
18 "Clearwater State Forest".

19 (7) A state forest containing all lands owned or
20 hereafter acquired by the state, now comprising about 8,245
21 acres, situated in township 14 north, ranges 7, 8, and 9
22 west; and township 13 north, ranges 8 and 9 west, Montana
23 meridian, of the Blackfoot River watershed in Lewis and
24 Clark County shall hereafter be known and designated as the
25 "Lincoln State Forest".

1 Section 3. Section 77-5-103, MCA, is amended to read:
2 "77-5-103. Role of department of natural resources and
3 conservation. (1) The department of natural resources and
4 conservation shall, under the direction and control of the
5 board, do all the field work in the selection, location,
6 examination, appraisement, and reappraisement of state
7 timberlands.

8 (2) It shall do all acts required of it by the board,
9 and under the direction of the board it has general charge
10 of the timberlands of the state.

11 (3) It shall, under the supervision of the board,:

12 (a) execute all matters pertaining to forestry within
13 the jurisdiction of the state, including management of the
14 state forests consistent with the policy of multiple use
15 specified in 77-5-101;

16 (b) have charge of all firewardens of the state and
17 direct and aid them in their duties;

18 (c) direct the protection, improvement, and condition
19 of state forests;

20 (d) take such action as is authorized by law to
21 prevent and extinguish forest, brush, and grass fires; and

22 (e) enforce the laws pertaining to forest and
23 brushcover lands and prosecute for any violation of those
24 laws.

25 (4) The department shall establish and maintain forest

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- 1 fire control training programs for state firefighters and
- 2 other persons requiring training.*

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