

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

Introduced by Swift, et al.

12/30	Introduced
12/30	Referred to Natural Resources
1/13	Hearing
1/19	Committee Report--Bill Not Passed
1/20	Adverse Committee Report Adopted

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1
2 INTRODUCED BY SWIFT
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE MONTANA
6 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF THE
7 NORTHERN REGION OF THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE THAT
8 LESS THAN 600,000 ACRES OF NATIONAL FOREST LAND RECEIVE
9 WILDERNESS DESIGNATION AND THAT NO ADDITIONAL FEDERAL LANDS
10 IN MONTANA BE DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL RECREATION OR WILDERNESS
11 STUDY AREAS.

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13 WHEREAS, the Northern Region of the United States
14 Forest Service has been analyzing and reviewing roadless
15 areas in Montana since 1970 and recommended in 1979 that
16 less than 600,000 acres of national forest land be given
17 wilderness designation in Montana; and

18 WHEREAS, the Montana Congressional Delegation has
19 failed in the last decade to recognize or accept the
20 agency's recommendation and has proposed three separate
21 wilderness bills that have each proposed the designation of
22 more than 1.4 million acres as wilderness and another 1
23 million acres as special recreation and wilderness study
24 areas; and

25 WHEREAS, these wilderness proposals, if enacted, would

1 drastically impact the Montana forest industry by reducing
2 the basic operating forest land base and would have a
3 critical, depressing effect on Montana communities that are
4 economically dependent on the forest industry.

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

8 That the Montana Congressional Delegation be requested
9 to accept the proposal of the Northern Region of the United
10 States Forest Service that less than 600,000 acres of
11 Montana national forest land be set aside as wilderness and
12 that no additional federal lands in Montana be designated as
13 special recreation areas or be proposed for further
14 wilderness study.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
16 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the
17 United States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture,
18 the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the Governor
19 of Montana, and each member of the Montana Congressional
20 Delegation.

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