

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11
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 GOVERNOR
6 TO LEAD THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO COORDINATE STATE PLANNING
7 ACTIVITIES WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION
8 OF FEDERAL LANDS AND RESOURCES.
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10 WHEREAS, 29.6% of the land in Montana is owned by the
11 federal government; and
12 WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service and the
13 Bureau of Land Management currently are preparing and
14 finalizing plans under the National Forest Management Act of
15 1976 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
16 that will control the development and use of federal lands
17 in this state for the next 10 to 15 years; and
18 WHEREAS, federal law requires the Forest Service and
19 the Bureau of Land Management to coordinate their plans with
20 state and local plans; and
21 WHEREAS, Montana received \$6.82 million and \$6.55
22 million in state fiscal years 1987 and 1988, respectively,
23 from the sale of timber on national forest land in Montana;
24 and
25 WHEREAS, of the \$900 million in total sales value in

1 wood and paper products produced in Montana, 47% of the
2 timber used comes from federal land; and
3 WHEREAS, the wood and paper products industry, the
4 largest manufacturing industry in Montana, accounts for 47%
5 of the economic base of Western Montana and directly employs
6 over 10,500 workers as well as 20,000 additional workers in
7 such derivative sectors as retail trade, medical services,
8 automobile repair, and restaurants; and
9 WHEREAS, Montana school districts received \$24.4
10 million and \$26.3 million in state fiscal years 1987 and
11 1988, respectively, in royalties from mineral leases on
12 federal lands; and
13 WHEREAS, Montana counties received \$215,576 and
14 \$204,208 in state fiscal years 1987 and 1988, respectively,
15 from federal grazing leases; and
16 WHEREAS, to achieve an economic recovery, the people of
17 Montana require assurance that federal land use plans are
18 environmentally sound and will allow the industries and
19 communities of Montana investment opportunities based on
20 stable and predictable supplies of commodities from federal
21 lands in Montana.
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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
24 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
25 (1) That the Governor be directed to participate

1 actively in federal land use planning to assure that the
2 federal plans are consistent with state and local plans and
3 meet the future needs of the people of Montana.

4 (2) That the Governor be directed to coordinate the
5 responses of all state agencies to federal land use plans
6 and, with public participation, develop and advocate a
7 single Montana position on all use plans and final land
8 allocation decisions.

9 (3) That the Governor be directed to urge the Congress
10 of the United States, the United States Forest Service, and
11 the Bureau of Land Management to make decisions on federal
12 plans for Montana consistent with state and local plans and
13 state commentary presented in the federal planning process
14 and to avoid incremental decisionmaking by deferring final
15 decisions on all national forests and management districts
16 until the statewide cumulative impact of the proposed plans
17 can be evaluated and considered.

18 (4) That the Governor be directed to urge:

19 (a) the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of
20 Land Management to continue managing federal lands under
21 existing land use plans until the new plans or amendments to
22 existing plans are developed and approved with participation
23 by Montana;

24 (b) that no constraints be applied in the interim to
25 existing plans in contemplation of the new plans without an

1 opportunity for Montana to review any such proposals; and

2 (c) that new plans consider the full range of possible
3 management alternatives to make participation in the process
4 by Montana meaningful.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
6 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the
7 United States, the Governor of Montana, each member of the
8 Montana Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the
9 United States Department of the Interior, the Secretary of
10 the United States Department of Agriculture, the Chief of
11 the United States Forest Service, the Director of the Bureau
12 of Land Management, the Regional Forester, the State
13 Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and the
14 administrative head of each state agency.

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