

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0003

Support for local input in federal rulemaking.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Larson, JT, Allred, Banks, Berger, Byron, Clouston, Conrad, Davis, Lawley, Niemiec, Sommers, Stith, Tarver and Wylie and Senator(s) Dockstader, Driskill, Jones, Kolb and Schuler

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION in support of meaningful state and local
2 government involvement in drafting proposed federal rules,
3 resource management plans and environmental impact
4 statements.

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6 WHEREAS, Congress grants rulemaking authority to federal
7 agencies; and

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9 WHEREAS, the National Environmental Policy Act requires
10 federal agencies to prepare environmental impact statements
11 if a proposed major federal action is determined to
12 significantly affect the quality of the environment; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act requires
2 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to develop land use plans,
3 including resource management plans, and seek cooperating
4 state and local government input to manage the public lands
5 and resources in accordance with principles of multiple use
6 and sustained yield; and

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8 WHEREAS, the BLM has proposed the following rules:
9 Conservation and Landscape Health 88 Fed. Reg. 19583 and Fluid
10 Mineral Leases and Leasing Process 88 Fed. Reg. 47562; and

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12 WHEREAS, the BLM has proposed a draft resource management
13 plan and environmental impact statement for the Rock Springs
14 planning area covering surface land and mineral estate in
15 portions of Lincoln, Sweetwater, Unita, Sublette and Fremont
16 counties in southwestern Wyoming; and

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18 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has
19 proposed the Land Management Plan Direction for Old Growth
20 Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System rule 88
21 Fed. Reg. 88042; and

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1 WHEREAS, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) has filed with
2 the United States Securities and Exchange Commission a
3 proposed rule to amend the NYSE manual to adopt listing
4 standards for natural asset companies 88 Fed. Reg. 68811; and
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6 WHEREAS, these aforementioned or similar rules, resource
7 management plans and environmental impact statements
8 negatively affect Wyoming including Wyoming's agriculture,
9 energy, mineral and recreation industries.

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11 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
12 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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14 **Section 1.** That the members of the Wyoming Legislature
15 support meaningful state and local government involvement in
16 drafting and developing proposed federal rules, resource
17 management plans and environmental impact statements.

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19 **Section 2.** That the members of the Wyoming Legislature
20 commit to oppose the aforementioned or similar proposed
21 federal rules, resource management plans and environmental
22 impact statements that negatively affect Wyoming including
23 Wyoming's agriculture, energy, mineral and recreation

1 industries, particularly the BLM's preferred alternative,
2 Alternative B, in the draft Rock Springs resource management
3 plan and environmental impact statement.

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5 **Section 3.** That the members of the Wyoming Legislature
6 commit to oppose the aforementioned or similar proposed
7 federal rules, resource management plans and environmental
8 impact statements because they do not respect the custom and
9 culture of Wyoming.

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11 **Section 4.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
12 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
13 United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
14 of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress
15 and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

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