

ORIGINAL HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 0008

ENGROSSED

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2010 BUDGET SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to oppose House Resolution 980, titled the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act.

WHEREAS, H.R. 980 was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on February 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 980 would designate an additional six million five hundred fourteen thousand (6,514,000) acres to the national wilderness system in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, regardless of their unsuitability and failure to meet the wilderness criteria outlined in the 1964 Wilderness Act; and

WHEREAS, these additions to the National Wilderness System will have tremendous negative impacts to the economies of the counties in which they occur and ultimately to the economy of surrounding counties and the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the continuance of all multiple use activities, including motorized recreation, outfitting, grazing, timber harvesting activities and mineral development is crucial to the long term economic diversity of all Wyoming counties and the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming congressional delegation, representing a state heavily impacted by the proposed wilderness expansion, is not on record in support of the designation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress does not customarily make wilderness designations without first seeking concurrence with the states affected.

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

Section 1. That the Legislature of the State of Wyoming is adamantly opposed to the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, H.R. 980, and hereby requests that the United States House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee oppose this legislation.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, with a request that this resolution be officially entered in the congressional record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk

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