

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

Opposition to Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Davison, Blikre, Brechtel, Brown, Childers, Gilmore, Jaggi, McKim, Miller, Petersen and Teeters and Senator(s) Cooper, Dockstader and Jennings

A Bill

for

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

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

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

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

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7 WHEREAS, the continuance of all multiple use activities,
8 including motorized recreation, outfitting, grazing, timber
9 harvesting activities and energy development is crucial to
10 the long term economic diversity of all Wyoming counties
11 and the State of Wyoming.

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

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

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1 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
3 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
5 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
6 Delegation.

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