

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0014

Jack Morrow Hills coordinated resource plan.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Miller, D., McOmie, Meyer,
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A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the Bureau of Land Management
2 to develop and implement a coordinated resource management
3 plan for the Jack Morrow Hills area that allows multiple
4 use in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and
5 Management Act of 1972.

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7 WHEREAS, continued multiple use of public lands in Wyoming
8 under the authority of the Bureau of Land Management is
9 essential to the economy of the State and life-style of its
10 citizens; and

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12 WHEREAS, in November, 2000, The United States Secretary of
13 the Interior issued a directive to withdraw the released
14 draft environmental impact statement on Jack Morrow Hills
15 and to prepare a new draft utilizing a "conservation
16 alternative" as the preferred alternative; and

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2 WHEREAS, in December, 2000, a United States Department of
3 the Interior Solicitor's opinion was issued supporting the
4 Secretary of Interior's directive; and

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6 WHEREAS, the directive and Solicitor's opinion are still in
7 effect and the State of Wyoming filed a petition to the new
8 United States Secretary of the Interior seeking review and
9 reversal of the previous Secretary's directive; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management is developing a
12 coordinated resource management plan for the Jack Morrow
13 Hills area, including portions of Fremont, Sublette and
14 Sweetwater counties; and

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16 WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming, on request from the
17 governor, was granted cooperating agency status to assist
18 in developing the coordinated resource management plan; and

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20 WHEREAS, several of the proposed alternatives being
21 considered in the planning process would severely restrict
22 access to the Jack Morrow Hills area for recreation,
23 livestock grazing and mineral development.

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

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4 **Section 1.** That the Wyoming state legislature
5 recognizes the importance of maintaining full access to the
6 Jack Morrow Hills area for recreational use, the grazing of
7 livestock and the production of minerals.

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9 **Section 2.** That public recreation, livestock grazing
10 and mineral development can be undertaken in a manner that
11 recognizes and protects the aesthetic, historic and
12 wildlife values of the Jack Morrow Hills area.

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14 **Section 3.** That the Bureau of Land Management proceed
15 in a timely manner to develop, analyze, adopt and implement
16 a coordinated resource management plan for the Jack Morrow
17 Hills area that allows and authorizes a balance of
18 recreational use, livestock grazing, mineral development
19 and wildlife values to continue to expand and complement
20 each other under the principle of multiple use as mandated
21 and as intended by the United States Congress under the
22 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1972.

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1 **Section 4.** That the United States Secretary of the
2 Interior address this resolution by directing the
3 Department of Interior Solicitor's office and the Director
4 of the Bureau of Land Management to review and reverse the
5 previous opinions and directive.

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7 **Section 5.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
8 transmit copies of this resolution to the President and
9 Vice-President of the United States, the United States
10 Secretary of the Interior and to each member of the United
11 States House of Representatives and Senate.

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