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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Sage grouse core areas and wildlife research.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson, J.

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION to recognize the Greater Sage Grouse  
2 Core Area Strategy as the State of Wyoming's primary  
3 regulatory mechanism to conserve sage grouse and preclude  
4 the need for listing the bird as a threatened or endangered  
5 species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

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7 WHEREAS, over fifty percent (50%) of the Greater Sage  
8 Grouse remaining in North America occur in the State of  
9 Wyoming; and

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11 WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has  
12 been directed by a federal court to reconsider its 2005

1 decision not to list the Greater Sage Grouse as a  
2 threatened or endangered species; and

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4 WHEREAS, listing of the Greater Sage Grouse as either  
5 threatened or endangered would result in significant,  
6 adverse impacts to the economy of the State of Wyoming; and

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8 WHEREAS, industry and private landowners have undertaken  
9 significant efforts to preclude the listing of the Greater  
10 Sage Grouse; and

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12 WHEREAS, industry, private landowners and state and federal  
13 agencies have worked collectively to develop the Greater  
14 Sage Grouse Core Area Strategy; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Greater Sage Grouse Core Area Strategy is  
17 supported by a broad consensus of industry, private  
18 landowners and state and federal agencies; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order 2008-2 has been  
21 recognized by the United States Department of the Interior,  
22 Fish and Wildlife Service to provide an effective method  
23 for preserving sage grouse populations within the State and

1 avoiding the need to list the species as threatened or  
2 endangered.

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

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7       **Section 1.** That the Legislature of the State of  
8 Wyoming endorses the Sage Grouse Core Area Strategy as  
9 outlined in the Governor's Executive Order 2008-2.

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11       **Section 2.** That the Wyoming Game and Fish Department  
12 be encouraged to continue to conduct and support  
13 scientifically-valid research to determine how and to what  
14 level energy development and other land uses can occur  
15 within sage grouse core area habitat without reducing sage  
16 grouse populations.

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1           **Section 3.**   That the Secretary of State of Wyoming  
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the  
3 United States, President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
4 the House of Representatives of the United States Congress,  
5 the members of the Wyoming Congressional delegation, to the  
6 Director of the United States Department of the Interior,  
7 Fish and Wildlife Service and the lead United States Fish  
8 and Wildlife Service Field Office.

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