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Idaho State Legislature  
Federal Lands Interim Committee  
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Honor Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue. I am opposed to the transfer to or management of Federal lands by the State of Idaho because:

- Multiple-use federal lands are an important reason individuals and companies come to Idaho to live and work (this included me when I moved to Idaho in 1975)
- US Forest Service and BLM public lands could not be managed for (active) multiple-use because of there would be a real or implied requirement to gain the most income from the lands for the State of Idaho
- The State of Idaho could not afford to manage the lands (e.g. costs of firefighting and maintaining trails, campgrounds, & roads, implementing of creative timber management options, etc.)
- Native Americans have treaty rights which could not be guaranteed with state management and they would oppose and fight any transfer
- There are other less expensive, less controversial ways for the state to achieve some of its management goals for Federal lands

I hope you will have the wisdom and courage to find that acquiring title to and control of public lands controlled by the Federal government in the State of Idaho is not in the best interest of the people of the State for Idaho or the people of the rest of the United States.

Those lands are your lands and those lands are my lands – I want them to remain so.

Thank you for your time

  
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