

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING

**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

DATE: Monday, January 21, 2013

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: WW02

MEMBERS: Chairman Denney, Vice Chairman Gibbs, Representatives Wood(35), Barrett, Moyle, Eskridge, Raybould, Andrus, Shepherd, Wood(27), Boyle, Vander Woude, Gestrin, Miller, Anderson(1), Pence, Erpelding, Ward-Engelking

Chairman Pearce, Vice Chairman Bair, Senators Cameron, Siddoway, Brackett, Heider, Tippets, Stennett, Lacey

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None.

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

Chairman Pearce called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m. **Chairman Pearce** turned the time over to **Chairman Denney** for an introduction.

Chairman Denney introduced Utah **Rep. Ken Ivory**, stating that Rep. Ivory was the lead sponsor of Utah legislation **H 148**; Utah Transfer of Public Lands Act. This legislation is a possible solution to many of the fiscal problems in the country and the West. Rep. Ivory gave a short history of how state lands were put under Federal jurisdiction in the 1700s. He said it took hundreds of years to get where we are with state lands and it will take some time to get to a state self-reliance. He said there is the perception that states cannot manage their land and there are hundreds of acres of land burned because of that perception. He said the 1976 Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA), is the policy that allows the retention of Federal ownership within the states.

Rep. Ivory said currently we cannot get to our state minerals or our state resources because they are federally owned. Rep. Ivory said Utah's **H 148**; Transfer of Public Lands Act, establishes the deadline for the federal government to extinguish title to the public lands. He said difficult discussions need to be made and a deadline needs to be set far enough in advance to have a meaningful transfer made. He said National parks are excluded from the transfer. In response to questions from the committee and public, Rep. Ivory clarified that this will be a tremendous transition and probably won't solve all the problems.

Idaho County Commissioner **Jim Chmelik**, stated that in Idaho County thousands of acres were burned at a great cost in fire fighting efforts. He said there was a loss of money and animals due to the fires and also damage was done to watersheds.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committees, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Representative Denney
Chair

Rosee Winder
Secretary