

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND SUPPORTING CERTAIN ACQUISITIONS OF
3 TIMBER AND GRAZING LANDS WITHIN THE STATE OF IDAHO.

4 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

5 WHEREAS, recreation is a key economic driver in the state of Idaho and is
6 growing in popularity. The primary area for recreation for residents of the
7 Treasure Valley is Central Idaho; and

8 WHEREAS, as the population of Idaho has increased, so too has the need
9 for recreational opportunities within a reasonable distance; and

10 WHEREAS, with increased population and desire for recreational oppor-
11 tunities, the need for more areas to recreate has increased; and

12 WHEREAS, Idaho has become known as a uniquely scenic and beautiful
13 recreational destination, and therefore large tracts of timber and grazing
14 land within the boundaries of the Gem State are unquestionably worthy of
15 protection; and

16 WHEREAS, when large tracts of land become available within the bound-
17 aries of the state of Idaho, they should be evaluated for acquisition to pro-
18 tect opportunities for timber, grazing management, and recreation, includ-
19 ing hunting, fishing, and motorized and nonmotorized uses; and

20 WHEREAS, existing areas to recreate in Central Idaho and the Treasure
21 Valley currently are limited in both number and capacity; and

22 WHEREAS, enhancing Idahoans' options for recreation would promote
23 tourism and agribusiness, both of which are crucial to maintaining a healthy
24 state economy; and

25 WHEREAS, an increase in managed timberland would have a positive impact
26 on the state's revenue.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
28 sion of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
29 and the Senate concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature supports cer-
30 tain acquisitions of timber and grazing lands within the state of Idaho.