

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 107

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

9 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

12 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature recognizes the profound role mining has played in the settlement of Idaho, its contemporary role, and the role it will play in our future; and

15 WHEREAS, Idaho, the 43rd state in the Union, was named the Gem State because of the immense role played by mining in the settlement of Idaho; and

18 WHEREAS, responsible resource development is of the utmost importance for our state and country right now; and

21 WHEREAS, gold is a critical mineral, necessary for electronics, machinery, dentistry, medicine, aerospace, and coinage, among other uses; and

24 WHEREAS, silver is a critical mineral, necessary for energy, transportation, technology, infrastructure, medicine, and consumer products; and

27 WHEREAS, mining activity for critical minerals, including gold and silver, has taken place at the DeLamar Mine in Owyhee County, Idaho, since 1863; and

30 WHEREAS, the mining company Integra Resources is seeking to reinvigorate the DeLamar Project to unearth critical resources, thereby increasing our domestic supply of those resources; and

33 WHEREAS, Integra Resources takes pride in providing high-paying job opportunities for Idaho workers, building collaborative relationships, and investing in the long-term resiliency of Idaho's rural communities; and

36 WHEREAS, Integra Resources is committed to three core values: integrity, care, and innovation; and

39 WHEREAS, Integra Resources is committed to the highest reclamation standards and supporting a return to productive multiple-use of the landscape once mining operations cease; and

42 WHEREAS, Integra Resources is committed to being good stewards of the environment and a dedicated member of the community where it operates; and

45 WHEREAS, as an example of Integra Resources' dedication to being an engaged member of the community, it has reached an agreement with the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation that establishes a transformative and collaborative long-term partnership for the development of the De-

1 Lamar Project that recognizes tribal sovereignty and supports the Shoshone-
2 Paiute Tribes as drivers of responsible economic development in the region
3 while protecting Shoshone-Paiute values, interests, and culture; and

4 WHEREAS, Integra Resources continues to demonstrate this dedication by
5 establishing other collaborative relationships within the local community
6 and financially investing in Owyhee County, and, by extension, Idaho's fu-
7 ture, by offering donations, scholarships, and in-kind support; and

8 WHEREAS, through high-paying jobs, tax revenues, donations, community
9 sponsorships, and other direct and indirect economic impacts, Integra Re-
10 sources is essential to the region's economic stability and keeping Idahoans
11 working in Idaho; and

12 WHEREAS, once permitted, Integra Resources' DeLamar Project will sig-
13 nificantly benefit Idaho's economy, especially in regard to Owyhee County,
14 its local businesses, and the surrounding communities, through quality fam-
15 ily-wage job creation, potential to generate over \$570 million in federal
16 and state taxes at spot metal prices of \$4,200/oz for gold and \$60/oz for sil-
17 ver, and increased revenue for local businesses through the utilization of
18 local vendors; and

19 WHEREAS, modern regulations require that companies like Integra Re-
20 sources set aside adequate financial assurances to cover the cost of envi-
21 ronmental restoration, ensuring that reclamation is completed.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
23 Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of
24 Representatives concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature supports
25 actions by the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies, in
26 partnership with agencies of the great State of Idaho and Owyhee County, to
27 move forward and approve Integra Resources' DeLamar Project in a timely and
28 cost-effective manner so that the site may be developed.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the appropriate fed-
30 eral agencies to commit adequate experienced and knowledgeable personnel
31 and sufficient financial resources to complete the National Environmental
32 Policy Act analysis and issue the applicable permits.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature believes in Integra Re-
34 sources' commitment to mining in a way that serves as a model for modern
35 mining practices.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is
37 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the
38 President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker
39 of the House of Representatives of Congress, the congressional delegation
40 representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, the
41 Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Administrator
42 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the Commanding
43 General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.