

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS  
3 TO PRODUCE A REPORT DETAILING THE MANAGED USES OF STATE ENDOWMENT LAND,  
4 BOTH LOCATION AND QUANTITY, AND THE LOCATION AND QUANTITY OF ACCESSIBLE  
5 AND INACCESSIBLE STATE ENDOWMENT LAND.

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

7 WHEREAS, hunting, fishing, recreating and enjoying public lands are  
8 central to Idaho's western heritage; and

9 WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Lands manages more than 2.4 million  
10 acres of state land for the State of Idaho pursuant to Section 8, Article IX,  
11 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho; and

12 WHEREAS, hunters, anglers, and recreationists, as taxpaying citizens  
13 of Idaho, expect reasonable access to state lands; and

14 WHEREAS, hunters, anglers, and recreationists are required to obtain  
15 permission from landowners whenever entering private land; and

16 WHEREAS, hunters, anglers, and recreationists should not assume that  
17 access will be provided to landlocked parcels; and

18 WHEREAS, 162,000 Idahoans and 85,000 nonresidents hunt in Idaho, com-  
19 bining for 3.2 million days of hunting; and

20 WHEREAS, at least 74% of Idaho residents participate in outdoor recre-  
21 ation each year; and

22 WHEREAS, an estimated 30% of the state's endowment lands are landlocked  
23 by private property and inaccessible to Idaho taxpayers; and

24 WHEREAS, the state is under a constitutional mandate to manage endow-  
25 ment lands for the maximum long-term financial return; and

26 WHEREAS, the management of land under that mandate may require the land  
27 to be timbered, mined or used for recreational purposes; and

28 WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Lands provides no resource that quan-  
29 tifies the acreage and percentage of state endowment land managed for each  
30 use; and

31 WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Lands provides no resource that quan-  
32 tifies the acreage and percentage of state endowment land that is accessible  
33 and inaccessible by the taxpayers of Idaho.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
35 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
36 the Senate concurring therein, that we request the Idaho Department of Lands  
37 to produce a report detailing the managed uses of state endowment land, both  
38 location and quantity, and the location and quantity of accessible and inac-  
39 cessible state endowment land.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Department of Lands provide the  
41 report to the Idaho Legislature no later than January 1, 2018, and shall make  
42 a digital copy available on their website for the public at large.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Department of Lands provide such a  
2   report no later than January 1 of every year.