

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

1 TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CON-
2 GRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE
3 STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.
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5 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sev-
7 enth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, the grizzly bear is an iconic species that symbolizes the wild
9 heritage of Idaho and the American West; and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has a vested interest in the conservation
11 of its wildlife resources, ensuring the safety of its citizens, and in the
12 preservation of its economic interests, including those related to agricul-
13 ture and outdoor recreation; and

14 WHEREAS, proposals for the active reintroduction of grizzly bears, the
15 establishment of new experimental populations, the support of natural re-
16 colonization, and the facilitation of connectivity among populations have
17 been presented as methods to enhance grizzly bear conservation and recovery;
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19 WHEREAS, there are current grizzly populations in North and East Idaho
20 under active management by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the
21 United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

22 WHEREAS, the proposed active translocation of grizzly bears would in-
23 clude the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway Bitter-
24 root Wilderness and surrounding communities; and

25 WHEREAS, such actions may pose significant risks to human safety, pri-
26 vate property, and the economic well-being of local communities, and may
27 conflict with the traditional uses of land and natural resources in Idaho;
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29 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho believes that the current management prac-
30 tices for grizzly bears have been effective in maintaining the balance be-
31 tween conservation objectives and the interests of the state's citizens and
32 economy.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
34 sion of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
35 and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature hereby expresses its
36 opposition to the active reintroduction of grizzly bears within the State
37 of Idaho, the designation of any new experimental populations, efforts to
38 support natural recolonization, and actions to facilitate connectivity
39 among grizzly bear populations. The Legislature supports the "no action"
40 alternative, advocating for the continuation of current grizzly bear man-
41 agement practices, which are deemed effective in balancing conservation
42 goals with the safety, economic interests, and traditional values of the
43 State of Idaho. This resolution serves as a formal declaration of the State

1 of Idaho's commitment to the principles of wildlife management that priori-
2 tize human safety, economic stability, and the preservation of the state's
3 natural heritage.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
5 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
6 Memorial, which is a testament to the unified stance of the State of Idaho on
7 this matter, to the Governor of the State of Idaho, the Idaho Department of
8 Fish and Game, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the President of
9 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and
10 to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Con-
11 gress of the United States.