

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REQUESTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL
3 DEFENSE COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF PURSUING LEGAL AND
4 OTHER ACTIONS TO ALLOW THE STATE OF IDAHO TO ASSERT CONTROL OF AND
5 PROVIDE MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS ON BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND UNITED
6 STATES FOREST SERVICE LANDS.

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

8 WHEREAS, a vast majority of the land in Idaho is held by the United
9 States government, the bulk of them being Bureau of Land Management lands and
10 U.S. Forest Service lands; and

11 WHEREAS, these lands may not be assessed property taxes under our state
12 Constitution; and

13 WHEREAS, the "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" provisions in the Craig-Wyden
14 bill provided moneys that are not adequate or sufficient to fund schools and
15 local units of government in our state; and

16 WHEREAS, the biomass industry, along with other green energy applica-
17 tions in Idaho, are hamstrung by the restrictive practices and regulations
18 of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management; and

19 WHEREAS, Idahoans have the knowledge and expertise to manage these
20 lands as well as the federal government while still providing environmental
21 protection and encouraging responsible economic development on these lands.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
23 sion of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the
24 Senate concurring therein, that we request the Constitutional Defense Coun-
25 cil to investigate the feasibility of pursuing legal and other actions to
26 allow the State of Idaho to assert control of and provide maintenance oper-
27 ations on Bureau of Land Management and U. S. Forest Service lands.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
29 tives shall send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Constitu-
30 tional Defense Council.