

CLARK COUNTY IDAHO
RESOLUTION NO. 09-05

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE RESOLUTION 980: THE NORTHERN ROCKIES ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION ACT (HEREAFTER HR 980) AND URGING THE IDAHO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO OPPOSE HR 980

WHEREAS, HR 890, has been introduced in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, 63% of all land in Idaho is owned by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, 4.5 million acres of Federal land in Idaho, or 13.5% of Federal land and 8.5% of total land in Idaho, has already been designated as components of the Wilderness Protection System; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho has developed its own Rules to manage these areas through a collaborative process involving stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, adding an additional 6.8 million acres of Federal land in Idaho to the Wilderness Protection System will bring the total amount of Federal lands in Idaho classified as protected wilderness to 11.3 million, or 34% of all Federal land and 21.3% of total land in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, 608 miles of waterways on Federal land in Idaho have already been designated as components of the wild and scenic waterways system; and

WHEREAS, the addition of 1,127.8 miles of Idaho waterways to the Wild and Scenic Waterways System represents an increase of 185.5%; and

WHEREAS, the lands and waterways proposed for inclusion in the Wilderness Protection System and the Wild and Scenic Waterways System are contained in the Boise, Caribou-Targee, Idaho Panhandle, Nez Perce, Payette, Salmon-Challis, and Sawtooth National Forests and are located within the Counties of Idaho and have historically been open for recreational enjoyment and economic development activities by a multitude of citizens of the Counties in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will restrict access to federal land and waterways for recreational and economic development activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Clark County Commissioners strongly opposes HR 980.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Clark County Commissioners strongly recommends that the Idaho Congressional Delegation oppose HR980.

ADOPTED THIS 14th day of DECEMBER 2009.

BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Gregory A. Shenton, Chairman





Allyn May, Commissioner



William Frederiksen, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Lisa Black, Clerk

