

House Joint Memorial 16

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requests that United States Congress and federal agencies oppose efforts to place new restrictions on public lands and water in Oregon. Requests that United States Congress and federal agencies ease existing restrictions on public lands.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas over 50 percent of the land in Oregon is owned by the federal government; and

Whereas federal environmental laws and regulations that have been enacted to protect threatened and endangered species have had a dramatic impact on the timber industry, as well as on Oregon's farmers, ranchers and irrigators; and

Whereas 51 percent of Oregon's timberland is owned by the federal government; and

Whereas the number of logging jobs in Oregon has plummeted from 11,300 in 1990 to 7,000 in 2006 because many timber companies and mills have been forced to close their doors; and

Whereas these job losses have had a staggering economic and social impact on many Oregon communities, especially in the rural parts of our state; and

Whereas federal regulation of water usage by farmers, ranchers and irrigators has substantially hurt many families, businesses and communities in Oregon; and

Whereas in order to prevent additional job losses and financial hardship, the federal government must stop over-regulating Oregon's public lands and water; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, respectfully request that the President of the United States, the United States Congress, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior oppose any efforts to place new restrictions on Oregon's public lands and water; and be it further

Resolved, That we respectfully request that the President of the United States, the United States Congress, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior ease restrictions on Oregon's public lands and water wherever and whenever possible; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Department of Agriculture, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and to
2 each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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