

House Joint Memorial 14

Sponsored by Representative BREESE-IVERSON, Senator GIROD; Senator STARR

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Asks BLM and the U.S. Forest Service to give back control of as much land in this state as possible to the State of Oregon. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.1).

Requests the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service to relinquish control of as much land in this state as possible to the State of Oregon.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

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

Whereas from forests to parklands, high deserts to coastal ranges, Oregon prides itself on its land; and

Whereas 32 million of Oregon's 61 million acres are controlled by the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service; and

Whereas across wide swaths of federally controlled land, mismanagement by federal agencies has resulted in significant destruction of both public and private resources, causing immeasurable harm to struggling rural economies and putting Oregonians at risk of mortal danger throughout this state; and

Whereas Oregon land controlled by federal agencies emits dangerous levels of greenhouse gases, contributing substantially to climate change in this state; and

Whereas poor stewardship of Oregon land by federal agencies has played a major role in the unprecedented rise in wildfires in this state, and wildfires have claimed the lives of at least 13 Oregonians, burned more than 2 million acres and destroyed thousands of homes since 2019; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, respectfully request the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service to relinquish control of as much land in this state as possible to the State of Oregon so management of that land can be returned to the counties situated on it; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the Chief of the United States Forest Service, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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.