

1 **House Concurrent Resolution on State Monuments, Parks and Campgrounds**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor:

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This resolution urges the Division of State Parks to evaluate specific locations for
6 designation as state parks, monuments, or campgrounds.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This resolution:

9 ▶ highlights Utah's need to develop and maintain state parks, monuments, and campgrounds
10 to provide the people of Utah with outdoor recreational opportunities; and

11 ▶ urges the Division of State Parks to evaluate the Monte Cristo area and trust lands in the
12 San Rafael Swell as potential new state parks, monuments, or campgrounds.

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 None

15 **Other Special Clauses:**

16 None

18 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

19 WHEREAS, Utah's state parks, monuments, and campgrounds provide valuable outdoor
20 recreational opportunities and protect significant natural and cultural resources for the people
21 of Utah;

22 WHEREAS, Utah's growing population and vibrant tourism industry will require the state
23 to develop new outdoor recreational opportunities and maintain existing state parks,
24 monuments, and campgrounds;

25 WHEREAS, certain state trust lands and other areas may be suitable for designation as state
26 parks, monuments, or campgrounds;

27 WHEREAS, the Monte Cristo area located in Cache, Rich, and Weber counties offers
28 unique recreational opportunities that the Division of State Parks may evaluate for designation
29 as a state park, monument, or campground;

30 WHEREAS, various school and institutional trust lands, including trust lands in the San

31 Rafael Swell, may present opportunities for public recreation while generating revenue for
32 trust beneficiaries;

33 WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has decommissioned campgrounds in the
34 state due to the degradation of campground infrastructure, including the Sunset Campground
35 in Farmington Canyon; and

36 WHEREAS, state lands and federal public lands could be enhanced and reclaimed for
37 recreation and conservation purposes if put under state control:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
39 Governor concurring therein, urges the Division of State Parks to evaluate recreational and
40 scenic locations in the state, including the Monte Cristo area and trust lands in the San Rafael
41 Swell, for designation as new state parks, monuments, and campgrounds.