

**Concurrent Resolution Supporting Federal Public Lands in Utah**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Nate Blouin**

House Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution addresses the federal government's stewardship of Utah's public lands.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▸ highlights the natural, historical, and cultural significance of Utah's federally managed public lands;

▸ recognizes the federal government's effective management of Utah's public lands; and

▸ expresses support for the federal government's continued preservation of Utah's public lands for future generations.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, Utah is home to some of the most extraordinary landscapes in the United States, including towering red rock formations, vast forests, pristine alpine wilderness, and sweeping desert vistas;

WHEREAS, Utah's federally managed public lands are held in trust for all to enjoy, allowing current and future generations to experience the natural, cultural, historical, and recreational wonders that define the American West;

WHEREAS, federally managed public lands in Utah contribute significantly to the state's economy through outdoor recreation, tourism, hunting, fishing, scientific research, and sustainable resource use, helping to sustain local communities while preserving natural heritage;

WHEREAS, local residents and tribes value the culturally and historically significant artifacts and sites in the state;

31 WHEREAS, the citizens of the state desire effective, efficient, and consistent stewardship  
32 of the public lands;

33 WHEREAS, Utah's federally managed public lands include an exceptional diversity of  
34 places such as Arches National Park, Zion National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Bryce  
35 Canyon National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest,  
36 the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, the Desolation Canyon and Labyrinth  
37 Canyon Wilderness Areas, the High Uintas Wilderness Area, Fishlake National Forest, and  
38 millions of scenic and ecologically valuable acres in between;

39 WHEREAS, many different federal statutes and other laws provide effective and  
40 comprehensive layers of protection for our lands, water, air, and cultural resources;

41 WHEREAS, continual battling with the federal government over the management of our  
42 public lands leads to gridlock and instability which negatively impacts the ability of our  
43 citizens and visitors to enjoy, access, and utilize our public lands;

44 WHEREAS, the state and federal governments share interests, along with the tribes, in  
45 preserving sensitive areas and artifacts, in creating a balanced approach to managing national  
46 monuments;

47 WHEREAS, Utah continues to partner with the United States Forest Service, Natural  
48 Resources Conservation Service, and other federal agencies to reduce the risk of catastrophic  
49 wildfires and protect Utah's critical water sources; and

50 WHEREAS, maintaining these lands under federal management safeguards critical wildlife  
51 habitat, protects water quality and air resources, and upholds cultural and archaeological  
52 treasures that are integral to Utah's history and identity:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
54 Governor concurring therein, expresses strong and unequivocal support for the protection of  
55 Utah's public lands, recognizing these lands as a national treasure and a defining feature of the  
56 state's remarkable character.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature proclaims Utah's public lands should  
58 remain in the public domain, managed by federal agencies on behalf of all Americans,  
59 ensuring the state's beauty, ecological integrity, and cultural significance is preserved for  
60 generations to come.

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