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Senator Ralph Okerlund proposes the following substitute bill:

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK SAN JUAN MISSION HISTORIC TRAIL

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature honors the Utah pioneers who participated in the San Juan Mission and designates the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail, over which the San Juan Mission passed, as a state historic trail.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ honors the Utah pioneers who participated in the 1879-1880 trek of the San Juan Mission and successfully constructed and traversed a trail from Parowan, Utah, to Bluff, Utah, through some of the most difficult and desolate terrain in the western

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United States;

- ▶ designates the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail (Trail) over which the San Juan Mission passed as a state historic trail;
- ▶ sets forth how the designation is to be conducted;
- ▶ recognizes the importance of conserving the Trail for the use and enjoyment of future generations, to foster cooperative and coordinated planning, management, and interpretation that spans the length of the Trail;
- ▶ ~~{declares}~~ urges that the designation ~~{shall}~~ be coordinated through an inter-organizational collaborative team consisting of counties, applicable state and federal land and resource management agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations ~~{, which shall develop}~~;
- ▶ urges that a management plan be developed, with the participation of Garfield County, Iron County, Kane County, San Juan County, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the United States Forest Service that focuses on interpretation, management of key Trail-related public use areas on public lands, and access;
- ▶ declares that this designation shall have no effect on private property rights, water rights, grazing rights, access rights, or other existing rights on public lands;
- ▶ declares that portions of the trail that are public roads shall be managed for public transportation and not rerouted as a result of historic trail designation;
- ▶ recognizes that the Trail supports local and regional tourism economies by attracting tourists having an interest in the Southern Utah culture and the history of western settlement;
- ▶ declares that acquisition of Trail-related lands by the state of Utah is prohibited;
- ▶ declares that the Board of State Parks and Recreation is authorized to designate additional trails within the state of Utah as state historic trails, and that designated trails shall be determined to be of statewide significance and shall meet other criteria as defined by the board.

Special Clauses:

None

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Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, the San Juan Mission's trek over the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail (Trail) is recognized as one of the most difficult and courageous wagon journeys in the history of western settlement;

WHEREAS, the state of Utah Historic Preservation Office has certified the national significance of the Trail, and the National Park Service has affirmed this significance by designating the Trail as a National Historic site;

WHEREAS, the Trail is accessible along much of its route and there are several sites along the Trail that are of high historical significance;

WHEREAS, currently, there is no unified, trail-wide effort to interpret the Trail for visitors;

WHEREAS, the Escalante Heritage Center has a direct physical and cultural link to the Trail and can serve as a focal point for visitor contact in the middle portion of the Trail;

WHEREAS, the Hole-in-Rock Foundation has plans for a future visitor facility in Bluff;

WHEREAS, the visibility of the Trail has increased significantly in the past year due to the publication of Gerald Lund's book, "The Undaunted";

WHEREAS, interest in visiting the Trail has increased significantly, particularly among Utahns who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints;

WHEREAS, an analysis of these visits in the Escalante area ~~{show}~~shows that during the spring and summer of 2010, church group visits provided community benefits of from \$3,000 to \$15,000, with a total benefit of approximately \$80,000;

WHEREAS, ~~{nearly}~~much of the ~~{entire}~~ Trail is ~~{on}~~bordered by federal lands managed by the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or the National Park Service;

WHEREAS, ~~{much of the remainder}~~a significant portion of the Trail is ~~{on}~~contiguous with or adjacent to public roads managed by the state of Utah, a county, or a municipality, with only small and relatively insignificant portions of the Trail crossing into private property;

WHEREAS, ~~{currently,}~~ federal managers of lands along the Trail ~~{give little priority}~~are initiating efforts to ~~{the Trail}~~cooperate and ~~{generally fail to}~~ coordinate with

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~~{each other regarding}~~ local governments to increase interpretive opportunities along the Trail and engage in coordinated Trail management;

WHEREAS, ~~{the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM)}~~ BLM's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) ~~{actively limits}~~ seeks to improve public use of Trail-related sites;

WHEREAS, in the summer of ~~{2010}~~ 2011, the GSENM began ~~{denying}~~ issuing permission to ~~{church}~~ large groups to hold historic-oriented events at Dancehill Rock or to camp at Forty Mile Spring, two areas popular with ~~{church}~~ culturally oriented groups;

WHEREAS, the GSENM is also engaged in an ongoing ~~{controversy}~~ effort with Kane and Garfield counties over the management of the Hole-in-the-Rock Road, which ~~{provides}~~ will increase interpretation of, and access to, these historic sites;

WHEREAS, ~~{while}~~ many consider the Hole-in-the-Rock Road to be one of the best all terrain vehicle (ATV) roads in the area, ~~{the GSENM does not allow}~~ and Utah counties and federal agencies desire to appropriately manage ATV use on the ~~{Hole-in-the-Rock}~~ Hole-in-th-Rock Road;

WHEREAS, ~~{these GSENM policies substantially limit}~~ interpretive opportunities and access to the Trail and Trail-related historic sites are largely undeveloped;

WHEREAS, evidence regarding tourism in Southern Utah suggests that historically significant trails attract tourists and are culturally beneficial, especially for families and retired persons;

WHEREAS, these are also the visitors most likely to contribute to local economies and to benefit from interpretive opportunities during their stay in the area;

WHEREAS, local tourism interests believe that a focus on the historical significance of the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail could be a significant boost to the tourism economies of communities along the Trail;

WHEREAS, ~~{however, Escalante businesses are concerned that GSENM policies limiting access to, and use of, Hole-in-the-Rock Trail resources adversely affects the local tourism economy}~~ coordination between federal and local agencies will maximize responsible use by current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the state of Utah designate the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail from Parowan to Bluff as a state historic trail for the use and enjoyment of future generations:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah honors the Utah pioneers who participated in the 1879-1880 trek of the San Juan Mission and successfully constructed and traversed a trail from Parowan, Utah, to Bluff, Utah, through some of the most difficult and desolate terrain in the Western United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah designates the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail from Parowan to Bluff as a state historic trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of the state of Utah urges that ~~the~~ this designation ~~shall~~ be coordinated through an inter-organizational collaborative team consisting of counties, applicable state and federal land and resource management agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ~~by~~ that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges that a management plan ~~shall be prepared~~ be developed, with the participation of Garfield County, Iron County, Kane County, San Juan County, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the United States Forest Service that focuses on interpretation, management of key Trail-related public use areas on public lands, and access.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ~~by~~ that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges that this designation ~~shall~~ have no affect on private property rights, water rights, access rights, grazing rights, or other existing rights on public lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ~~by~~ that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges that portions of the trail that are public roads ~~shall~~ should continue to be managed for public transportation and not rerouted as a result of historic trail designation.

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of the state of Utah that acquisition of Trail-related lands by the state of Utah is prohibited.~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of the state of Utah that~~ urges the Board of State Parks and Recreation ~~is authorized~~ to designate additional trails within the state of Utah as state historic trails, ~~and that designated~~ if the trails ~~shall be~~ are determined by the board to be of statewide significance and ~~shall~~ to meet other criteria as defined by the board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Board of State Parks and Recreation, the cities of Parowan and Bluff, Utah, the Kane County Commission, the Garfield County Commission, the Iron County Commission, the San Juan

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County Commission, the Bureau of Land Management, Escalante Heritage Center, the United States Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the State of Utah Historic Preservation Office.

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